

November 2025 Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented

Websites:

Phone: (414) 393-3500

<https://schools.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/morse/>

<https://sites.google.com/milwaukee.k12.wi.us/morse/home>



The Morse Mission Statement

We envision every student at Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented will grow academically, socially, and emotionally to become life long-learners, productive citizens and future leaders of our community and the world.

Nov. 14 Quarter 1 Grades Due
Nov. 19 Muffins for Moms
Nov. 20 SEC Meeting
Nov. 21 Donuts for Dads
Nov. 24-25 PD Days
Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 5 Picture Retake
Dec. 10th Early Release Day

April 14 Graduation photos

DATA

**Our attendance rate is 86.9 %. Our goal is to have 95% attendance or better.
Our suspension rate is 15.6% up from last year, 3rd lowest of all Middle Schools.**

Morse News

“Muffins for Moms” was a great success! Next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 19.

“Donuts for Dads” was a great success! Next meeting Friday, Nov. 21.

The next School Engagement Council (SEC) meeting is Thursday, Nov. 20 after school.

There is no school for students during the week of Thanksgiving. Please plan accordingly.

- Morse MS will be piloting a **Culinary Arts program** in partnership with Culinova Institute for 30 selected 7th and 30, 8th grade students. Students can earn high school credit for participating. Morse is the only middle school in the district offering this unique opportunity! We are still accepting applications for participation in the program. The program begins in January and takes place during the school day. Students will be responsible for any classwork they miss.

- Parents, please **check your students' backpacks** and other belongings prior to them coming to school to ensure that they are bringing school appropriate items with them. Items such as blankets, teddy bears, vapes, house shoes, bonnets, etc. are not permitted. Metal and glass containers are also not allowed.

• It is important to **monitor your students' use of social media** and group chats. We have dealt with several conflicts between students that began on social media or group chats. These conflicts include threats to fight, bullying, and ongoing, unnecessary drama. Your oversight of these forms of communication can help assist us with ensuring a safe environment that is conducive to learning.

• Encourage your child to read a minimum of 20 minutes outside of the school day. Doing so supports increased academic achievement. The MPS literacy motto is **ALL WILL READ**. Students can also use the iReady intervention program at home for additional support in reading and math.

• MPS job fairs through Dec. 4, 2025, Email: mpscordinators@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

The Salvation Army of Milw. Co. is registering for you to receive Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids!! Go to www.SAMilwaukee.org for information.

Need access to the Parent Portal? Contact Mr. Wright. (414)393-3536

Bullying Prevention Resources. Caring adults have a role to play in bullying prevention and intervention. Please visit the MPS Bullying Prevention website for information and resource links. Contact the Violence Prevention Program at violenceprevention@milwaukee.k12.wi.us if you have questions or need help with bullying prevention.

As **seasonal illnesses** rise, we're seeing increased cases of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) in schools. HFMD is a common viral illness that causes fever, sore throat, and a rash or blisters on the hands, feet, and mouth. It spreads easily through saliva, nasal secretions, and contact with contaminated surfaces. Prevention tips:• Wash hands frequently with soap and water. • Disinfect high-touch areas. • Avoid sharing cups or utensils. • Stay home if you are feverish or have open mouth sores (until fever-free for 24 hours).Respiratory illnesses like flu and RSV are also circulating—please continue to promote good hygiene, cover coughs, and stay home when ill.

Families complete the School Engagement Survey. Scan the QR code! Your input is needed.



Halloween Costume Fun



6th grade winner



7th grade winner



8th grade winner

Chess News

Morse Chess Club attended a USCF sanctioned chess tournament on Saturday, 11/1/25 held at Grace Christian Academy in West Allis. Our k12 Team took 1st place out of ten teams!!! Highlights: Ember Welch (7th) won 3 of her 5 matches! Payton Brooks (7th) and Jayden Clifton (6th) won individual trophies for their match wins against challenging rated players. Daisy Lor (8th) took 1st Place!!!!



More Chess News

1st in Open Division! Daisy Lor earned an individual trophy for high point success. Amir Davis and Jasi Hill, won three of their five matches. Impressive start in high level play! Ember Welch and Jayden Clifton each earned gorgeous individual trophies. Chloe Fenceroy scored some fab points (in her second meet) to help the team secure that 2nd place trophy. Seven teams were competing for that trophy!



TRIVIA

The first 3 students to answer ALL questions correctly will receive a prize. You must email Mr. Wright at wrightp2@milwaukee.k12.wi.us with your correct answers.

Question 1: What is the perimeter of a square with 5-inch sides?

Question 2: Which star is the closest to Earth?

Question 3: What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

Question 4: What is a tornado over water called?

Students please do not damage Chromebooks!!! Replacing them cost \$\$\$\$