

# MORRISTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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*"Happy New Year"*

*Arizona Tax Credit program.  
More info at the end of the  
newsletter.*

*Bradford Layton reciting a poem at  
Wickenburg Cowboy Poetry*



## **SCHOOL LETTER GRADE UPDATE**

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Arizona State Board of Education made their decisions to the schools who appealed their School Letter Grade denotation. The State Board of Education maintained the assignment of the "D" Label to Morristown Elementary School. Residents of the community received notice December 3<sup>rd</sup> and a public meeting was held at the December governing board meeting of the school's performance. The school is developing an action plan to address this performance. This information will be provided February 1, 2020. The school has administered its mid-year benchmarks with both the STAR Assessments and DIBELS. These benchmarks provide students current development in their respective classes. It is critical that our teachers work closely with students and their parents to fully understand the students current year progress and identifying areas of strength and weaknesses. The school is providing targeted after school tutoring.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT WILL BRING A FULL TIME COUNSELOR TO THE SCHOOL**

The school applied for the Arizona Department of Education's School Safety Grant. This grant provided an opportunity for the school to identify an area of need surrounding the position of a resource officer, counselor, and/or social worker. Understanding the need to support students with social and emotional endeavors, as well as academic guidance, the school identified a need for school counselor. Morristown Elementary was notified of the award for funding of a school counselor for three years by the State Board of Education. As this position develops it will have potential for incredible results as it will support students, families, community, and our teachers. We hope to have this position in place as we start the school year.

## **WICKENBURG LIGHT PARADE**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parade of Lights took place December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those that came out and supported the annual parade. Also thanks go out to Mr. J.C. Campbell for the use of his time and vehicles to allow for a Morristown float. Float riders provided canned food donations that went out to support those in need over the holiday season

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*"Happy New Year" and a "Happy New Decade"*

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## WINTER PERFORMANCE A HUGE SUCCESS

The Winter Performance held just prior to Winter Break was a huge success. We want to acknowledge all the time and dedication that our staff and students put forth to in putting this show on. Such a production requires behind the scene work and we want to send out kudos to those all involved. We also want to acknowledge



the support of our PTSA group for putting on the tremendous Enchiladas dinner. It really was awesome. We also want to say thanks to Santa for taking time to come to our school and greet the students. We know how busy he is that time of year and to take a moment to stop by Morristown is truly appreciated. Rumors is it that Santa is so impressed with the Morristown area he is considering becoming a “snowbird” and spending more time in the area during the off season.



## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PRESENT WORKSHOP ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

In responding to the needs of youth today the school has outreached to the Arizona Attorney Generals Office to support families in the community. The school is working on a date with a representative from the Attorney Generals Office. The AG's Office will present a workshop to the community and our parents on this topic. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:00 pm and be open to the entire public. This is a very sensitive topic, but it is important that all stakeholders are provided with as much support as possible to ensure full understanding and how to support our youth of today. This event is being held at “Old Main” as it will provide an opportunity for the public to see the recent renovation of the conference room ceiling which prevented limited use of the facility. The goal is to make this a more available and supporting areas of the school.

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Morristown Governing Board is in the process of finalizing its school calendar for 2020-21 school year. A survey to our parents has been distributed and we want to make sure everyone has a chance to provide feedback. This past year the school moved to a four-day school week aligning with our neighboring district Nadaburg and Wickenburg. When your receive the survey please take a moment to provide your feedback when you get the survey. The proposed calendar and the link to the survey is on the school's website as well.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER



The school would like to acknowledge both Tanner Threewit (Grade 5) and Waylon Gomez Beardall (Grade 3) as the school's December Students of the Month. Tanner is very committed to his academic responsibilities and this year has taken an extra step as he is a member of the boys' basketball program. Waylon is also very committed towards his academic work. He is a dedicated helper towards his 3rd grade peers. Both students bring a positive work ethic and a huge smile to their class every day.

## BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Morristown Elementary school's basketball program is off to a great start this season.

Currently the boy's team is undefeated with a record of 4-0 and the girls team spots are record of 3-1 with its only loss suffered on the opening game of the season. Now that the Winter Break is

concluding both teams will resume their regular season games, which will eventually lead into the Central Mountain League tournament. Please look at the schedule listed on upcoming events along with all the other upcoming events at the school.



## ELKS CLUB HOOP SHOOT UPDATE

Morristown's very own Haley Hernandez Traber has qualified to move in the Elks Club Hoop Shoot. Haley's performance in the recent Wickenburg Hoop Shoot contest allowed her to come away with top honors in her age group. Haley's next competition will be January 18<sup>th</sup> at Vulture Peak Middle School and will allow her to compete to determine if she can qualify for the Arizona state Elks Club finals. We want to wish Haley the very best in this upcoming event. We know she will be a great representative for Morristown regardless of the outcome.



## PROGRESS MONITORING OUR STUDENTS

This past December our teachers administered the mid-year formative assessments to the students. These formative assessments include the STAR Reading & Mathematics tests, and the DIBELS assessment systems. Both assessments provide valuable data to the teachers, students, and to the parents. This data will highlight the development and progress of your child. The results will also provide feedback to our teachers on areas of strengths and areas needing reinforcement in the classroom. The school is working hard to ensure grade level standards are being delivered in the classrooms. These standards are then measured through our formative assessment tools. In the spring, the school will be administering the AZM2 (AzMerit) and AIMS Science exams. Our goal is to perform at the highest level possible and to reduce the number of students minimally proficient while increasing the number of students proficient. These state tests best guide your child in where they are with the other students in the same grade within Arizona.

## AZ TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

A reminder that adults still can contribute to the school through the Arizona Tax Credit program. This opportunity allows for taxpayers to earmark funds to local schools and receive a tax credit for the same dollar amount from the state. The Arizona Tax Credit contribution form is attached to the newsletter or can be downloaded from the school's website. Tax credit donations can help support a variety of activities that include tutoring, field trips, enrichment and athletic programs.

## FOOD SERVICE SMART SNACKS

With recent findings from the Arizona Department of Education Food Service Audit, the school will be raising its Smart Snacks/Ala Carte costs. The new prices will be: chips \$0.75, rice crispy treats \$1.00, all drinks \$1.00, cookies \$0.50.

## THANKS TO THOSE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

A special thank you goes out to Benner-Nawman Inc for donating 30 food boxes to the Morristown Elementary School families. We also need to send out a special thank you to the other agencies who contributed gifts, gift cards, and their time. These agencies include Wickenburg Elks, GFWC-Morristown, Sun City West – Kiwanis, and PTSA, just to name a few.

### Upcoming Events

Jan 6th	School Resumes 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball vs Wickenburg Christian Academy (Home/4:00 pm)
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Site Council Meeting
Jan 9th	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Ceremony (10:15 am)
Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball vs Aguila (Away/4:00 pm)
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Regular Monthly Meeting (5:00 pm)
Jan 13th	Regular Governing Board Meeting (6:00 pm)
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Attorney General's Office Suicide Prevention Workshop
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Basketball vs Festival Foothills (Away/4:00 pm)
Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Basketball vs Congress (Home/3:30 pm)
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball vs Festival Foothills (Home/3:30 pm)
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Central Mountain League Basketball Tournament
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Anticipated Start Date for Track Season
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Governing Board Meeting (6:00 pm)
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents' Day (No School)



# January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <h2 style="font-size: 48px; color: #00AEEF;">Happy New Year</h2> 				
Yogurt & Muffin Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>Stuffed Bread Stick</b> Steamed Carrots  Applesauce Cups Bell Peppers	Bagel & Cream Cheese Cereal & Graham  <b>Soft Tacos</b> Beans  Romaine Tomatoes	Scrambled egg & Graham Cracker Cereal & Hard Boiled Egg  <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Corn  Frozen Berries	Mini Pancakes Cereal & Bug Bites  <b>Cheeseburgers</b> Baked Beans  Spinach Melon	
Sausage Egg Taco Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> Corn  Grapes Cucumber	Donut Cereal & Hard Boiled Egg  <b>Super Nachos</b> Refried Beans  Spinach Mandarin Orange	Scrambled egg & toast Cereal & Graham Cracker  <b>Pizza</b> Fries  Strawberries Romaine	Pop Tart Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>Orange Chicken &amp; Rice</b> Broccoli  Applesauce Cauliflower	
<b>No School</b> <b>Martin Luther</b> <b>King Jr. Day</b>				
Breakfast Wrap Cereal & Graham Crackers  <b>Bean Burrito</b> Enchila da Style Refried Beans	Sausage Biscuit Cereal & Bug Bites  <b>Pretzel Turkey Melt</b> Butternut Squash  Fruit Jell-O Caesar Salad	Breakfast Pizza Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>Popcorn Chicken</b> Mashed Potatoes  Frozen Mango Crunchy Carrots		
Waffles Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>BBQ Pork Sandwich</b> Baked Beans  Frozen Berries Cucumber	Yogurt Parfait Cereal & Graham Crackers  <b>Hot Dog</b> Fries  Strawberries Celery	Bagel & cream cheese Cereal & Cheese Stick  <b>Cheese Ravioli</b> Carrots  Peaches Caesar Salad	Muffin Cereal & Bug Bites  <b>Teriyaki Beef &amp; Rice</b> Steamed Broccoli  Edamame Oranges	

### Breakfast Includes:

Choice of Entrée or Cereal  
Fruit and or 100% Fruit Juice,  
White or Chocolate Milk

This institution is an equal opportunity  
provider. Substitutions may be made  
according to availability.



### Lunch Includes:

Choice of Entrée or PB&J with cheese  
and crackers.  
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Bar  
White or Chocolate Milk

