

The **Breakfast Book Club** will meet this Friday, Nov. 20th in the library. The only requirement to attend is that students must bring a book to share that they have recently finished reading. Students who attend will enjoy doughnuts, juice, and great conversations centered on books! Plus, another bonus for attending the meeting is that students earn extra credit in their language arts. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Any student arriving earlier than this time must attend Mr. Southworth's study hall, cost \$3.00. Other Breakfast Book Club meeting dates include: Jan. 22, Feb. 18 and March 26. Eighth grade students who qualify will be invited to attend an April 16 fieldtrip to Starbucks. Please consider joining Morton's Breakfast Book Club!

BOOK SWAP – *Has your child finished reading all those books purchased at the recent book fair?* Then plan on participating in our Fall Book Swap! Students may bring in books appropriate for middle school students to trade with their school mates. Students who wish to participate must have their books in by Friday, Nov. 20th. Tuesday, Nov. 24th, will be the day the trade takes place. Students may come to the library as early as 8:35 to select their books. If students cannot come before school then they may come to the library during their Language Arts classes. Students may trade for up to five books. *If students can donate more books than they are trading that would certainly be welcome.* This will assist with variety and may even allow for some extra books at the end of the trade that could be donated to the library! **Students who participate in the Swap will automatically have their library fines cleared of any late fees and/or lost items!** Our LA teachers hope lots of Mustangs will participate... *Mustangs who read...succeed!*

If you will be doing any online shopping in the near future, please consider entering a retailer's website via the **goodsearch.com portal**. Not only can you earn money for our school by doing your Internet searches via Goodsearch (powered by Yahoo), but there are many popular retailers that will donate to a designated charity if you enter the retailer's site via Goodsearch. Money can accrue quite quickly this way. To see how much we've earned from Internet searches and shopping this year, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com>, enter Morton Middle School as the charity (click on Verify) and then click on 'amount raised'. When you scroll down the page you'll see our results. Make every Internet search a Goodsearch!

MMS PTSA is in need of a recording secretary and someone to chair the Awards Programs for each grade (chair for each grade would be best). Time is minimal and rewarding! Interested parties should contact Erin Young at 335-5456 or erin_david@insightbb.com. Please share info with those who would be interested as well.

As we all know, there is a lot of sickness going around. **If your child is sick, please call 381-3535, the ATTENDANCE OFFICE.** Please call Attendance every day your child is out of school. Also, please remind your student to bring a doctor or parent note to our Attendance Office when he or she returns to school. Thank you!

Saturday School Dates: Nov. 21st, 2009 Dec. 5th, 2009 Jan. 16th & 30th, 2010
Feb. 20th & 27th, 2010 March 13th, 2010 April 10th & 17th, 2010 May 8th, 15th & 22nd, 2010

COUNSELORS COMMENTS: Katie Sullivan, Libby Kenney, Linda Henley 381-3540

Reminders: Students need to be on time to school every day. If a student arrives at Morton after the 9:05 bell, that student is marked tardy. Morning detention is assigned for 3 or more unexcused tardies to school. IAKSS begins truancy referrals at six or more unexcused absences or tardies. Please be sure to send a doctor or parent note every time your child is absent from school. Questions? Please call our Attendance Office at 381-3535.

Midterm Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, Nov. 20. Please sign one copy and return it to your child's AL teacher. This is our way of communicating that you have indeed seen the progress report. **The end of this second grading period is Friday, Dec. 18th.** There is still plenty of time to improve low grades!

Morton counselors are working with the 6th graders on their **Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)**. Students across Kentucky are required to complete an ILP. This tool is designed to help students bring together their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and career and education exploration activities. Be sure to ask your 6th grader about the ILP and have them show it to you. To access your student's ILP, go to the Morton website and have your child show you what they completed here at school. (They were given Access cards with a user name and password.) Encourage your child to add to this throughout the year. Questions? Please contact your child's counselor at 381-3540.

Study Tip of the Week: The purpose of writing is clear communication. That's why we learn proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

There's only one real way to "grow up." It starts with an R, and it ends with you taking it: **RESPONSIBILITY!**

School will be closed Nov. 25th, 26th and 27th