

# Devil Dog Administration News

## SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Morrilton High School

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

**Welcome  
Back**

**First Day of  
School is  
August 21,  
2006**

**We look  
forward to  
seeing you**

Orientation for all MHS parents and students will be held on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. During this time schedules, parking, and lockers will be distributed. The cost is \$5 each for lockers and parking. It is imperative that all parents and students attend orientation this year. Parents, be sure to come by the MHS office and fill out the **PINK** registration form anytime during the day. We need these forms for new and returning students by **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Getting them done early will save you time on the night of orientation. The orientation schedule is as follows:

**12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm**

We welcome several new faculty members this year including Mario Miller (SPED), Veo Condley (math), Carlos Simpson (math), Stacy Heston (math), Kevin Bethea (math), Shawn Lawrence (science), Chris Eubanks (English), Jamie Bratton (English), Rachel Brasher (Spanish), Leann Mobley (Spanish), Jan Mendoza (Drama), Fritz Heiden-

reich (History), and Gail Betts (Word Processing).

MHS is also excited about the introduction of agendas. The agendas will serve as calendars for our students to help them stay organized and keep up with daily assignments. We encourage parents to look in the agendas to see what is going on with your child's classes.

We are anticipating an increase in student achievement at all levels. Several of our returning teachers have been in various trainings all summer to improve the quality of education at MHS. Additionally, Algebra I and 9<sup>th</sup> grade English students will benefit from an additional hour of lab. This is promised to improve academic performance in all disciplines.

MHS young ladies, please be aware that the dress code has changed a bit. You can still wear mid-thigh skirts and shorts (mid-thigh from the back), but you are asked to *wear shirts with sleeves*.

The Devil Dogs and Lady Devil Dogs are already gearing up for another good season of athletics. We are expecting great things from all fall sports. Please watch the marquee for dates, times, and places.

### Morrilton Intermediate School

It's time to celebrate the beginning of a new school year, and we are excited about getting this year underway! Orientation for parents and students of Morrilton Intermediate (MIS) will be held Tuesday, August 15, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Registration packets may be picked up at the front door beginning Thursday, August 10, for parents who would like to complete the packets at home. Completed packets may be turned in to homeroom teachers during orientation on August 15. Homeroom teachers will be posted at the front door on August 10, but teachers will not be available to meet with parents until orientation night.

This year, MIS will house grades 4, 5, and 6 and will have an enrollment of approximately 500 students. Instruction in literacy (reading, writing, language), math, science, social studies, music, art, and physical education will be provided by highly qualified teachers who are certified to teach in their subject areas. Band will be offered in the sixth grade for students who were proficient in literacy or math on the state-mandated Benchmark Exam. Our school day will be divided into eight 45-minute periods, with a three-period block of time for literacy and two periods for math instruction. Students in fifth and sixth grades will change classes for each subject area. In addition to regular instruction, the Accelerated Reader program will help to provide motivation for independent reading, and Accelerated Math will help to individualize math instruction.

School will begin at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be available from 7:30 to 8:00 each morning. Parents who transport their children to school must enter the campus from Highway 132 and circle the school on Ruff Trail. Students who are going to eat breakfast must be dropped off at the cafeteria in the back of the school. Sixth graders, who are not eating breakfast, may enter the building at the end of the sixth-grade hallway on Ruff Trail. Fourth and fifth-grade students must enter through the front door.

At the end of the school day, parents must enter the campus from Highway 132. Fourth-graders will be picked up at the front door at 3:15. Fifth and sixth-graders will be picked up in back of the school at 3:25. Buses will run at 3:22. Every period of the school day is an important learning time for our students. To prevent disruption of learning in eighth period, students may not be checked out during the last hour of the school day. An exception will be made for students who have a medical appointment.

Parents make a big difference in a child's education, and they are very important to us at MIS. We look forward to meeting our students and parents on August 15 and to working together to make this a fantastic school year for our children.

## West Side Morrilton Primary School

Morrilton Primary School will be a split K-1 campus for the 2006-2007 school year. This year will be a construction year at the Reynolds Campus with the purpose of combining both campuses in the 2007-2008 school year. Kindergarten campus will be located at 1008 West Childress Street and 1<sup>st</sup> grade campus will be located at 410 S. Bridge Street. Both campuses will share the same mission and vision that all students will be proficient at their level of learning. Beginning with 2007-2008 school year, both grade levels will be on the same campus at 410 S. Bridge Street.

At the West Side Campus kindergarten students will be dropped off and picked up at the cafeteria ramp on the south side of the school campus. All children must enter through the cafeteria in the morning. Drop off time will be 7:30 to 7:55 A.M. Pick up time will be at 3:00 P.M. The school day will be 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

West Side bus students will load the buses at a designated area for their bus at the bus loading walk. Only buses will be allowed to use the bus drive during A.M. and P.M. drop off and pick up. Drop off time will be 7:30 to 7:55 A.M. Pick up time will be at 3:00 P.M.

At the Reynolds campus 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be dropped off and picked up at the 1<sup>st</sup> grade building at the north end of the campus. The gates will be opened prior to drop off and pick up each day. Drop off time will be 7:30 to 7:55 A.M. Pick up time will be at 3:00 P.M. The school day will be 8:00:A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Reynolds bus students will load at the walk in

front (south side) of the school. Only buses will be allowed to use the bus drive during the A.M. and P.M. bus time. Buses will load at 3:00 P.M.

The West Cafeteria will be used for breakfast and lunch at the Reynolds campus. The East Cafeteria will be closed due to construction on the east side of the campus. All buildings on the east side of the campus will be closed, and a barrier will be constructed to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors to the building.


Parent orientation will be held at the West Side Campus, Tuesday, August 15, 5:30-6:30 P.M. This is for parents only. You may contact the school at 354-9426 to schedule a time to bring your child to meet his/her teacher and see their new classroom.

Parent orientation will be held at the Reynolds Campus, Thursday, August 17, 5:30-6:30 P.M. This is for parents only. You may contact the school at 354-9423 to schedule a time to bring your child to meet his/her teacher and see their new classroom.

ITBS scores for Morrilton Primary are something that we are all excited about. We will continue to work for the highest level of achievement possible for all our students.

We are looking forward to a very productive year. "High Expectations for All Students" is our motto at Morrilton Primary School. Through proper training and use of high yield strategies, our staff is prepared to face the challenge of No Child Left Behind with every student in our building.

## Morrilton Elementary School



Morrilton Elementary School (the campus formerly known as Northside) is rapidly nearing completion! The Second and Third grade faculty and staff are so excited about the opportunity to move into a new building. The architects have done an excellent job designing an impressive campus that we can use for many years! Lots of students will be educated in this new school and lots of memories will be made. We will have an open house as soon as teachers can get their rooms ready for display. Be looking for the dates in the local news.

With the new campus comes a few new procedures to remember. The instructional day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The student drop off location will be on the east side of the campus. Parents will enter the driveway from Harding Street and then drive in front of the office and will exit onto St. Joseph Street.

Buses will load and unload on the new driveway from Drilling Street between the classroom building and the playground. This area is for buses only. No exceptions will be made. This hard surface will provide us a play area on days when the playground is wet.

Students can be dropped off from 7:30-7:55 a.m. Breakfast will be served until 7:55.

Providing quality instructional time at MES is one of our main academic goals. Student attendance is a

major component in ensuring student success. Students whose parents get them to school after 7:50 will not be allowed to eat breakfast because they will miss instructional time. Another issue that has come up involves tardies. Students who come to school tardy after 9:00 a.m. or leave before 1:30 p.m. will be counted as absent for 1/2 day. This time adds up and certainly takes away from student learning. Please help us educate your child by having him/her there all day long, every day.

The teachers of Morrilton Elementary School have an excellent reputation for their past experiences in providing a quality education to students. Student test scores are GREAT and among the highest in the district! The faculty and staff have high expectations for all students and work hard to implement those teaching strategies that will provide a high yield in student achievement. This faculty has not worked together physically in the past few years, so we are looking forward to creating new traditions that will allow us to support the Morrilton Elementary School mission: The mission at Morrilton Elementary School is to ensure that all students become proficient in Literacy and Math in a safe, nurturing, and technologically enhanced environment.

## Morrilton Junior High

The faculty and staff of Morrilton Junior High are excited about the upcoming school year! We look forward to working with our learning community in the pursuit of our mission to ***“ensure that all students become proficient in the core subject areas, with an emphasis on literacy and math, in a safe, nurturing and technologically enhanced environment”***.

During the 2006-2007 school year at Morrilton Junior High School, the school day will consist of eight (8) forty-five (45) minute class periods. This will enable each student to have two (2) math classes scheduled each day during the school year. The MJHS faculty and staff believe that having two math classes will significantly improve **learning** and **achievement** for each student in mathematics.

Another new program for Morrilton Junior High School will be a Focus Learning class. This class is designed for At-Risk students that will include a focus on study skills, extra assistance in learning and research and mentoring from a caring teacher.

The school day for Morrilton Junior High school will be from 8:15 a.m. to 3:22 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

Drop-off and pick-up of Morrilton Junior High School students will be at the covered walkway

located in the parking lot by the football field. No students shall be dropped-off or picked-up in the parking lot located between Morrilton Junior High School and Morrilton High School.

Modifications to the dress include that all shirts will have sleeves (short or long). NO tank tops will be allowed. Jeans shall NOT have any holes that go above the knee.

The price for breakfast will be \$1.00 and the price for lunch will be \$1.75. Students will **NOT** be allowed more than five (5) charges at any one time during the school year. Students will not be allowed to charge after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lockers can be rented for \$5.00 at the MJHS office.

Parent/Student Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Morrilton Junior High School cafeteria.

Morrilton Junior High School is committed to being a school of excellence! Parent involvement is a key factor affecting student learning. **Parents and volunteers are encouraged to volunteer and be on campus as much as possible to positively impact our learning environment!** Working together, we can help all of our students learn and become productive citizens for our community!

### Transportation, Maintenance, Support Services

The Departments of Transportation, Maintenance and Support Services have merged and are under the leadership of Kent Chambers. The Transportation Department will operate 30 bus routes. We will add three new buses for the 2006-2007 school year. This brings our total of new buses to nine. The three new buses will be equipped with digital camera technology, bringing that total to thirteen. The Transportation Department will operate under the discipline policy adopted by the School Board in 2006. The first offense will be a warning; the second offense will be a five day bus suspension; the third offense will be a ten day bus suspension, and the fourth offense will be a bus suspension for the remainder of the school year. This policy is extremely important to the safety of all involved. The Transportation Department is currently using an alternative fuel called Bio-Diesel. We are using a 5% blend, which is 5% Bio-Diesel to 95% Diesel. We will proceed with small increases until we reach a 20% blend (20% Bio-Diesel to 80% Diesel). The Transportation Department will use a new on-line web based field trip request that will replace the once used paper trail. This system

will allow us to track costs very effectively.

The Maintenance Department has been very busy this summer with several projects. Our Department is involved with some of the renovations at Morrilton Elementary. Our electrician has rewired the cafeteria and kitchen, and we have installed ceiling tile in the cafeteria and the old parent center and music room, among other various jobs. The grounds crew has been busy keeping up the grounds. We have installed new bathroom stalls at MJHS. The paint crew has painted all the metal trim at MJHS maroon, as well as painted the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing at MIS. We have completed various projects. The Maintenance Department will also use an on-line web based work order request system. This system, like the trip request system, will allow us to track costs.

The Custodial crews have been working steadily to have the buildings cleaned and floors ready when school starts.





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DOGS**

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August 2006						
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August	
7	School Board Meeting
8	6:00-7:30 HS Parent Orientation
15	5:30-6:30 WS Parent Orientation
15	6:00-7:00 MIS Parent Orientation
15	6:30-7:30 JHS Parent Orientation
17	5:30-6:30 Reynolds Parent Orientation
10-18	Professional Days – <b>No Classes</b>
21	First Day of Classes K-12
September	
4	Labor Day – Holiday – <b>No School</b>
22	<b>Interim Reports to Parents</b>

## Construction Update

No Child Left Behind and the South Conway County School District Mission Statement, which states that all students will be proficient in the core curriculum with an emphasis on math and literacy, have led to new teaching strategies and techniques being developed to meet the needs of the children. The new buildings and renovations taking place in the district will add to the renaissance of education to meet the needs of future generations.

Morrilton Elementary School, which will include second and third grade, is scheduled to

open August 21 featuring a state of the art design, geothermal heating and cooling, wireless internet, low maintenance building features, and a redesigned playground that promotes fitness and safety.

The new facility will have a computer lab with all new equipment, a 3000 square-foot library, an indoor physical fitness area, a covered parent pick-up and drop-off area, security fencing and electronic locks, and secured entries to maximize the safety of the children.



Morrilton Elementary School

The district has been well pleased with the quality of construction and the architectural support that has been provided throughout the project. An open house will be scheduled later in the fall at which time the district will invite all its patrons to come and see this wonderful facility which will benefit our children for years to come.