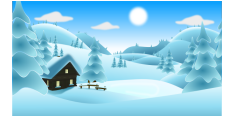




# Morse Newsletter



November 27, 2023

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

Welcome back from the break. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It was a much needed little break for students and staff, but we are back and ready to make the next few weeks before the winter break as productive as possible with a few fun activities mixed in. Be sure to pay close attention to the important upcoming dates and reminders that will be sent out about special events this week and through December. We look forward to opportunities to invite families into school. We are also excited to be preparing the first report cards of the year that will be sent home during the week of December 4.

As we move toward the colder months and the holiday season, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you have any needs that we can support with. We want to make sure that all students have what they need for the winter whether it be warm winter clothing or items for the holidays.

A few important Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car. **During drop off and pick up, if you plan to walk your child to the door, please park in the parking lot across the street so as not to interrupt the flow of traffic. Thank you!**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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## Notes from the Office:

All are welcome to attend our upcoming Morse PTCO meeting on Wednesday December 6 at 5:30 right at the school. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the upcoming basket raffle fundraiser as well as future plans for this group to continue to support our school. Please consider joining this important team.

We are very excited to be bringing back our annual themed basket raffle. Each classroom has chosen a special theme and are collecting items to fill a basket. If they haven't already, your child will be coming home with information soon. Tickets will be on sale starting soon and definitely during the Holiday Variety Show on December 12. The winning names will be drawn at the end of the show on December 12. Thanks so much for your support of this important fundraiser. This is always so much fun for our school!

Be sure to wear your favorite holiday pjs when you join us for our upcoming holiday brunch - see details below.



## Important Upcoming Dates.....

Week of 12/4 - Report Cards come home

12/5 - Holiday Brunch

12/12 - Holiday Variety Show

12/22 - Early Release Day

12/25 - 1/1 - Winter Break



I'd like to try adding in a new resource to the weekly newsletter. Each week I will provide some helpful hints to support parents from the website "parents.com" This site offers family friendly tips and strategies for supporting healthy growth in children which will also support their continued success in school.

## **7 One-Liners to Use When Disciplining Kids** By [Parents Editors](#) Updated on January 19, 2022

Disciplining children is hard—and knowing what to say is even harder. But these simple one-liners convey powerful parenting messages in nine words or less.

### **"I Know; It's Hard."**

Validation can help your child move through difficult feelings instead of getting stuck, says Dr. Ershler.

### **"Walk, Please!"**

. "When you say 'Don't run!' or 'Quit arguing,' not only does your child have to stop the action, they also have to search their repertoire of responses for what to do next," says Dr. Ershler. But "Walk, please!" simply tells her what to do next.

### **"Try Again."**

Kids can be more cooperative if they feel they have some control over a situation, so saying something like this or "Let's have a redo" gives them a chance to choose to behave differently without piling on the guilt.

### **"What Did I Say?" or "Can you tell me what I said?"**

How you say this one is super important because if you're not careful it can sound scoldish. And if your emotions become heightened, so will your child's. But genuinely asking him to tell you what you said is a good way to remind him of what he's supposed to be doing.

### **"I Love You Too Much to Argue."**

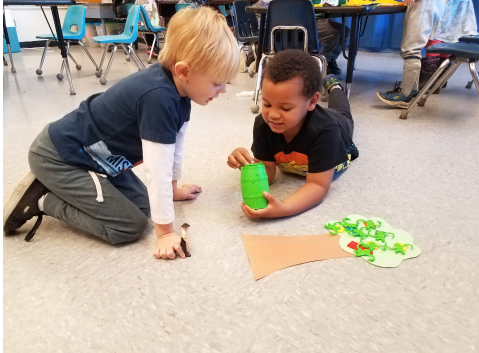

My own "keep-it-simple" eureka moment actually came the day I heard these seven words.

### **"I Can't Understand You When You Use That Voice."**

This is a blessed alternative to "Stop whining!" Once your child speaks to you more normally, you can then praise her and explain why she made a good choice, says Dr. Ershler.

### **"How Do We Ask?"**

Getting kids to remember their manners is an ongoing battle, but instead of nagging—which can trigger a rebellious response—help your child remind himself of the rules with a calm question.

K	<p>We have been working hard on having fun and being responsible during center time. Students are really enjoying the game centers and retelling centers.</p>  
1/2 B	<p>Learning is in full blast in our wondrous classroom! In math we are learning important vocabulary words and how to describe numbers. Vocabulary words include even, odd, hundreds, tens, ones, base ten, digit, place value and expanded form. We have also been practicing counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to one hundred twenty. Everyone is loving our daily word ladders! We are manipulating sounds to answer clues. They are word detectives!</p> <p>The PTCO is bringing back the Holiday Basket Raffle and are asking for classroom support. Our classroom voted to create a Game Night Basket. We are asking for donations that would make an epic game night! Ideas include card games like Phase 10 and Uno, board games like Monopoly, Sorry, Candyland. And lots of snacks like crackers, candy, popcorn, and chips. We are so excited!</p>
3/4 M	<p>Another successful week is complete with my third and fourth grade thinkers! We wrapped up our Maine learning and I am incredibly impressed with my students' hard work in their research and typing process to complete their Maine travel journals. Fiction reading and writing is on the horizon! This past Thursday I was "thankful" to share lunch with my students as they devoured their Thanksgiving lunch at school. I learned that a majority of my kiddos enjoy pumpkin pie. I am so excited for our crazy hair/wig/hat day on Monday and our "Sharing Feast" on Tuesday along with a day of Thanksgiving activities. This year, for the PTCO basket raffle we chose an Around the World basket theme so be on the lookout for an informational letter in your child's folder. I am so thankful for each of my students and every day is a new adventure with all of them. Until next time, I truly hope that all of you enjoy a fantabulous extended weekend and a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!</p>
3/4 R	<p>We enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving lunch together on Thursday! Students were also excited to help choose our schoolwide reward to have a PJ day and watch a Thanksgiving movie on Tuesday! We voted on a sports theme for the PTCO basket. You should receive a letter about that this week. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families! I am thankful to be your students' teacher, and I appreciate all you do to help them with their learning!</p>

5	<p>This week 5th graders enjoyed playing Kahoots developed by their peers. Each ancient civilization team came together with their individual research to create Kahoot questions meant to teach us what they learned. Everyone enjoyed playing the games and learned a lot along the way. We also voted to create a camping themed basket to donate to the PTCO basket raffle. Please look for a letter with more information to come home this week. I hope everyone gets to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their friends and families. I am feeling truly grateful that I get to be part of your students' school lives.</p>
PE	<p>Another fantastic week at Morse - the effort, the positive attitude and enthusiasm from the big kids to the littles - I'm so impressed and can't wait to see what they do next semester - make sure to read the report cards with the children please and thks for everything. TB</p>
Library	<p>We are working in all grades on responsible behavior with library books, returning them when we are done, and choosing books and stories that are right for us! Every student is doing such a great job this year being as responsible as possible. We will continue working on this through the rest of the year, in addition to our read alouds!</p>
Agriculture	<p>Before Thanksgiving Break, our kindergarteners and Mrs. Parker's classes investigated plant roots. We planted bean seeds in hopes they'll grow roots over break! Mrs. Braley's and Mrs. Rawley's classes went on a Nature Gratitude Scavenger Hunt. Mrs. Rasar's class and Miss Beth's class investigated leaves and made some beautiful leaf drawings.</p>
SEL	<p>This week we talked about the meaning of giving thanks and made thank you cards to loved ones</p>



Just for fun, all are encouraged to wear holiday PJs - students, staff and families too!

# You are Invited to Join Us Festive Holiday BRUNCH



Morse Memorial School

We are excited to invite families into our cafeteria to enjoy a Festive Holiday Brunch with your child. On **December 5th** lunch will be **served at 11am**. Cost for lunch is **\$5.00** for adults and **\$3.00** for non-student children payable by cash or check. Children that are enrolled in school eat for free. Please RSVP to reserve a spot for your family no later than **Wednesday, November 28th**.

**CINNAMON GLAZED FRENCH TOAST,**  
*Menu:* SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN, FRESH FRUIT &  
VEGGIE BAR, DESSERT

**Please return form no later than November 28th!**

**Reservation Form for Holiday Brunch**

Student(s) Name:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults	Number of non-student Children

Cash Included

Check Included

Total Amount Included \_\_\_\_\_



## Is my child too sick for school?

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. In accordance with Maine Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, a child should not attend school if he/she exhibits one or more of the following symptoms or infections:

**Keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:**

- **Fever** (Greater than 100° F)- the student may return when fever-free for **24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication.**
- **Cough:** A child with an uncontrolled cough should stay home until they are coughing with less frequency.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Rash-** Any new onset of rash if accompanied by fever; may return after rash resolves or diagnosis is made and clearance given
- **Skin Lesions (sores)** – A student should not be at school with any sores with drainage that cannot be contained within a bandage
- **Strep Throat/Impetigo and other bacterial infections requiring antibiotics-** A student with strep throat must remain home until they have been on their antibiotics for a full 24 hours.
- **Colds-** A child with thick yellow-greenish mucous accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or constant nasal discharge should remain home. Very few younger children can effectively blow their noses and wash their hands afterward. A child with the above symptoms will quickly spread the illness to other children.
- **Other-** Any symptoms or complaints that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate at home for 5 days. After 5 days they may return with symptom improvement, masking days 6 through 10. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation>.

Home is the best place for a child who is ill. Students with these symptoms cannot comfortably participate in school activities and unnecessarily expose others to their illnesses.



## Check out these **FREE** Digital Literacy classes



### Coming soon to RSU 3 Adult Ed!

Windows 10 PC Basics

Oct. 3rd at 4pm

Understanding WordPress

Oct. 5th at 2pm

Using Gmail Effectively

Oct. 31 at 2:30pm

Understanding WordPress

Nov. 2nd at 6pm

Applying for the Affordable  
Connectivity Program

Nov. 14 at 6pm

Learning about Devices

Dec. 5 at 3pm

Internet Safety

Dec. 7 at 3pm

Video Conferencing with  
Healthcare Providers,  
Family, & Friends

Dec. 11 at 3pm

**Don't see what  
you want?  
Just ask!**



# College Success Series

Presented by RSU #3 Adult & Community Education and  
Dori L. Leadbetter of The Maine Educational Opportunity  
Center (MEOC)



## PAYING FOR COLLEGE FAFSA WORKSHOP

Wednesday October 11 3:00 - 5:00 pm



## APPLYING FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday November 8 3:00 - 5:00 pm



## FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Wednesday December 6 3:00 - 5:00 pm

### How to Register

This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at [rsu3.maineadulted.org](http://rsu3.maineadulted.org)

Students that have not already submitted a MEOC application to receive free MEOC services,  
please complete the MEOC online application from your cell phone or computer using this  
weblink:

[https://trio.maine.edu/meoc/meoc\\_application.php](https://trio.maine.edu/meoc/meoc_application.php)

**DISCLAIMER: For all students under the age of 18: A parent/legal guardian signature is  
required on the MEOC application and students must attend the workshop with at least one of  
their parents/legal guardians.**

