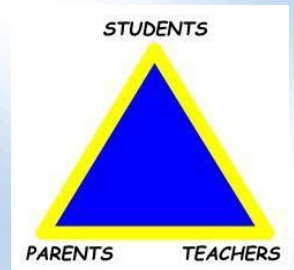


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Trimester 3 Newsletter March 2018 - June 2018

A Note from Mr. Piacentini:

It has been another fantastic school year at James H. Moran, Sr. Middle School. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our students. As you all move into our summer months, I would like to continue to encourage you to read. I just read this fantastic quote about the power of reading by Frederick Douglass, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." Every word, every syllable, every sentence opens your mind to new learning and new possibilities. I urge all students to find something to read and devour those pages. I urge all parents to find something your child is interested in and encourage them to devour its pages.

Again, I would like to encourage all parents/guardians to get involved at the middle school next school year. Chaperone a field trip, volunteer to come in and assist a teacher, work with our PTO, attend PTAC/PTO meetings, enjoy our athletics, drama, music or any other after school activities, or just stop in to say hello to our office or support staff. You are always welcome at Moran Middle School. To keep up with all of the happenings at Moran, here are some additional resources; @JAPiacentini (Twitter Hashtag = #MoranMS), <http://jameshormanmiddleschool.edublogs.org/>, or visit the Moran website - <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/james-h-moran-middle-school>. Make it a great summer!

Please see our Guidance Department Newsletters for March, April, May and June.

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<https://www.smores.com/dpkaq-counseling-newsletter?ref=email>

<https://www.smores.com/y24gp-school-counseling-newsletter?ref=email>

Important Dates:

3/28/18 - Evening Conferences 5-8pm

3/29/18 - Multicultural Night 5-8pm

3/30/18 - No School - Good Friday

4/5/18 - Early Release - Afternoon Conferences

4/12/18 - Spring Pictures after school

4/16-4/20 - **Spring Break-no school**

4/24/18 - SBAC testing begins

4/26/18 - Early Release PD Day

5/15/18 - Early Release PD Day

5/21/18 - Spring Concert at Sheehan from 5:30-8:30pm

5/28/18 - Memorial Day - No School

6/7/18 - Field Day

6/8/18 - 8th Grade Dance - [Photos](#)

6/22/18 - Last day of school!!!!

From the Wallingford Police Department:

The Wallingford Police Department, in cooperation with Wallingford Public Schools, is announcing its participation in a new initiative put forth by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association called "Every School, Every Day."

The "Every School, Every Day" initiative directs officers to have a greater presence in all schools throughout the day and during after school activities. Our officers will be conducting random, unannounced visits to include walk-throughs during which officers will engage in positive interactions with students and faculty.

This initiative will be in addition to the presence that our Community Police Division already has in our schools on a daily basis. The three officers in this division will continue to spend a part of every day in the schools interacting with students and participating in lock-down drills.

"I am very pleased that the Wallingford Police Department is launching the "Every School, Every Day" initiative. This is yet another example of the commitment of the Wallingford Police Department to the Wallingford Public School District. Our collaboration is stronger than ever and I am proud to be part of the team working to continue to address school and community safety," stated Dr. Menzo

What's Happening in the Library

Follow Mrs. Musket on twitter [@Mrs_Musket](#)

Like **WPS Libraries** on Facebook to find out what is happening in Wallingford Public Schools' library media centers.



Promote Reading Club - Tests WPL's Escape Room

Promote Reading Club members visited the Wallingford Public Library on June 5, 2018. They had the privilege of testing out the escape room which is part of the WPL's teen summer reading program. Escape Study Room 4 will be open from July 2nd through August 24th at WPL. Teams of four will have 45 minutes to solve the problems to "escape". While one group was in the escape room the other group used their creative skills in WPL's collaboratory.



MVP News Visits CPBN

Members of the MVP News crew visited the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network on April 10, 2018. Students participated in three different activities. In the photography activity, students learned how to use one of CPBN's DSLR cameras to take different photos of an object. The activity was about changing your perspective. They created talk shows about the topic of school lunches. Students controlled the sound and video equipment and played the roles of talk show host and guest. Students also created a radio show about the topic of banning books. During the



radio show, they discussed the reasons for and against banning books. Some students worked in the control room while others acted as the radio show host and guests.

Summer Reading

Students are required to read at least one book this summer and be able to discuss it when they return to school. Visit Moran's Library Media Website for information about Moran's and the Wallingford Public Library's summer reading challenges. You'll find many book suggestions there, as well.

<https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/james-h-moran-middle-school/library-media-center>

A Word about Capstone from Mrs. Kukta

CAPSTONE...WHAT IS IT?

In CAPSTONE, students are encouraged to think critically, solve challenging problems, and develop skills such as communication, research, media literacy, teamwork, planning, self-sufficiency, and goal setting. The motto of our program is to "BE THAT SOMEBODY". Often times, we can recognize that a problem exists and say..."someone should come up with a way to...." the purpose of our program is to not look to someone else to create the "fix" but to instill the skills students need to be the "fix".

We want students to make "things" better by making better "things".

What is a CAPSTONE project?

A CAPSTONE project is a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Such projects take a wide variety of forms, but most are long term investigative projects that culminate in a final product, presentation, or performance.

For the middle school student, CAPSTONE will be a 3-year process:

YEAR 1 (6th grade) - utilize Design Thinking with Moran Community as focus group

YEAR 2 (7th grade) - utilize Design Thinking with the Wallingford Community as focus group

YEAR 3 (8th grade) - utilize Design Thinking for a community of student's choice

CORE COMPONENTS: (projects need to be school/community based)

- Students strengthen their ethical understanding and awareness for others
- Students engage in a school community building project individually or in small groups
- All students have at least one adult to facilitate and support them through the project

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR...

Trimester 3 has been another exciting time for Capstone. As the program continues to evolve...new design challenges and activities are worked in while modifications are made to existing ones. Students spent some time understanding how FAILURE is the seed of innovation, they spent time designing zip line carriers to carry maximum mass from one end of the media center to the ptherother. We prototyped famous landmarks, designed with KEVA planks for height and span. We designed door handles that clearly communicate, without using words, whether the door needs to be pushed or pulled in order to open it, took a marble through a ramp system that had to incorporate an arch, spinning device, and dead end and designed and raced vehicles to go as slow as possible without stopping.

Team 6-1 Huskies!

Quassy Field Trip



In **Science**, we took advantage of the nice weather outside early in the week and went outside to see if we could outrun a cheetah in the 50 yard dash! Students had to make several predictions first. Although they gave it their all, no one on the team was able to beat a cheetah's time---1.5 seconds!!! **Our team thoroughly enjoyed a visit from one of our student's sisters, Jess Szetela. She is a college student studying the environment. Jess shared her knowledge as well as an outstanding presentation in the school library with us all.**



There will be an Aquaculture summer camp the last week of June. We will be going to Camp Sloper (team-building), Thomas Edison Middle School (hydroponic gardens and other activities), Mystic Aquarium, Hammonasset State Park, and finish the week with a cookout and relaxation at Burr Pond. If you are interested in more information, please e-mail me. This program is limited, so students will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Team 6-2 Eagles!!!



Lake Quassy Field trip!!!

Student Recognitions for April

April

Science- Oliver Brown

ELA – Carter Wallace

Social Studies – Kendra Spina

Math – Zayan Ahmed

Spanish – Nicole Garcia

Resource – Brandon Noone

Mathematical Olympiads

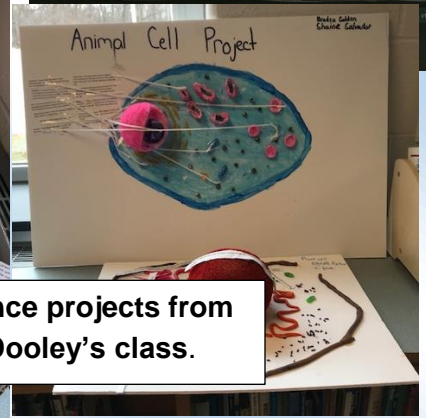
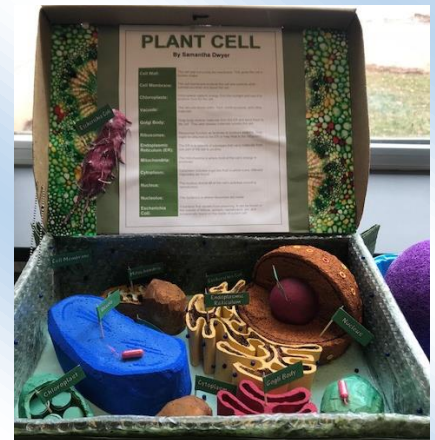
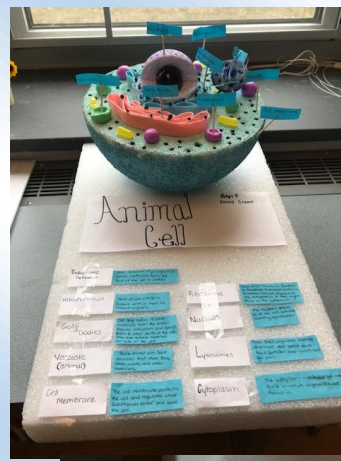
Twelve students from Moran Middle School were among the nearly 150,000 students worldwide to participate this year in the Math Olympiad program. They participated in a series of monthly contests of 5 problems each from November to March, and practice sessions under the supervision and coaching of Mrs. Maley. She taught the students to solve unusual and difficult problems and think creatively. Mrs. Maley teaches sixth-grade mathematics at Moran.

Students representing all three grade levels responded well and were recognized with certificates for their participation. One of the Mathletes won a National Award of Excellence within the Division M for grades 6-8. The embroidered patch is awarded to those students in the top 50% of all participants, including Brennan L.

Each year the Math Olympiads serves over 100,000 students on over 5000 teams nationally and about 50,000 students in 100 teams in more than 30 countries. Since 1979, it has provided challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch the abilities of students in grades 4 through 8, strengthening their foundation for both assessment tests and more advanced studies. Our Moran Students have responded to the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm.

7th Grade Team 7-1 Rising Stars

<https://www.smore.com/79vwm> - May

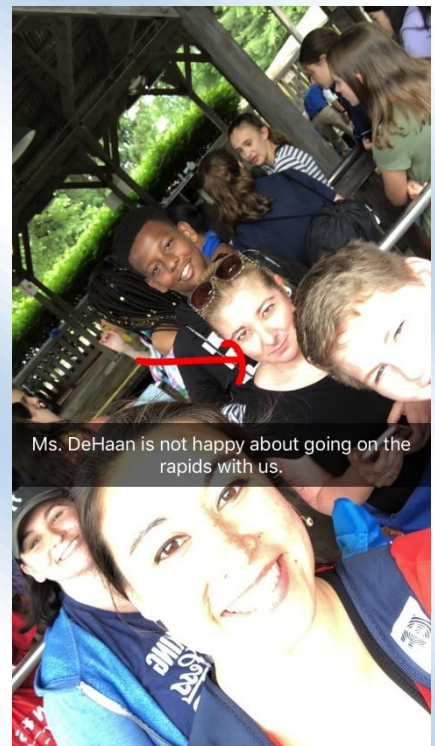


Science projects from Ms. Dooley's class.



End of Year Classes – 7-1 Students working on their last assignment for Language Arts—a memoir assignment that required them to write found poetry.

Lake Compounce!!!!!!



Ms. DeHaan is not happy about going on the rapids with us.

Team 7-2 Super Novas

Bronx Zoo Field Trip

The team recently enjoyed their trip to the Bronx Zoo. It was a beautiful day! The team would like to send a big THANK YOU to all of the parent chaperones!



Mrs. Giangrave's students playing Risk.



**Lake Compounce
2018**



Team 7-2 Continued -

In Social Studies, students have been studying the history and geography of Mesoamerica. Students have enjoyed a deep dive into the history and culture of this remarkable area. They have read about the Aztec, Mayan, and Incan people and the Spanish exploration and eventual colonization of this region. Students even discovered how the game of Risk connects to European Imperialism as they rolled dice to conquer the world! Currently students are engaged in a short project, reading stories from people during three main eras (colonization, revolution, and contemporary times), writing poetry, and creating a mural depicting the experiences of individuals. Next up, students will explore South America through the banana trade and debate the use of resources in the Amazon Rainforest.

Team 8-1

Field Trip to Newport - Team photo!!



We had a wonderful day from start to finish. We learned about the Gilded Age as we toured the spectacular mansions and got a personalized 10 mile ocean tour by expert tour guides. We had some time to shop and dine at Bowen's Wharf as well. Staff and students alike had a wonderful day!



Team 8-2



PLEASE KEEP YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS FRESH OVER SUMMER SO YOU'LL DO WONDERFULLY NEXT YEAR!!!

Even though we'll be completing our final units for the year this month, please try to keep your world language skills on track for next year, please check out these online sites for some fun practice, explanations of grammar and review activities:

go.hrw.com/gopages/wl-fr.html (For French)

www.quia.com (For French and Spanish)

www.conjuguemos.com (For French and Spanish)

www.quizlet.com (For French and Spanish)

www.studyspanish.com (For Spanish)



**Team 8-2 Field
Trip to
Newport!**
**Kids enjoying a tour of
Fort Adams and outside
after their mansion tour.**

Moran Sports

A look at some of the Sports for this Trimester!

2017-18 Girls' Softball Schedule MORAN

Monday April 09	Dodd - postponed new date TBA		
Wednesday April 25	DePaolo	Away	3:30
Friday April 27	Lincoln	Away	3:30
Tuesday May 01	Dag	Moran	3:30
Friday May 04	Washington	Moran	3:30
Wednesday May 09	DePaolo	Moran	3:30
Monday May 14	Kennedy	Away	3:30
Friday May 18	Dodd	Moran	3:30
Monday May 21	Lincoln	Moran	3:30
Wednesday May 30	Washington	Away	3:30
Friday June 01	Dag	Away	3:30

Girls Softball- Coach Piccirillo

Boys Baseball - Coach Herpock

2017-18 Boys' Baseball Schedule MORAN

Monday April 09	Dodd - postponed, new date 5/8		
Wednesday April 25	DePaolo	Away	3:30
Friday April 27	Lincoln	Away	3:30
Tuesday May 01	Dag	Moran	3:30
Friday May 04	Washington	Moran	3:30
Tuesday May 08	Dodd	Away	3:30
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Monday May 14	Kennedy	Away	3:30
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Track & Field - Coach Scursso & Coach Neary

James H. Moran Track & Field

Season Schedule 2018

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon	Apr 30	Lincoln MS (Meriden) Washington MS (Meriden)	Sheehan HS	4:00pm
Tue	May 1	McGee	Berlin HS	3:45pm
Thurs	May 10	Dodd MS	Cheshire HS	3:30pm
Mon	May 14	Woodrow Wilson	Middletown HS	3:30pm
Thurs	May 17	Dag MS (Wallingford)	Sheehan HS	4:00pm
Sat	May 26	*State Championships* -Select Athletes Only!!	Manchester HS	TBA

Both the Boys and Girls Teams finished the season undefeated with a record of 6-0!!!

Congrats to all and way to go Mustangs!

Music Department

Chorus & String Ensemble

Laurie Brandl - lbrandl@wallingfordschools.org

Band

Jedd Chlebowski - jchlebowski@wallingfordschools.org

General Music

Mimi Knibbs - mknibbs@wallingfordschools.org



Three Moran 6th graders will move on to the town-wide Spelling Bee at Dag Hammarskjold on April 24th at 6:30 PM. Please come to the Bee to cheer on the following students: 1st Place, Olivia Fritz; 2nd Place, Isabella Perno; 3rd Place/Alternate, Jeth Gomez. Congratulations Olivia, Isabella, and Jeth!!!

Rotary Club of Wallingford's Essay & Speaking Contest

- Julie Rochniak
- Emily Perez
- Brennan Legasse
- Elena Bielesz
- Lauren Stellato
- Vincent Atienza



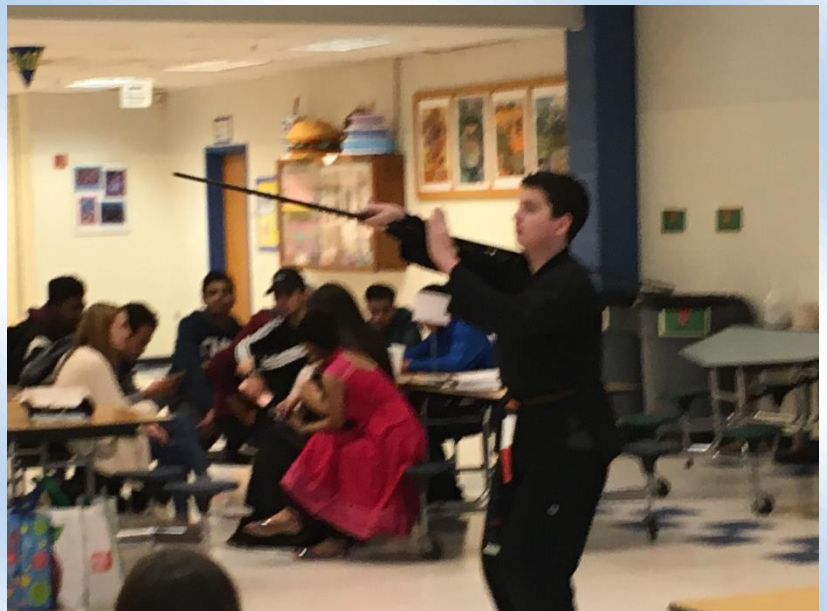
Seussical Jr.



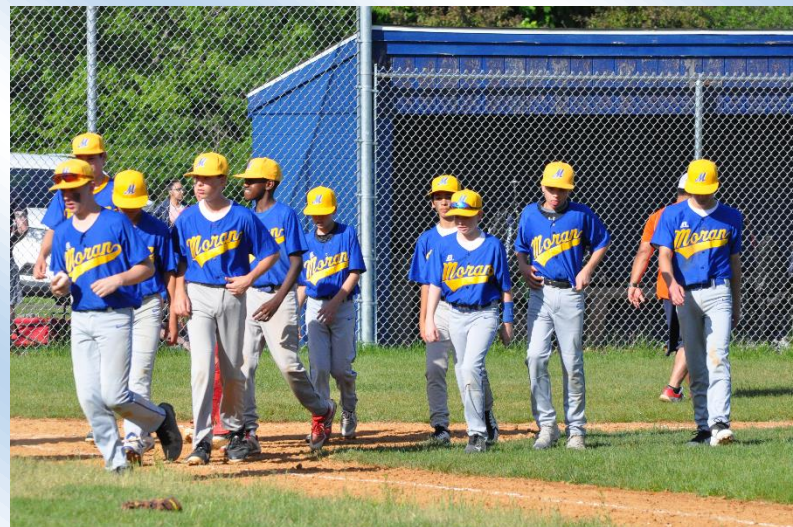
International Night hosted by Club Orgullo along with Parker Farms, Mary G. Fritz and Cook Hill Schools



Those that came to enjoy this fun activity brought a favorite dish of their heritage or something their family enjoys for all to share. We had Mariachis, Irish step dancing, Italian Flag throwing and more. Thank you to all who came and participated in this wonderful event.

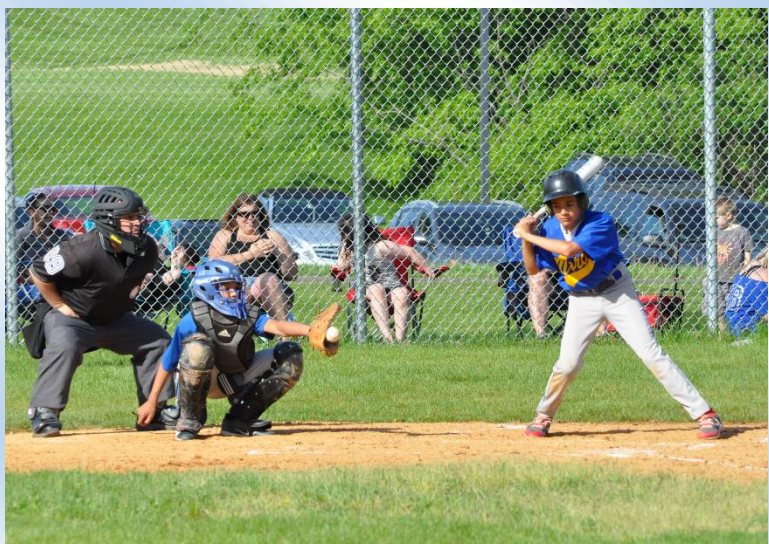
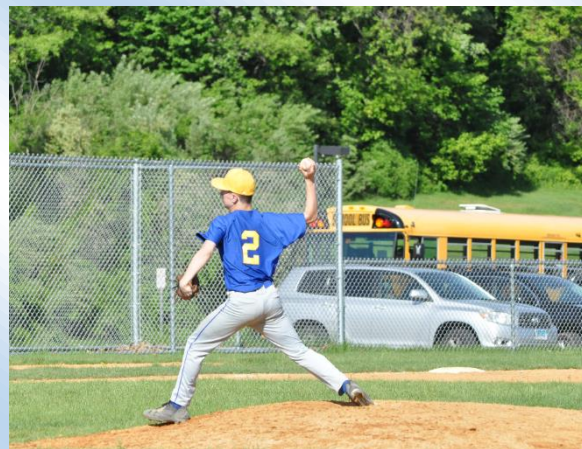


Baseball 2018



Moran vs Lincoln

Thank you to Mrs.
DeGennaro for the
Photos.



The Moran Boys' Track & Field Team won their 1st Track & Field State Championship after finishing in 2nd place 5 times in the last 10 years.

Boys finishing in the top 5 places in the State in their events:

1600m - 2nd Place - 1600m (1 mile run) Eamon Burke - 5 minutes and 3 seconds

55m Hurdles - 2nd Place - Shane Gilhuly - 55m Hurdles 0:8.91 seconds

4x800m Relay Team - 2nd Place - Eamon Burke, Evan Caines, Kieran Liu, and Shaine Salvador

4x100m Relay Team - 4th Place - Jelan Kollie, Apollo Dubuc, Shane Gilhuly, and John Gogliettino

100m - 4th Place - Ryan Villano - 0:11.91 seconds

400m - 4th Place - Luke Rutkowski - 0:56.59 seconds

200m - 4th Place - Ryan Villano - 0:24.84 seconds

The Moran Girls' Track & Field Team finishes in 2nd Place after winning the States in 2017.

Girls' Individual State Champions:

1. **Darla Jagrosse** - State Champion Shot Put Thrower - 37ft 9.75in. (*New School Record)

2. **Avery Winters** - State Champion in the 200 meters - 27.42 seconds.

Avery defended her Individual State Championship in the 200 meters from last year.

Girls finishing in the top 5 places in the State in their events:

400m - 2nd Place - Avery Winters - 1:01.83

4x100m Relay Team - 5th Place - Joy Peterkin, Erin Brennan, Jayna MacKenzie, Alicea Piscitelli

Discus - 2nd Place - Jayna MacKenzie - 71ft 6in

Long Jump - Erin Brennan - 15ft 1in (*New School Record)

FIELD DAY 2018



Looks like all are
having a great time!

