



# MORSE PTO NEWS

Morse Elementary PTO Newsletter

April, 2016

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*Remaining*

*2015-2016*

*PTO Board*

*Meeting*

*(Remaining)*

*Friday, May 13*

*8:45-10:30 AM*



*A Message from  
our Morse 2015-  
2016 President*

Dear Morse Families,

I have been privileged to work as your PTO president this school year. Thank you for all your support and efforts on behalf of our kids and staff this school year. As April is volunteer appreciation month, I hope that every person who volunteered at Morse this year received a set of notecards as a “thank you” from our Morse PTO. (If you did not receive cards, or know of another volunteer who did not, please contact me and I will ensure that is taken care of.) Our PTO could not do the amazing things it has done without you!

It seems like the end of the school year can be a mad dash to summer. Let’s not rush though. There are still a lot of good times to be had this year. Our kids and families still have time to appreciate our school staff May 2–6, time to run and play at the PTO Fun Run and Carnival on Friday, May 6, and time to race and plant on Field Day, May 13. There’s also the beginnings of plans for next year. Order your school supply boxes by May 28 and sign up to volunteer for a committee next year.

Our PTO board will work hard to get things ready for next school year and we’ll send a summer newsletter to help gear everyone up for the big day on August 12.

Thank you for an amazing year Marksman families! I wish you an adventurous, restful, joyful, and amazing summer.

Sincerely,

Theresa Korte

Morse PTO President

**2016 Calendar  
of Events**

***Save These Dates!***

**Teacher and Staff  
Appreciation Week**

May 2 – 6 , 2016

**Fun Run –  
School Carnival**

Friday, May 6

Fun Run

5 – 6 pm

Carnival

6 – 8 pm

**MORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**FUN RUN AND CARNIVAL !!!**



The Morse Elementary Carnival and Fun Run is just around the corner! This is such a fun event celebrate together before the end of the year. But, we need your help with a few things to make this the best year yet!!!! Please sign up to

volunteer to help at the carnival

at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aaa823aaf58-morse1>

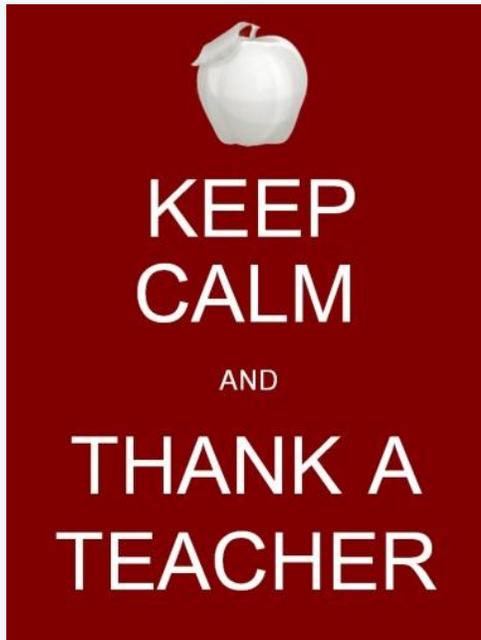
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are in need of some items to borrow to make the Carnival the best day ever!

- 1 GENERATOR
- 2 EXTRA LARGE COOLERS
- 6 FOLDING TABLES (6ft or 8ft)
- 1 FOLDING CARD TABLE
- 6 HIGH TOP CHAIRS (THAT CAN BE OUTSIDE FOR THE EVENT)

Please contact Kat Kramer at 913-244-8121 or [skatakramer@gmail.com](mailto:skatakramer@gmail.com) with any questions or if you have any of the above items.





### Staff and Teacher Appreciation:

Teacher and staff appreciation will take place the week of May 2–6. Our theme this year is, “Ice, Ice Baby! Morse teachers and staff are too cool!” If you would like to assist in keeping our teachers and staff “Chilled” that week, please check out the sign-up genius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4faea92cab9-morse1>

Important dates for you to know: (There’s lots more happening, but we need EVERYONE’S help with these!)

Sunday, May 1– Let’s chalk up the sidewalks and parking lot to show our teachers and staff how cool we think they are! Come anytime Sunday afternoon with some chalk!

Tuesday, May 3– Students bring personal letters and a flower for their teacher and other support staff.

Friday, May 6– Parents send in personal letters to teachers and support staff.



## Trivia Night:

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trivia Night for Adults on Friday, April 8. An extra big “Thanks” to Amanda Maturo, Mary Parks,

Jamie Kennedy, and Brooke

Johnson who coordinated the event. We would also like to send a special thanks out to all the teachers and staff who attended and donated dates with students for our auction. And the night absolutely would not have been such a big success without Mr. Frazell being an

awesome sport and allowing us to live auction his “principal for the day,” date. Thank you!

If you are one of the 165 people who attended the event, you may find that you are in one of the fabulous photos taken by our own David and Tammy Strickland of Pixel– a Photo Place Photography. Please view the gallery using the link below. Our passcode is: gomorse!



This event brought in over \$7,000! Some funds will go towards PTO projects and building/staff needs, and part of those funds will be used to help pay for a new Marquis outside the building to match our new look after the summer’s construction is complete.





## Congratulations to Nicole Becker!

We are proud to announce our 2016 Morse PTO Scholarship recipient is former Marksman and graduating BSW senior, Nicole Becker. Nicole will receive \$500 paid to her University or College of choice to assist with tuition and other higher education costs. Nicole attended Morse for all 6 years of her elementary education, and is currently a 4.0 student involved in Honors Society, Student council, Soccer, and several other extra curricular as well as community service groups. In Nicole's application essay, she talked about how her time at Morse taught her to think about others and prepare for her academic success.

Nicole will be presented with her scholarship at the Senior Award and Honors Program held at BSW.

If you are interested in knowing more about the history and process of awarding the Morse PTO scholarship or reading Nicole's application essay, contact Theresa Korte. [theresakorte@gmail.com](mailto:theresakorte@gmail.com)



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MORSE ELEMENTARY BOARD



Elections for PTO officers took place April 14 during an evening meeting. Please welcome our new and returning PTO board members for the coming year!

**President– Theresa Korte**

**Secretary– Tony Woollen**



**Treasurers– Tennesa Gambrell and Christina Taylor**

**BP Fundraising– Jennifer Stumpff**

**VP Membership– Amy Stiner**

**VP Room Parents– Chris Gray**



\*\*\*May Board Meeting Change: We will be meeting Friday, May 13 at 8:45am rather than Friday, May 6!\*\*\*\*

**Much Needed Volunteers for Next Year!**



There's no doubt that we can fill our committees next year with your help! Many positions are for short periods of time and many do not require any face time up at school. See what works best for you, and be part of the awesome activities and happenings that make Morse a special place to be. Please check out the committee sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4faea92cab9-201617>



# Morse Core Virtues

- **Respect**
  - a caring and regard for the value, dignity, uniqueness, and safety of self and others;
- **Responsibility**
  - a willing fulfillment of obligations to self and others and accountability for one's conduct;
- **Honesty**
  - Valuing the truth and acting with integrity and authenticity;
- **Self-Discipline**
  - Living within agreed upon or self-imposed limits in pursuit of a greater good or long-term goal;
- **Compassion**
  - Empathy for others, combined with the demonstration of kindness and support;
- **Courage**
  - Acting on your beliefs even in the face of adversity; and
- **Perseverance**
  - Putting forth efforts to pursue well-defined goals.