



PTA Plan-It Newsletter

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WELCOME



Welcome Back Morikami Park Families! Welcome New Morikami Park Families!

We are so excited to have you with us at Morikami.

August and September are busy months at Morikami. Everyone is falling back into their routines, getting to bed early, getting to school on time, homework, packing lunches, the list goes on and on. The newsletter is a great place to find all the important information for the upcoming month. Please make sure you read all the way through the newsletter for important information about Morikami and all that goes on here.

As many of you already know, there were some major changes at Morikami over the summer. We all know that change is good. So based on the changes we had, we are destined to have a FANTASTIC year!

We have a great year planned for everyone. So let's get everyone updated on our new administration and activities for the next few months. First of all, let's extend a heart felt welcome and congratulations to:

MRS. QUIÑONES – Our New Principal
MRS. COLETTA – Our New Assistant Principal
CONGRATULATIONS!
MRS. MERCIER – Our New IB Magnet Coordinator

All three of these ladies are former teachers at Morikami, so we have a team that has a vast knowledge of the IB Curriculum and as well as Morikami. Please make sure you take the time to introduce yourselves to our new administration.

Up next, August and September happenings around Morikami:

BOO HOO Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents on Thursday, August 25th, at 8:15am in the

Cafeteria. This is a great chance to meet some of the parents in your class and get some tips from veteran parents.

Our Fall Fundraiser kicks off on Monday, August 29th. Make sure you check your child's backpack that day for this year's catalog showing the fantastic items we are selling this Fall.

Curriculum Night Grades K-2, Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30pm. Parents this is your chance to hear directly from your child's teacher about the upcoming school year. Mark your calendars for this event!

Curriculum Night Grades 3-5, Thursday, September 1st at 6:30pm. Parents this is your chance to hear directly from your child's teacher about the upcoming school year. Mark your calendars for this event!



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Early Release Day, Thursday, August 31st – 11:30am - NO UNIFORM DAY! This is our first early release day of the school year. Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home. **NO UNIFORM DAY!** All the kids love these early release days because they get to leave the uniforms behind for the day! Make sure you check the flyer that will come home advising what can and cannot be worn on No Uniform Days.

PTA General Assembly / Volunteer Orientation, Thursday, September 8th at 8:15am. Come out and find out about volunteer opportunities at Morikami. Remember, in order to volunteer in the school or, attend field trips, you have to attend the Volunteer Orientation and register in the VIPs computer.

Fall School Picture Day, Wednesday, September 14th - Wear School Uniform.

Early Release Day, Thursday, September 15th – 11:30am / NO UNIFORM DAY! Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home.



Skate Night, Thursday, September 15th 4:30-7:00pm – Skate Zone. Come out and skate with your friends from class or make new ones! This is one of the most fun events outside of school each year!

PTA General Assembly & FCAT Technology Night & SIP Presentation, Tuesday, September 27th at 6:15pm. Parents, clear your schedule for this evening! Tonight will be a great meeting and presentation night. Come out and hear from our

new administration about where we've been, where we are going and how to help your child prepare for the FCAT.

We have an exciting, fun-filled year planned. And, as always, WE NEED YOU to help make it even better! Please email me if you are interested in getting involved in the PTA – either serving on the board or volunteering. We have lots of great opportunities available!

Please do not forget to register for the PTA's email list. Just visit our website www.morikamiparkelementarypta.org and click on the button marked "Join Our PTA Mailing List".

Just a reminder parents...

Please **do not park** in any of the assigned parking spaces.

Here's to a great 2011-2012 year working together with wonderful families, students,

Jane Andrews
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PTA FUNDRAISING

Welcome back Morikami families!!



Our first Fundraiser will kick off Monday, August 29. The PTA is offering parents two Fundraising options. Our Great American Fall catalog offers a variety of items to sell to family and friends either from the catalog or online. We also have our Direct Donation Program which allows parents to make a tax deductible donation directly to the PTA without the need to sell items.

Thank You for your donations!!

Melissa Biggs
2nd VP Fundraising
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PTA WEBSITE

Dear Parents, I invite you to visit our PTA website for updated PTA and School information. We are also using a new Email program to keep you informed so don't forget to sign-up through our website.

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Welcome back to another year at MPES!

We are looking forward to all of the fun events the PTA has planned for our children this school year! However, in order for these events to be a true success, we need your help. Please come to the Volunteer Orientation breakfast September 8th at 8:15 am in the school cafeteria to learn more about volunteering opportunities. If you cannot attend you can absolutely still be involved. Email us and we will keep you in the loop!

We are here to help you feel a part of the MPES family and will rely on your help to make this year a great one. Please email us if you're interested in helping out in big or small ways, in school or at home. One hour or ten - we want you!!!!

Thanks!

Nicole West and Melissa Wigdor
Co-Volunteers Coordinators

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Melwigdor@aol.com



MORIKAMI PARK ELEMENTARY IB FOUNDATION

Welcome back Morikami families!

Our annual IB gala "A Toast to Technology" in May was a huge success, thanks to you! The Morikami Park IB foundation was able to purchase a Hand Held Interactive Smartboard or "Mobi" for each classroom. Mobi is the first mobile interactive whiteboard designed to support student centered active learning and give educators the mobility to deliver engaging lessons from anywhere in the classroom. Your children will be learning with the latest technology available to the classroom!!!! The teachers are very excited to start using The Mobi.

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Mankoff family for their generous donation which enabled us to complete rewiring and technologically enhancing all of the third grade classrooms. With the additional monies we raised last year, the Morikami Park IB foundation, will complete the fifth grade as well!!!!

We also restocked the IB Math and Science Lab for 2011-2012, purchased Printer Cartridges, donated monies for the Maintenance of the IB Foundation Fitness Trail, and added software enhancements for the I Mac Laptops in the Mankoff Family Mobile Computer Cart.

Thank you to parents and supporters for enabling us to purchase and support all of these programs for our children!!!!

The Morikami Park IB foundation was created to provide funding to enhance and further promote the IB program at Morikami Park Elementary School. If you would like to get involved with this wonderful foundation, or specifically work on our end of the year auction/fundraiser, please join us on Sept. 7th at 6:00 p.m. for our 1st open meeting of the year or contact:

Kim Rubin

mail@morikamiib.com

We look forward to another wonderful year!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Thanks to all of you who have made donations. Please include your child's name and teacher's name when making a request.

Christy Holt
Uniform Chairperson
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BOX TOPS

Hello Parents and Students!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and also continued collecting Box Tops along the way. We are excited about the upcoming school year and we are planning some Box Tops contests throughout the year.

Keep an eye out for further information. Last year we earned over \$1,300.00 in Box Tops alone! There are also fun collection sheets that students can use to collect the Box Top Coupons. As always, you can download those plus vendors coupons, tips and recipes for families and check our collection progress at Boxtops4education.com. I look forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher Day.

Keep clipping!

Karen Filoramo
Box Top Coordinator



JOIN THE PTA'S EMAIL LIST

Please join the PTA's mailing list. Just go to www.morikamiparkelementarypta.org and click on the yellow and blue button marked JOIN NOW! It only takes a few minutes to join!



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all Morikami Park families! Summer is behind us and a brand new school year lies ahead... As many of you know, Birthday Book Club is a wonderful program, one that organizes book donations from students and builds classroom libraries. Over the next few weeks, students with birthdays in July, August, and September will receive a letter explaining the program in detail. Once students donate their book(s), participants will be invited to appear on the morning news show! Our entertaining Birthday Book Club segment is hosted by Mrs. Rhein, typically on Fridays. Parents are always welcome to view the morning news broadcast in the Media Center. DVD recordings are available for purchase and make for a wonderful keepsake! Looking forward to another spectacular year at Morikami!!!

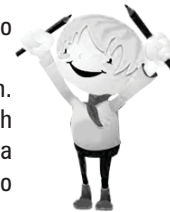
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GET YOUR AD IN THE PTA PLAN-IT FOR \$15/MONTH

Email your ad in to Kattia Alvarado at katselkie@yahoo.com. Deadline is by the 15th of each month with a check made payable to Morikami Park



Elementary PTA. You can drop off the check at the office attention PTA. You can submit your ad in a jpg, pdf, or eps format.

MORIKAMI GREEN NEWS



Welcome! We are proud of our of our Green School of Excellence title awarded by the PBC Green School Recognition Program for the last three years in a row. Learn about our recycling programs, gardens, habitat restoration project, volunteer opportunities and other green school initiatives at our website www.morikamiparkgreenpage.org. Thank you, Lori Long for the new and improved web design and over 2600 hits in the last year!



The 2011-12 school year will be very special for our green school program as we seek to raise **\$45,000** through private and corporate sponsorships to create an **outdoor learning area** for students to be completed in the **2012-13** school year. The learning area to be located in the field just north of our playground will include a concrete nature path, and a 30'x30' concrete learning area surrounded by Pine Flatwood, Oak Hammock and Wetland habitats as well as a Bird and Butterfly garden.



Log on to our website to find out more about how teachers would use the area to teach IB and science curriculum. You'll also find information regarding the Friends of Morikami Preserve Reward Program which offers rewards for each level of tax-deductible giving.

Our first Friends of Morikami Preserve meeting will be held on Monday, Sept 12th at 2:15pm in Mrs. Russell's classroom. Please rsvp to email address below. All ages welcome!

Just bought new tennis shoes or soccer cleats? Drop off your old ones in PTA Room 136 for our ReUse a Shoe Program. See website for more details.

Thank you,

Cindy Papadoyianis
PTA Green Chairperson
morikamigreenschool@gmail.com



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 25 - 8:15am
BOO HOO Breakfast for Kindergarten
Parents in the Cafeteria

Monday, August 29th
PTA Fall Fundraiser kicks off

Tuesday, August 30th - 7:15am
Safety Patrol meeting in the Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 30th - 6:30pm
Curriculum Night Grades K-2

Thursday, August 31st - 11:30am
Early Release Day - NO UNIFORMS DAY!

Thursday, September 1st - 6:30pm
Curriculum Night Grades 3-5

Monday, September 5th
NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7th - 6:00pm
IB Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th - 7:00pm
SAC Meeting

Thursday, September 8th - 8:15am
PTA General Assembly / Volunteer Orientation

Friday, September 9th
No Uniform Day for summer reading work completed

Tuesday, September 13th - 7:15am
Safety Patrol meeting in the Cafeteria

Wednesday, September 14th
Fall School Picture Day - Wear School Uniform

Thursday, September 15th - 11:30am
Early Release Day - NO UNIFORMS DAY!

Thursday, September 15th - 4:30 - 7:00pm
Skate Night - Skate Zone

Friday, September 16th
PTA Fall Fundraiser ends

Wednesday, September 21st
International Day of Peace

Tuesday, September 27th - 6:15pm
PTA General Assembly & FCAT Technology Night & SIP Presentation

Thursday, September 29
NO SCHOOL - Fall Holiday





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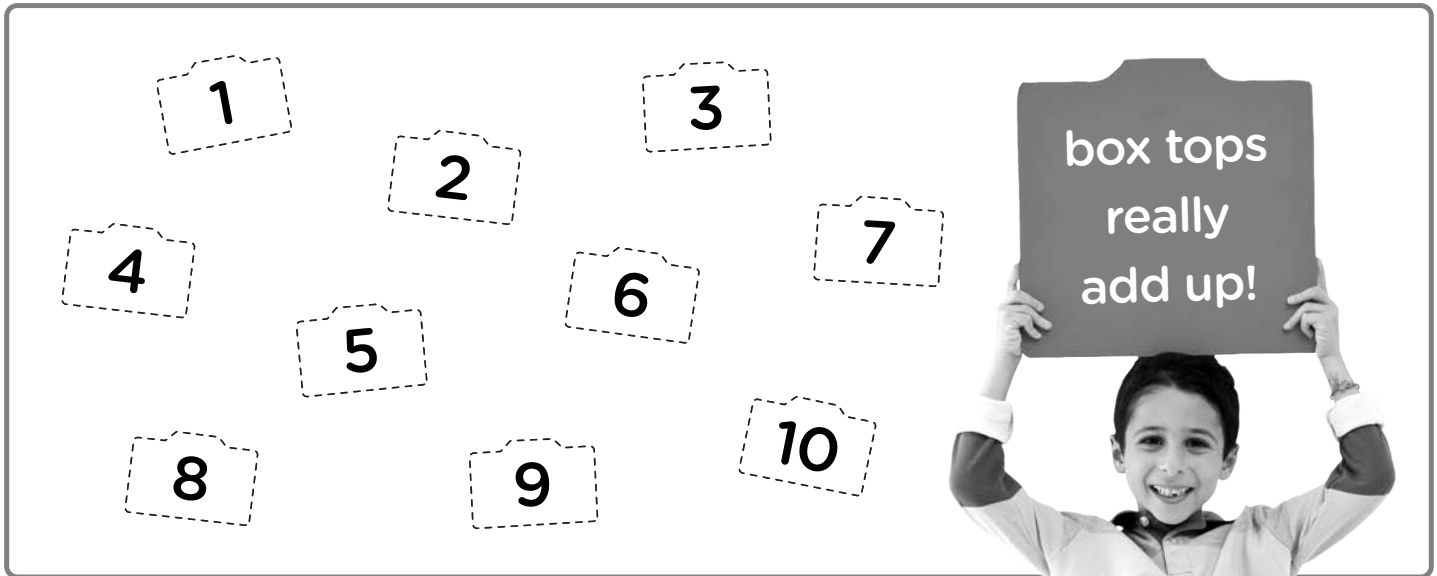
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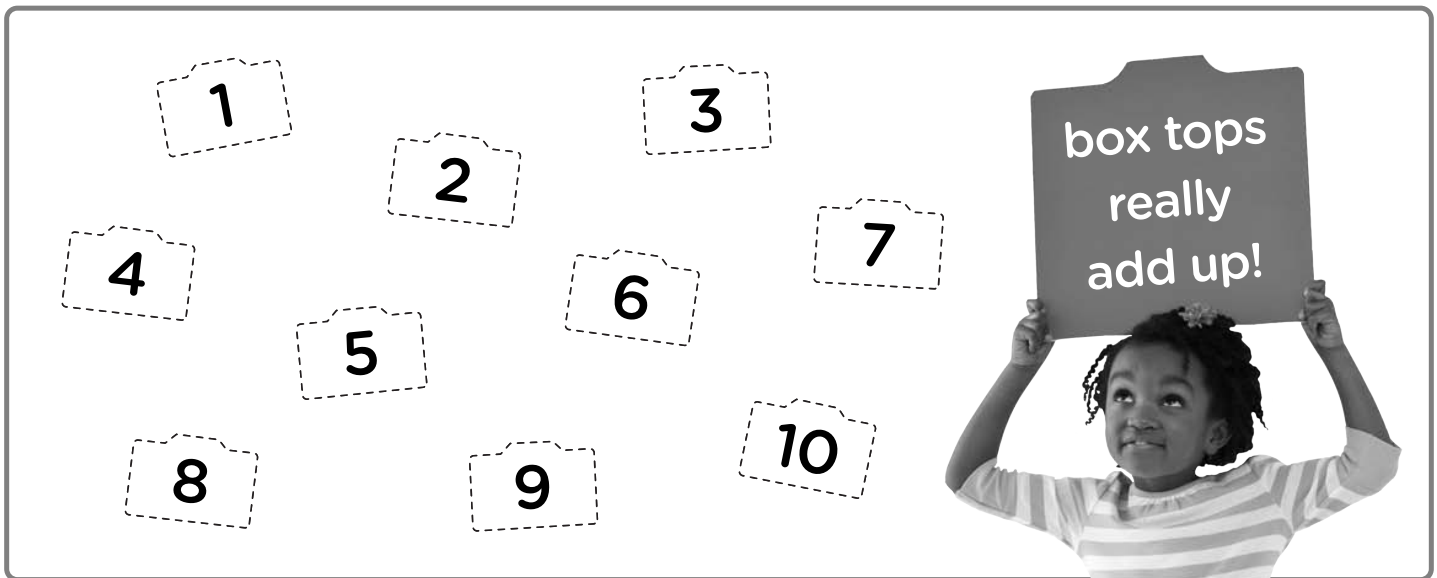
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