



Morton Middle School

Behavior Room

October/November 2009

Important Dates:

Fundraiser News

In order to boost our supply of computers, students have been selling calendar raffles. Each Calendar gives you 30 chances to win a great prize. The calendars are only \$5.

A++ Bucks

Use your Stop & Shop card and raise money for Morton Middle School. Ask classroom teachers for more details.

Report Cards

In order to receive report cards this year parents are asked to attend open house on **November 18th (6-8pm)**. Notices have been sent home to make an appointment with the classroom teachers.

November 11th - NO SCHOOL

**November 18th, 25th -
Early Dismissals (NOON)**

**November 18th - Open
House**

**November 26th-27th -
Thanksgiving Break**



Our Classroom Progress

ELA

Our students just finished reading *Novio Boy* by Gary Soto. Novio boy is an interactive play that touches upon what it's like to be a teenager in love. In the next month, we plan to explore more of Gary Soto works.

MATH

Our students have just wrapped up a unit on *Variables and Patterns*. They are excited about starting our new unit on *Accentuating the Negative*.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our students have just about explored all there is to know about Mesopotamian culture, from writing to architecture, laws and religion. They have built their own buildings, created their own writing and laws to discover the hardships Mesopotamians faced in creating a culture and world empire.

SCIENCE

Our students are currently wrapping up volcanoes. The students got to create and explode their own volcanoes and witness a

non-explosive type eruption first hand. They are excited to see where we go next.



BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Attached to this newsletter is a classroom level system that lays out privileges students can earn based on levels they achieved. The level system is based on a 225 weekly point system touching upon respect, staying on task, self control, following school rules and other personal goals.

CONTACT US!!!!

Questions or Concerns please feel free to contact us by phone or e-mail:

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Middle School Program Behavioral Level System

LEVEL	SCHOOL DAY PRIVILEGES	FREE TIME PRIVILEGES
GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -regular lunch period in cafeteria -no supervision in the hallway (use of pass) -participate in school assemblies -participate in clubs -participate in 2+ inclusion, specials or mainstream classes *After 6 weeks of earning 85% eligible for full mainstream classes after review. After 2 weeks of failing to meet 85%, student may be dropped to yellow level after review. ***Significant school violations will result in a drop in level (fighting, restraints, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Computer time (up to 20 minutes) -Library -Art/Creative Supplies -Group game (educational) -Peer leader
YELLOW (All students will begin on this level).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -assigned seat at lunch -minimal supervision in the hallway -participate in school assemblies with approval -participate in clubs with approval *After 3 weeks of 80% eligible for Green Level. If student fails to meet 80% after 2 weeks, student may be dropped to the red level after review. ***Significant school violations will result in a drop in level (fighting, restraints, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Computer time (up to 10 minutes) -Individualized instructional activity
RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -assigned seat at lunch at a different table (with staff supervision when available). -supervised by staff at all times (escorts) *After 1 weeks of 80% eligible for Yellow Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Independent Reading during any free time -Restrictions on the use of points for incentives