

FOUNDATION NEWS

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Upcoming Events

**Race to the Future
Fundraising Effort
Aug 1 - Sept 21, 2022**

**2023 Golden
Devil Dog
Reunion Brunch
June 10, 2023
Special Guests
MHS Class of 1973**



2022 RACE TO THE FUTURE

AUGUST 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21

Once again this year, the South Conway County School Foundation will forgo holding an in-person event. Many of our patrons are still wary of gathering in large crowds and many of our donors live outside Morrilton and are not able to attend our in-person event.

Last year, following this model, you gave generously to support our students and staff, and we believe the initiatives we will support within our schools this year will inspire continued giving. Our fundraising campaign will run August 1 through September 21, and all donors will be recognized in the local newspaper and radio, and on social media, unless requested otherwise.

This year's Race to the Future funds will continue funding STEAM initiatives within the district as well as supporting Morrilton High School's Excellence program. In 2021, we focused on expanding the robotics program to all students in

grades 4-6. This year, funds raised will support the purchase of a new technology for students in the EAST program. Glowforge is a 3D Laser printer. It is akin to a traditional 3D printer, but instead of using subtractive manufacturing, it begins with material like leather, wood, or acrylic and carves out a product using laser light. The Glowforge ecosystem engages students in STEAM learning and gives students the ability to actually create solutions for community issues and needs presented for class projects.

Funds will also be used to support Bee-Bot Bundles, programmable educational robots, for 7th and 8th grade students. Bee-Bots provide foundational learning for robotics and computer science classes.

The third initiative funds raised this year will support, is the Excellence Program at Morrilton High School. This program is designed to create a safer and more effective school

culture by focusing on teaching and supporting positive behaviors for all students.

We firmly believe that there is no investment more important to our community than in our children and their education. This newsletter highlights some of the wonderful accomplishments students achieved during the 2021-22 school year. Your support has helped build the foundation that allows our students to achieve at the highest levels.

We encourage you to send your support early, using the sponsorship form inside this newsletter. If you prefer to give online, that option is available on our website at www.sccpsf.org. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact us at 501-208-2826.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing commitment to the educational community in the South Conway County School District.

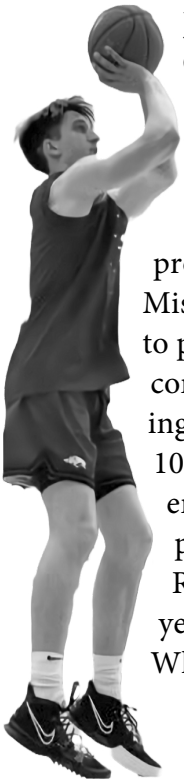
MIS STUDENT ELECTED ARKANSAS ELEMENTARY BETA CLUB PRESIDENT



Layna Morales was elected President of the Arkansas State Elementary Beta Club during this year's state convention in April. She has been invited and will be attending a Leadership camp this summer and was a candidate for National Elementary President at the National

Convention. We are proud of Layna for representing the Morrilton Intermediate School Beta Club and our entire community in such a positive way.

MORRILTON ATHLETE TO PLAY FOR THE RAZORBACKS



Joseph Pinion, Morrilton High School Class of 2022, was an outstanding basketball player for the Devil Dogs. During his high school career he was rated as a 4-star recruit by ESPN and was heavily recruited by several top college basketball programs including Kansas, Baylor and Ole Miss. During his junior year, he committed to play for the Razorbacks and honored that commitment during his senior year by signing his official letter of intent on November 10, 2021. Now that he has graduated, he is enrolled at the University of Arkansas and participating in summer workouts with the Razorbacks in preparation for his freshman year in Fayetteville.

While he was a Devil Dog, he was recognized

with many athletic awards. A few of the honors include:

- ESPN Top 100 player
- Sports Illustrated All-American Nominee
- ArBCA 4A Top 5 Player of the Year
- McDonald's All-American Nominee.

Even though Pinion has only been working out for a few weeks with the Razorback basketball team, he is already getting mentions about his pass-point shooting skills and three-abilities on social media. We can't wait to watch Joseph Pinion as he trades his maroon and white for red and gray during the upcoming basketball season.



MORRILTON PRIMARY IMPLEMENTS 95% GROUP PHONICS

K-1 teachers have implemented the 95% Group Phonics program. The preschool staff implemented LaunchPad—the Phonological Awareness part of the Science of Reading. All K-1 teachers have attended RISE training this summer to ensure they have common knowledge about the elements of the Science of Reading.

The Morrilton Primary School Staff is working diligently to implement the latest research in student reading and literacy learning. This training gives teachers explicit knowledge on how the brain must be “rewired” to learn how to read! We are excited to add skills to our teaching toolbox for more success in 22-23!



Ms. Dean using letter cards to build reading skills.

Mrs. Woody working with students on the literacy block.



DEVIL DOG GOLDEN REUNION BRUNCH BACK IN 2022

The 2022 Devil Dog Golden Reunion Brunch was held on Saturday, June 11. Because health concerns prevented it from being held in 2020 and 2021, this year's brunch honored, and inducted into this special group, the MHS Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972. Due to the expected attendance, the brunch was held in the Devil Dog Arena on the John Widner Court, a fitting place because it was during these years that the Devil Dog basketball teams did exceptionally well and John Widner was their coach!

About 300 alumni, staff and friends attended. Stan Willis, Class of 1963, again served as the master of cer-

emonies. Along with introducing the members of the honored classes, Stan recognized Dorothy Reynolds King, Class of 1945, as the classmate from the earliest class represented.

Robert Toney, Class of 1969, Stan Willis, Class of 1963, and Jerry Smith, Class of 1968, served as the joint chairmen of the brunch.

Next year's brunch is planned for **Saturday, June 10, 2023**. More information will follow. For news and information about the brunch history and about next year's event, please access the website at www.mhsgoldenreunionbruch.weebly.com.

MHS CONTINUES WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Devil Dog Baseball, Lady Devil Dog Softball and Volleyball teams. These three hard working athletic teams were all crowned Conference Champions during the 2021-22 school year.



Devil Dog Baseball Team (left), coached by Matt Long. They were 18-5 overall and 6-0 in conference play.

Lady Devil Dog Softball Team (below), coached by Jennifer Poteete. They were 20-9 overall and undefeated in conference play and in the district tournament.



Devil Dog Volleyball Team (left), coached by Stephanie Hart. They were 18-2 overall with a 15-1 conference record.



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DEVIL DOG EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The Devil Dog Excellence Program is a school-wide approach designed to create a safer and more effective school culture by focusing on teaching and supporting positive behaviors for all students.

In an effort to improve school culture, teachers and staff encourage and acknowledge students for demonstrating the traits of integrity, cooperation, honesty, reliability, intentness, industriousness, resourcefulness, enthusiasm, self-control and offering no excuses.

At any time, students may receive a Devil Dog Excellence raffle ticket, by a teacher or staff member when they are “caught” meeting and/or going above and beyond the school’s expectations of “excellence” listed above. These raffle tickets are collected and each week a drawing is held. Those selected receive a prize and are recognized on the school’s social media sites. At the end of the semester another drawing is held with the winner receiving a 50 inch TV.



The goal is to teach students what it means to be a Morrilton Devil Dog while creating a culture of school and community pride. Supported in part by the South Conway County School Foundation, this initiative was selected as the Education Project of the year by The Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce.

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**2022 Home
Football Games**
8/26 Dogs vs Russellville
9/16 Dogs vs Joe T. Robinson
9/30 Dogs vs Watson Chapel
10/14 Dogs vs Maumelle
10/28 Dogs vs Mills Univ. Studies

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