

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

May 2026 | Morton West High School



AP Testing

Advanced Placement Exams are underway for **1,085 Morton West students** taking a total of **1,758** exams between May 4-15th.



Remarkable Moments



Morton West Highlights:

- **Appreciation Season** took center stage over the last month with Teacher, Nurse, Clerical, Teacher Aide & School Lunch Hero Days!
- **Student Recognitions** came in the form of National Chinese Honor Society, Senior Awards & Scholarships, Summa Cum Laude Family Night, Seal of Biliteracy Awards and Senior Nights for Athletics, Band, Orchestra and Choir.
- **Class of 2026** experienced *Operation Prom* and *Hope Wins* impact speakers; danced the night away at Prom, celebrated Decision Day on May 1st and are now looking forward to Senior Sunrise, Senior Brunch & Graduation soon!

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May 2026 | Morton East High School



April and the beginning of May were a busy month of activities putting College, Career & Life Ready on full display. End of the year celebrations continue as we prepare for Advanced Placement testing and graduation.

Morton East Prom and Senior Awards

Morton East College and Career



We celebrated the decision day on May 1 with all our committed seniors. Seniors displayed their shirts from schools across the country. We also celebrated with snacks, games and pictures with everyone in the Chodl Auditorium.



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MAY 2026 | Morton Freshman Center

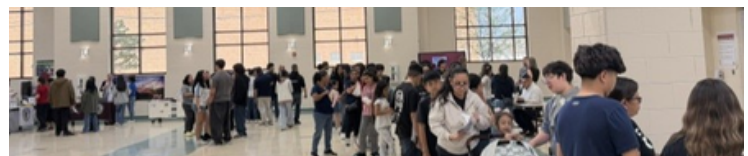
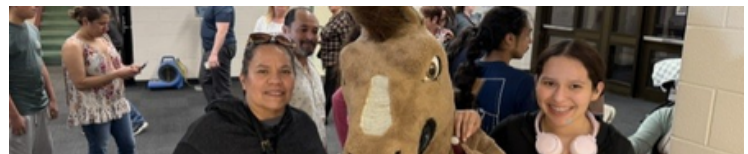


Welcoming Incoming Parents

- We recently hosted our Incoming Freshman Parent Night, where students and families received course placements and learned more about the classes available during their freshman year. Families also had the opportunity to explore clubs, activities, and sports programs, with student organizations and teams on hand to recruit new members and share information about ways to get involved at the Freshman Center.
- Hosted Coffee with the Principal for incoming freshman parents, providing families an opportunity to connect, ask questions, and learn more about the Freshman Center.



- Unity students visited the Freshman Center for a student panel, building tour, and informational sessions. They learned about clubs, sports, summer opportunities, and key expectations for how the Freshman Center operates.
- We held AP testing on May 5 and May 7, administering exams to 201 students in AP World History and AP Human Geography.



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MORTON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL



Students at Morton Alternative participated in a tree-planting event on Earth Day this year, adding ten new trees along the south side of the parking lot with the help of both students and staff.

This initiative was made possible through the Morton Arboretum Chicago Region Trees Initiative, which supports communities by expanding urban tree canopies and helping address the impacts of climate change. Beyond the environmental benefits, the event gave students a meaningful opportunity to take part in improving their school grounds while learning about sustainability.



Several baby chicks hatched in the science classroom at Morton Alternative this spring. Students learned about embryonic development while also experiencing the responsibility of caring for the chicks.

This hands-on experience was especially meaningful because interacting with animals can help lower stress, encourage calm behavior, and create a positive classroom environment. Most importantly, it naturally supported empathy, responsibility, and connection among our students.



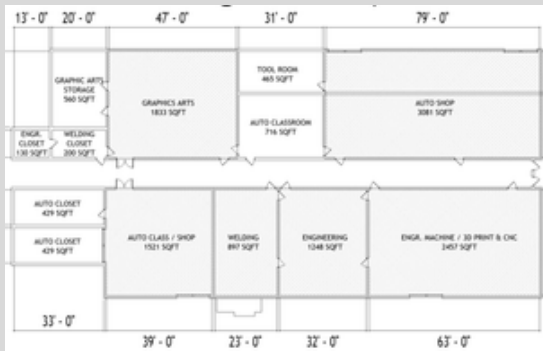
This Month's teacher feature is Matt Edquist

P.B.I.S. Students are looking forward to Great America

CAEL Students competed in kickball.

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May 2026 | Tech and Trade Center



Architectural Services

- May 19 is “massing meeting.” This is a meeting at which we will begin to form the overall shape, flow, and layout of the TTC (fit it to the property).
- Demonica Kemper Architects has developed an updated project timeline and we are working to coordinate this with the district’s spend down plan.

Additional Items

- Chef McGreal continuing culinary design with teachers. Possible substantial reduction on kitchen equipment.
- Planning additional PE space at TTC
 - incorporated into budget
- Culinary teachers met with Chef McGreal for equipment and layout design charrette.
- Owner Controlled Insurance Policy being compared to CM insurance to determine most cost effective and most protective path for construction.



PROGRAMMING, CURRICULUM, & DESIGN



- Developed proposal/presentation for implementing welding (East) and Constructin (west). Includes floor layout iterations.
- Expedition to cave schedule mapped out for similar survey course to be offered freshman year.
- JJC is investigating dual credit for culinary students.
- Attended Triton Advisory Committee for Engineering
 - 3d modeling software update
 - PC needs for PLTW Engineering courses

Budgetary

- Budget review underway. We are withing budget, but will consider an additional program (plumbing) or shell space dependent on a final budget determination.