PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

December 2025 | Morton West High School

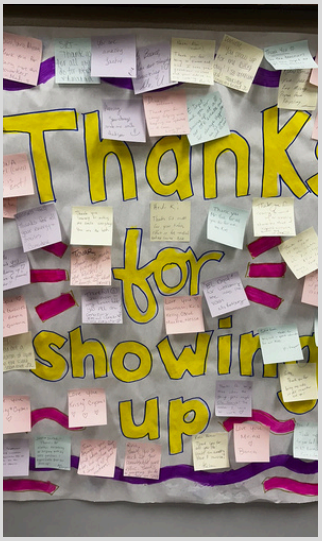


Morton West focuses on Attendance and Academic Improvement in November

Students were focused on both improving grades and being present this month. We connected this to *Life Ready* self-awareness & positive relationship skills during our mini-Mission *Thanks for Showing Up* when staff and students practiced gratitude for someone who has helped them to show-up and make good decisions.

Mustang Mission: 95% Attendance

Thank you for showing up!





Attendance Matters

In November, the *Mustang Mission* challenged students & staff to meet the 95% Attendance goal. We had 1,520 students and staff that were not absent for any reason during the month of November. This week the leadership team will be delivering a Crumbl cookie to classrooms of all who had 95% attendance. Our partners at *Crumbl* made this possible.

Mustang Mission Challenge Winner(s)



WINNERS							
NORA ABU TALEB	JAYDEN RODRIGUEZ	IVAN ROSAS	LUIS ROMERO	JESUS CARRILLO	JULIANA GASPAR	PAUL FULKS	CAYLA AYALA
ALEXANDER AVALOS	ZAMARA FERNANDEZ	ZEILYN MARTINEZ	LUIS NAVA	ANTHONY PIZA	VANESSA LOPEZ	EMELY PASTRANA	IXCHEL ORDONEZ
DANIEL SOLANO	JOSHUA CHAVEZ	TYLIAN MCCAN	ADAM OLEA	NINA VELAZQUEZ	MIA TAPIA	JAIRO FERNANDEZ	HECTOR MARQUEZ
YARITZA REYES	LUNA MONTES	SOFIA GUTIERREZ	AMIRYSTH MUNOZ	EMELY PASTRANA	BRENDON RODRIGUEZ	EMMANUEL MARTINEZ	EMELY PASTRANA
BENJAMIN OLVERA	GISELLE CABRERA	SETH ANDERSON	LYANNA DAVILA	MICHELLE ORTEGA	ISAIAH LARA	KARLA MAYORGA	LUCIE GAGNE
ALISSA IBARRA	EDUARDO VARGAS	CRISTINA GONZALEZ	ALEJANDRO ORTEGA	JACKSON TOMJENOVIC	JAYDEN GUEVARA	ISABELLA DEL REAL	GERARDO HURTADO
GABRIELA GUZMAN	ALEXIS CARACHURE	ALONSO GONZALEZ	AIDEN GONZALEZ	CRISTOPHER CERVANTES	RENATTA-MAS MUNOZ	LIANNA VALES	
AUTUMN RIVERA	DESTINY TORRES	JASON DAY	AYLIN FLORES	ALPHONSE HERNANDEZ	ALLIYAH AGUERO	DAMIAN CARRANZA	
ANIA LARRY	NATALY LOERA	GABRIELLA GUERRERO	MATEO PALOMO	FERNANDO LOPEZ	NATALIE OROZCO	AMY MORALES	
JACOB DELGADO	GABRIEL VARELA	MUHAMMAD MALEK	SEBASTIAN RUBIO	ANGEL LOREDO	GUADALUPE ESPINOZA	EMARI WILLIAMS	

Students were entered into a raffle to win hats, coats, backpacks, mini speakers, movie tickets and AirPods!

34	4 or more A's
1,934	at least 1 'A' grade
1,664	improved grades
19	freshman had 4+ A's
3,637	total improved and A's

2026 Here We Come!

December is a huge month for us! We will be hosting some exciting events that will set the tone for the new year. This month includes our Future Freshman Rally, where we will welcome and inspire the next generation of students, as well as our Eat and Engage, and the Elective Fair, giving everyone a chance to explore new opportunities and plan for success!

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December 2025 | Morton East High School



Morton East focuses on Giving Back and Academic Improvement in November

Students were focused on both improving grades and giving back to our community. We connected this to *Life Ready* self-awareness & positive relationship skills during the month making food packages for our community and keeping high standards in the classroom.

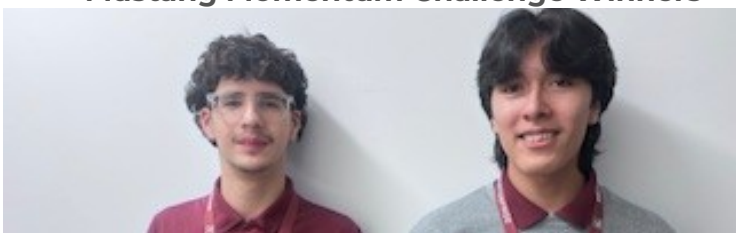
Mustangs Giving Back



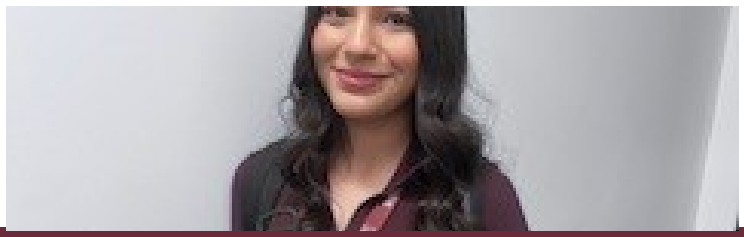


In November, supported our students and community through multiple food initiatives. Thanks to generous teacher contributions and food drives by our students, we distributed over 2000 grab-and-go bags and large totes of food on Friday 11/7, Friday 11/14, and Tuesday 11/25 before break. Overall, November was a strong month of collaboration and generosity, and we're grateful for the support that allowed us to reach so many students and families.

Mustang Momentum Challenge Winners







This fall our students participated in the Mustang Momentum Challenge. Between October 14th and November 14th, students who maintained an A, or A's, in their math, science, social science and/or English courses AND students who improved their grades were entered into a raffle. The prizes included airpods, a Morton Under Armor winter hat, jacket, or backpack, movie tickets, Bluetooth speakers and more!

Of the eligible students, 1,271 individual students maintained A's in at least one of the aforementioned courses for a total of 1,964 A's (each one of these receiving a raffle entry). In addition, 1,198 students improved their grades in at least one subject area, with a total 1,465 total entries for improvement. Overall, 2,033 students improved their grades or maintained an A.

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December 2025 | Morton Freshman Center



FC - Focus on Attendance, Achievement, and Service in November.

Students stayed focused on both improving their grades and giving back to the community. Throughout the month, we connected this work to our Life Ready competencies, "self-awareness" and positive relationship skills, by preparing food packages for local families while attending school and maintaining high academic standards in the classroom.

Supporting Our FC Families





Our students and teachers came together to organize a food drive for Freshman Center families. Thanks to the generous donations from both students and staff, we were able to collect enough supplies for 52 families to enjoy a wonderful holiday meal. This effort was a fantastic way to spread positivity, celebrate the holiday spirit, and give back to our community.













The Morton Freshman Center proudly recognized 42 exceptional students in the Mustang Momentum Challenge! These Mustangs excelled academically, achieved perfect attendance, and showed impressive growth this semester. From a total of 698 students who qualified for a prize by maintaining an "A" or improving a grade, these winners stood out for their outstanding achievements.

Each house had 3–5 students honored, highlighting Mustang pride across the Freshman Center. Winners received prizes like Morton backpacks, winter hats, gift cards, AirPods, and portable speakers, along with a personalized letter from Principal Eric Ramirez.

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December 2025 | Morton Alternative School



Morton Alternative School Food Drive helped eighteen families in need.



Thanksgiving Celebration



Our annual Thanksgiving lunch was a huge a success.
This Month's teacher feature is David Lopez





MAS Attendance Incentives

Students receive raffle tickets each week for having great attendance.

Prizes will be raffled off in December!

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December 2025 | Tech and Trade Center



Architectural Services

- Architect contract alignment ongoing; next steps are review and signatures.
- DKA reference checks completed - 100% positive feedback
- Reviewed contract language with insurance representative. and refined language regarding errors and omissions.
- Continued planning for the TTC Academy, with FC serving as the academic wing.

Construction Management



- New offers submitted by CMs - under review.
- Developing rubric for final CM candidate scoring.
- McHugh construction preparing submission and estimate.
- Visit to Core Construction Lisle Office 12/8/25.

Programming, Curriculum, & Design





- Continued planning for the TTC layout - additional design iterations developed.
- Lab sizing and grossing refined to ensure adequate lab and storage space, as well as flexibility requirements..
- 17 specialists contacted; W-9 requests issued to all - 5 W-9s returned to date.
- Specialists will advise on curriculum, lab design, and equipment for programming not currently offered at D201.

OCIP

- Investigating cost savings to district under Owner Controlled Insurance Policy (OCIP).
- Securing written insurance cost line items from each CM.
- Requesting written deductions reflecting CM cost reductions if OCIP is district-purchased.
- After CM selection we will hold a joint meeting (district–CM–insurance team) to review coverage, cost, and benefits in detail.