

# MORRISVILLE-EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 10, 2020

Dear Warrior Tribe:

We are entering the season of Thanksgiving, and I would be remiss if I did not publicly acknowledge my gratitude to our faculty and staff. If you were able to witness what takes place in a classroom to provide an education to students during 2020, you would be stunned. Every time I visit a classroom, I experience a sense of warmth from an overwhelming feeling of pride and awe.

Our teachers are working harder than ever to deliver services to our children, families, and community. The children of MECS, whose family health situation allows, are able to experience five full-days of in-person instruction per week, because of our educators. Please keep in mind that our teachers provided a safe return to learning which has taken as much of the educational pressure away from parents as possible.

I remain impressed by the strength of our educators, as they provide the highest level of service possible to our students during these times. I cannot identify a team that has done a better job delivering their content to students than the one at MECS.

Our students have been resilient through all of this too! As we continue to adapt to the norms of the pandemic, we need to stay vigilant with the established safety protocols. We have been noticing that some of our students have difficulty keeping their masks over their nose and mouth. This can happen when a mask needs to be washed/replaced, or a better fitting mask is needed. Students are reminded that the face shields are an important second layer of protection when social distancing is not possible.

The District is equipped with cotton masks and face shields if students are in need. Please remind your children about the importance of wearing their masks appropriately and their shields when appropriate. Student compliance with our safety protocols increases the probability of continued in-person classes.

Parents of students learning remotely are encouraged to follow their child(ren)'s progress closely. We are observing that those in a virtual environment are less likely to excel in their work than those in person. Seek suggestions from teachers and/or counselors if you need additional supports.

As the year 2020 continues to keep us on our toes, the Warrior community has been overwhelmingly supportive of this great school district. One of the most common questions we hear is, "What can the community do to help the school?" Please consider any of the following:

1. Serve as a substitute:
  - a. Bus Driver
  - b. Teacher
  - c. Aide/Food Service Helper
  - d. Nurse
  - e. Secretary
  - f. Custodial/Maintenance Worker
  - g. Volunteer

By serving in any of these capacities, you would be helping to fill a necessary void when our staff is unable to work. Staff absences are higher than normal because of the requirements established due to COVID-19. Contact Jodi Shantal at the District Office to inquire about any of these needs/opportunities.

2. Donate to and/or join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Our PTO serves the children of this district and provides unique opportunities for our children like field trips and assemblies. The donations collected also help purchase awards, academic achievement incentives, student celebrations and so much more. Contact your child's school secretary to learn more.

3. Donate to and/or join the Sports Boosters.

Our children rely on our Sports Boosters now more than ever. The withholding and possible significant reduction of State Aid means that funding our sports programs relies on the support of our community. Contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Doroshenko, to learn how you can help.

The faculty, staff, and school administration are prepared to continue delivering the highest level of service possible to this great community. We can best meet the needs of our families when the community is part of the solution. Everyone throughout the District has a talent/ability to help in one of the identified ways. Our children deserve the most normal childhood achievable under the conditions of the pandemic. We need the community to make this happen!

If you are unable to help in any of the identified ways, consider simply thanking an educator for their tireless investment in our children. They are carrying so many new stresses and pressures in this environment.

The positive cases of Corona Virus are on the rise. Continue taking reasonable precautions to limit the spread in MECS. Please wear a mask, adhere to social distancing recommendations, and limit your exposure to those people outside your essential network.

Have a Healthy, Safe, and COVID-Free Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Molloy".

Gregory Molloy