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As the Morse School continues its celebration of fifty years, an

individual who has as much of an influence on learning as any principal or teacher who ever walked the halls, retires at the end of the school day.

Mrs. Lorraine Bishop is calling June 25, 2015 her last day, as well. Mrs. Bishop is known to many students through her work in nearly every grade level, though in recent years she has been working in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. She has touched the hearts and minds of students and adults with equal simplicity.

Never known to raise her voice, display a stern persona or act impulsively, Mrs. Bishop lives the Golden Rule. She does unto others, as she would like others to do to her. She treats people the way they want to be treated.

Mrs. Bishop was a face everyone needed to see to lift them up and remind them of the unique blessings received

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### Mrs. Bishop Retires Today of an influence or teacher who

The smile that reminded us of the joy we are called to bring to each other. It brightened thousands of people and over 2,500 days.

very positive impact on this school," said her daughter, teacher Ms. Bonnie Brown. "I looked forward to seeing her everyday," she added.

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school.

Ms. Brown had the unique opportunity of working with her mother and yet her mother was the support for the teaching staff and never offered criticism or advice, she let people learn and grow in their own unique way without judgment. She was a teacher in everyway.

A woman of extreme faith and rock solid understanding of right and wrong, Mrs. Bishop faced many hardships and trials in her life. She had lost two husbands to untimely deaths early in her life with young children, and was able to raise her children to love and serve others. Her son, Matt, who is blind is a recognized

award winning teacher in NYC. Her daughter Jessie is due to (Continued on page 2)

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The names Marin Ward, Jamie Primo and Scott Mooney have been displayed on the walls of Mr. Defino's classroom for over 20 years, yet they never were noticed until this year.

While at Mt. Marion school in the 1990's, Mr. Defino had classroom records that were set and broken by these individuals. Jamie Primo, a fifth grader in 1991-92 established an unthinkable record of 38– consecutive perfect assignments, tests, and projects in math and it seemed the record was unable to be matched.

For year it stood unbroken on tho be shattered in subsequent years by Scott Mooney and Marin Ward in the years running from 1993-1995. Mooney broke the record



*RJ Paff celebrates breaking a record which stood for 2 decades.* 

with 45 in a row in spelling and Marin topped that mark with 46 in 1995.

A certificate in their honor had been displayed in the classroom to serve a s motivation for future students, but for twenty years the record holders remained in relative anonymity.

In January of 2015, fifth grader Roger (RJ) Paff accumulated 9 straight perfect spelling scores and was notified of an opportunity to break the record, though he was a long, long, long way off. "I could try to break it" he said

was happy I could try to break it," he said prior to breaking the record. On Wednesday, May 13, RJ

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have a baby around the New Year. She and her husband Eddie have fie children between them.

Known for her humor, generosity, helpfulness and great cake making, Mrs. Bishop made Morse a better place. Her energy, enthusiasm and quick pace were very difficult to match, yet she brought the very best of herself everyday.

"I'll miss her," said Ms. Brown. "but hopefully (now that she is retired), she can finish that cup of coffee each morning."

Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Movement always believed that the mouth is often the source of bad things. He felt that we should teach others about doing right and doing the work our creator has for each of us, but we should teach through our deeds and who were are. If we are doing the work for which we have been created, our deeds will be the best teacher ever.

"She keeps me grounded. She inspires me by her patience," added Ms. Brown.

Though no evaluation system could ever measure her true worth, Mrs. Bishop is a master teacher. Since the early 2000's Lorraine Bishop has given her heart and soul to all who crossed her path.

## **Congratulations Class of 2015**

#### PAFF (Continued from page 1)

turned in his spelling homework and eagerly, yet a little nervously waited for the assignment to be scored. "I knew I got it, but I was a little nervous that I made a silly mistake or forget my heading," he said. Instead, the paper was scored 100% marking the 47th consecutive time and thus, earning him the distinction of All-Time Class Record Holder!

"I am excited," he said a few weeks before breaking the record. "I have been working on it for a long time." He has had the support of his dad, mom and brother throughout the process and thyea are equally excited for him. "What an awesome goal for him to work towards. RJ is super excited about this and I have to say I am, too. He has even asked me to help him conquer this task but checking his spelling work every day to make sure it's perfect," said his mom, Michelle.

RJ employed a strategy used by Marin Ward to break Scott Mooney's streak. Marin carefully calculated the last day of school and worked backward to include 46 assignments and made sure to 100% on each one. RJ did a similar thing by alternating his spelling exemptions for earning 100 on a pretest with making a mistake on a pretest to give him the week's assignments. Realizing he was too late to get the record by just earning 100's on pretests and understanding they do not count as official grades, he would purposefully flub one word on some pretests to build his total. "I would get one word wrong on the pretest so I could do the work for the week," he explained. "It is a hard record to break because it takes a long time and you have to try hard. You can't give up. You have to do everything right," he added.

"I want to congratulate RJ for breaking this record. I am glad someone finally did this. I am surprised it lasted this long," said Marin Ward, who is now married and is a high school math teacher.

"I am very happy for RJ," said Jamie Primo D'Albenzio. "I must admit, I did not know my record was broken. This is a great thing." Jamie is a mother of three and lives in the Long Island area. She is the mother of two children.

"Please let RJ know this is a great thing and congratulate him for me," said Scott Mooney, is married with one child in North Carolina.





#### Publisher's Note:

Since 1991, students have created this newspaper. Each year the paper takes on the personality of the class that runs it. Students take great pride in this endeavor and we are proud to share our work with you.

Students perform all the tasks associated with the creation of this publication. As the publisher of the paper, I feel that its unique and indelible value lies in student ownership of the publication. This is a student paper run by students and read by students. Students are involved in all areas of decision making, content selection, writing, editing, proofreading and layout. Sometimes mistakes are made, but it is these mistakes that many valuable lessons are learned. My role as publisher is facilitator, coach and mentor.

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"I feel awesome," said RJ upon breaking the record. A huge celebration was held in his honor and his name now proudly announces his achievement on a certificate which will announce to future students his accomplishment.

His record extended to 55 – 100's before making an error. This may take another 20 years to break. It would be no surprise if RJ joins Marin, Jamie and Scott as a very successful adult with this kind attention to detail and determination.



# Math Baseball

by Asmir Ayaz

In Mr. Reynolds class and Mrs. Fanelli's they are playing math baseball it's a game of ratios and such .many didn't like baseball but now they want to play. Many students such as me are now All Stars or Hall of Famers.

The rule is you have 2 dice and you roll it say if you got the #1on 1 dice and 1 on they other that would be a home run if it was a sum of 8 or a 6 its an out.

### Moving up By Helen Karolys

We have had a long year of math, spelling and more.

But it is close to the end of the year and I'm sure that we all will miss all of our friends.

So next time you see your friends and teachers make sure you thank them for being there and for teaching you. You could give them a nice complement you will feel good because you just made there day or you can just get them a nice thank you gift.

Hopefully you will all get the teacher that you want next year. So if you want the rest of the school year to go smoothly try not to think of the fun summer that awaits you.

The Morse school dances are exciting ways to have fun and hang out with friends. Sixth graders Kaitlyn Lennon & Abby Merritt enjoy the socials like many of their fifth and sixth grade classmates.

Morse School Socials By Jenna Peters & Samantha Tubby

Both Kaitlyn and Abby are in Mrs. Kraft's class. They enjoyed the social because they like hanging out with their friends. They mostly like to dance and have a good time. Kaitlyn and Abby won't miss anything from the dances because there will be more next year. The last dance was in early May from 6pm -8pm in our cafeteria.

The two girls think that the dances are a good idea to get together with the  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  graders. They are really excited for next year because they can make new friends. They are happy and excited to have more dances. They are excited to leave Morse because they are ready to be more independent. They will mostly miss the Mustang Bowl and Pickle Bowl, but they can do sports next year.

There were around 200 people at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dance and at the last one there were around 30-50 kids there. Many were unable to attend because of sports games or practices. They served fruit punch or water and bagged snacks. There was a disco ball and flashing lights, streamers.

It was a pretty good dance and we all had fun and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders made it count because it was there last dance at Grant D. Morse.

Congratulations to all 123 students who participated in the Pickle Bowl! You did a "smashing" job!

#### FLOWERS By Helen Karolys

Spring has come and it's time for GEORGOUS flowers to be blooming!!!. There are multiple spring flowers like, roses, tulips, daffodils, Black-eyed Susan's, dandelions, and much, much more.

Personally I like roses and Ariana Catalinotto, our school's president, favorite flower is a sunflower

Heidi Mulford's favorite flower is daffodils.

Make sure we are all planting flowers and plants to make this spring beautiful.





The Grant D. Morse class of 2015 says goodbye to the Morse School. Thought ey do not realize it now, each student has been permanently imprinted by their Morse experience.

When they return in the future, they will immediately be stimulated by the sights, sounds and smells which were part of their first seven years of schooling. Though the hallways will appear to shrink and the classrooms will seem so close together, the students will surely remember experiences and moments which will forever be part of who they are.

The dandelions, the playground, the cafeteria nd the gymnasium will always be a reminder of a simpler, happy time whereby they were nurtured and cared for by a staff which has taught them to ead, count and do sums.

Thought hey may be leaving Morse, Morse will never leave them.

This simple fact proves that those who read "Just Print It" are 10% smarter than those who don't read.



**Spring Warmed to** Summer and **Hurricane Season By** Cole Carev

At the end of April weather was warming up. The warmest day was 64 degrees. April was a cold harsh month but May was warmer. The coldest day in may was on the 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning it was 43 degrees!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> something extraordinary was discovered. New evidence that climate change is altering Hurricane season. The study finds that warmer ocean temperatures caused by climate change may be fueling stronger hurricanes. Earth's temp has warmed 1.53 degrees from 1880 to 2012.

2014 was the warmest across the globe for land and sea surface temps in 134 years in records. The study from 1984 to 2012 wind speeds in tropical hurricanes have increased by 3 mph. By that time period they discovered where 6.1 fewer storms they would expect if the ocean and land temps have not increased.

For the 2015 Atlantic Storm season which began June 1st, the Weather Channel has predicted a total of nine named storms, five hurricanes and one major witch is below the 30 year average of twelve named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

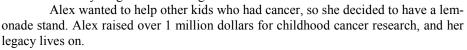
It is good to be warm, but with the warms brings storms of a different kind.

# **Alex's Lemonade**

### Stand **By Hannah Mills**

"Alex's lemonade Stand", was a huge success. Our school raised \$2,000 for childhood cancer research. This event took place on May, 19 2015.

In Mrs. Wiacek's class more people liked pink lemonade than yellow lemonade! "Alex's Lemonade Stand" was funded by a girl named Alex Scott. When Alex was younger she was diagnosed with cancer.



There is a new obsession in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and that is football cards. They are very similar to the all time favorite

Topps baseball cards.

In each basic pack, for \$1.99 you get 12 cards including a rookie card. The most wanted card currently is Odell Beckham Jr.'s rookie card. Odell is a receiver for the New York Giants who made a one handed catch, that seems to be why everyone wants him.

Marciano Neglia, a fifth grade collector, just hit the jackpot on his football cards. He got Odell and Marshawn Lynch in his packs. Marshawn Lynch is a running

cert.

The chorus also performed four songs;

Lift Every Voice and Sing, Disney on Broad-

way, Shenandoah, and

Sixth

student Justine Lenz

says she likes to sing

Disney on Broadway

the best, but she likes

grade

Count on Me.

#### **Football Fanatics** By Jared McCaig

back for the Seahawks and is a really hard card to get. Jack Quinlan

seems to have the most cards in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He has between 400-450 cards. I would say I have between 200-250 cards.

Even though some teachers have banned football cards we still find a way to somehow trade them without the teachers noticing.

You can buy them at any store you can find them. Where I buy them and where the 5<sup>th</sup> grade seems to buy them the most is Target in Kingston, NY. I think football cards are an interesting and easy thing to collect, so if you're a fan why not try it?

Right after the band concert was the chorus con-

# Spring Concert 2015

**By Molly Daggett** 

On April 21, the sixth and fifth graders had their spring concert. They had two concerts, one during the day and another one in the evening. The daytime performance is for the students, and it's really like another rehearsal for the fifth and sixth graders. But at night everybody has to try their best to play perfectly because a lot of parents and other people are there.

This year, the band members played four songs: Surfing U.S.A., Doodle Dandy, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and Over the Rainbow. Sixth grade student Olivia Staby plays the flute. She says she likes the night concert better because she prefers performing to an older audience. She was not nervous, but she was excited. Olivia says she likes playing because she likes how it sounds and she feels playing the flute is a great use of her free time. Olivia's favorite song to play was Over the Rainbow.

**Editor in Chief & Layout Editor Clinton Stutzman** 



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cause she thinks the night crowd understands the songs bet-Band and chorus are a great way for

them all. She says she likes singing because it makes her

happy. Justine also likes the night performance better be-

Mr. Tyler conducts his last concert as he

is moving to another job in the fall.

kids to try out an instrument or sing. Lots of kids say they really enjoy it. If you want to try singing or learning an instrument, join band or chorus and see if you like it.



### **S**ports Department Edited By Jaden Whittaker



### Pickle Bowl 2015

**By Oliver Menon** 

Pickle ball is a fun game for everyone boys and girls and this 2015 season is starting out to be a blast.

There are two ways people can play, Singles & Doubles. The 2014 JV boys champion for singles was Ryan Curran, Girls JV winner was Maddy Dodig, Varsity boys winner was Ty Gallager, Varsity girls winner was Julia Ouinlan.

Pickle ball has been in the Grant D. Morse school for 6 years now. Kids have loved the sport ever since it entered our school.

How To Play = there is a wiffle ball and two paddles one person holds the paddle and the other

one does to. one goes on one side of the net and the other person goes on the other side and they hit it back and forth. But they have to hit it in the opposite box there in and they can't hit the net. There are referees that help with the game, too.

The inventors were Joel Pritchard & Barney McCalhim.

"Joel & Barney in- L to R : Viola Myers watches as her teammate, Charlotte Bowers returns a serve in the JV Girls vented it, but Morse perfected it"

Mr. Defino brought the

sport into our school. Thanks to him the school has something to look forward to when the end of the school year is close by.

This 2015 season has been shocking 4<sup>th</sup> grades have been mowing down 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Defino said this year has started out to be "Thrilling"

### **Ice Skating** and Softball Life

#### **By Nicole Moorhus** and Emma Hallion

Emma and I both do ice skating. We both go to Kiwanis ice rink every Monday and Wednesday and this summer we will be going to be attending figure skating camp. I have been skating for almost five years and have gotten nineteen badges over the years. I have also gotten five medals and been traveling all over the country. Emma has been skating for three years and had gotten twelve badges. Emma has also achieved six medals over the past three years. We have been to the same competitions twice and have competed against each other twice. We have also

Doubles semi-finals.

been to different competitions and have done improve, basic skills, and solos. I have done three solos to the music of Roar, Marshmallow world, and Cirque de sole. Emma has done two solos to the music of Jail House Rock, and Set Fire to Rain. This is our ice skating life!!

Emma and I also do softball. Emma is in the majors, She is on the Lions. I am a windmill pitcher in the minors on the Foxes. My team is undefeated after eight games! We are the top team. Emma is on a travel team

### **The Subway Series**

**By Liam Curtis** 

Major League Baseball (MLB) is one thing, but the Subway Series is something that a true baseball fan will never forget.

I'm a Mets fan and year after year since I was 4, I've never missed a beat on the Subway Series. I could even recite the 2000 "Subway Series" world



series when the Mets battled the Yankees. The "Subway Series" started

in 1887 when the New York Yankees battled the New

York Giants of Manhattan. Back in the day, the series "The was nicknamed

Trolley Series". Until 1963; a year after the Mets became an expansion team when the Giants moved to San Francisco. 2



years later the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. Then the Mets played the Yankees in the "Subway Series".

Legends like Derek Jeter, David Wright, and Dwight (Doc) Gooden played in the legendary "Subway Series."

### New York Yankees Opening Day **By Michael Tucker**

As you know the Yankees started April 6 2015. They played the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee stadium. Opening day was Alex Rodriguez's first day back. When he walked out on the field fans roared with excitement. All he could do was smile.

Let's talk about players. The Yankees have young and older players. Some older players are Mark Teixeira, Brett Gardener and Jacoby Ellsbury. If you didn't know last year was Derek Jeter's last season in the MLB. Masahiro Tanaka the Yankees pitcher only pitched four innings. Even though the Yankees lost 6-1, Brett Gardener hit his first home-

> called the Cruisers. My dad and I might be starting a travel team next year. Emma has made three doubles, four triples, and one homerun. I have made four doubles, 3 triples and 2 home runs, but they weren't over the fence. Each time Emma gets to home plate she must slide. She has never gotten to home plate without sliding. This is our softball life!!



### **So Many Flavors** What Jellybean Are You?

By Peyton Rose and Morgan Bennett

*HOW TO PLAY:* There will be letters at the end of each question. The answers are at the bottom of the page. You'll need to count up all the letters that you chose and see what letter you got the most of. That's what jellybean you are!

- 1. How are you when a math test starts on Friday?
- A) Frustrated...Why a quiz, its Friday!
- B) Calm...Another test, that's OK, I'll get through it!
- C) Confident...I can do this, I know that I can pass!
- D) Exited...Yay! I can't wait to get another A+!
- 2. How do you act on the last day of school?
- A) Happy...Finally! This year couldn't have gone any slower!
- B) Neutral...Another year comes and goes.
- C) Mixed Feelings...I'm glad that school is out, but I can't wait until next year.
- D) Sad...Really? It feels like yesterday was the first day!
- 3. What color do you like the most? 4. What's your favorite subject?
  - A) Black

- A) Music or Art B) ELA or S.S.
- B) WhiteC) Pink
- C) Science or P.E.

D) Math or Library

- D) Yellow
- What group of words describe you most?
- A) Sad, Upset
- B) Normal, Happy
- C) Strong, Proud
- D) Smart, Intelligent

#### Answer key:

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**Mostly** A's: You are the black licorice jelly bean. You are fun and friendly, but sometimes life can get you down. You may be quick to temper, but it all blows over sooner or later. If people get you down, like bullies, you let it roll off your back, or you stand up for yourself. As a black licorice jellybean, you are strong and tough. Congratulations, you are a black licorice jellybean.

**Mostly B's:** You are the coconut jellybean. You are a normal citizen, for the most part. As a coconut jellybean, you are calm, happy and relaxed most of the time. You may be seen as the peacemaker, of your friend group, but that is not saying that you can; 't make mistakes or become angry sometimes. Because we all do, we are human. Congratulations, you are a coconut jellybean.

**Mostly C's:** You are the bubblegum jelly bean. You are helpful and happy. You are confident in yourself and try to fix mistakes when you make them. Any friends of yours are lucky to have you because you are awesome in everyway. As a bubblegum jellybean, you are fun, creative, and proud. You own this life of yours, so live it well. Congratulations, you are a bubblegum jellybean.

**Mostly D's:** You are the lemon jellybean. To start things off, you an amazing individual. Lemon jellybeans are as smart as they come. As a lemon jellybean, you are most likely on top grade. If there is one person to get only A's and B's on their report card, it's you! Maybe you are a teacher's pet, but that's okay. But it's not only okay, its amazing. Congratulations, you are a lemon jellybean.

Entertainment Department Edited by Caleb Judware







The class of 2015 will certainly make their mark on the world over the next 15-20 years.

There is no doubt the experience at Morse will have an influence on them, whether it was in Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA or any of the special subject areas such as Physical Education, Music or Art. We have seen Morse student influence thousands even millions of people n a regular basis.

Will there be a pair of students from this class who will have their own cable TV show? How about a student who will go on to build colleges, hospitals and skyscrapers? Is there someone from this class who will write comedy skits for the most famous talk show host on the planet? Perhaps we will have a doctor from this class who is working to rid the world of a devastating disease? Which student will get drafted into the Major Leagues or become a famous coach? Who will be the teacher who will carry this school through its next fifty years?

The future is yours, but your past has been shaped by your time at this wonderful school you will affectionately refer to as "The Blue Mountain School."

This simple fact proves that those who read "Just Print It" are 10% smarter than those who don't read.

### Summer By Hannah Mills and Helen Karolys

Summer is nice and hot when served with cold ice cream. And swimming with the fishes also makes me scream. When you go outside you just might want to go back in and turn on your A/C with me.

I want to go on my slippy slid instead of going in to hide. I want to go visit Santa Claus, a very cold place as you can see it will just be you and me.

Since we can't do that how about we go to the beach instead?



# End of the School Year

By Natalie Vail

During the end of the school year everyone's hyper.

It gets to loud in the cafeteria, no one can stand it! People start to not listen in class and everyone is ready for the school year to end.

It's time to go home and everyone's happy. But then they realize they have school the next day. They groan and grunt.

They read and read so they can succeed. Reading big books and small books to get AR points. Once they reach the goal they think they can stop, but NO!! Don't stop reading till you drop.

The joy of school is getting to be with your friends, reading, learning and best of all FIELD TRIPS!! It's a field trip day and you're ready for school! Then the next day your "too tired and sick" so you can't go to school. It's the last day of school and you're filled with joy, knowing that summer is coming your way!!



By Asmir Ayaz, RJ Paff and Tyler Hommel

Music can play with your emotions. It can do many things.

The fourth and fifth grade participated in a survey on their favorite types of music. Most favorite was pop music. The second most poular choice was country music followed by Elvis, Rap, and last was ballet.

Pop took the lead because of new hots like "Uptown Funk", "Animals", "Sugar", and "Gotta Be Me."

### **Family Traditions**

By Maddy Dodig

I don't know about your family but my family has traditions. From my Mom's side we always have a softball game.

We don't do much from my Dad's side but sometimes we do. Here at Morse every year my family and I play a softball game, Yankees against the Mets. I'm always on the Yankees of course. We have hot dogs and hamburgers and all the cousins come up from where ever they live.

My cousins Sara, Sean, Sherry and Donald stay with my family at my house. We see them every Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Last year there was a car accident after Labor Day at my cousin Christie's house. I was on the trampoline with Sara and my friend Jada when we heard a big BOOM! I thought maybe someone shot a deer or something but then I heard fire trucks and told Sara to stay on the trampoline with Jada until I got back.

Luckily for us Randy Ricks, a firefighter, was there. The worst injury was a concussion. Usually the grownups stay for the second game and the kids go swimming at my Aunt Lorraine's (Mrs. Comito). That usually ends the weekend and everyone is sad when cousins from New Jersey and other places leave.

If you have a family tradition share it in Just Print it.



### Composition Editor & Promotions Editor Iaden Whittaker



### June Jubilation: Pickle Bowl 2015

From May 28 until June 24, over 120 Morse students participated in its annual Pickle Bowl tournament.

Students in grades 1-6 competed in both singles and doubles in separate divisions based upon grade levels. The JV division focused on first to third graders while the Varsity division featured students in grades four to six.

From the outset the matches were extremely well-played however leaving a steady stream of eliminated competitors in sadness and disappointment. The single-elimination tournament elevated the play from the very first match until its' culmination on Championship Wednesday, June 24.

Though all who participated are considered to be the big winners, those who survived the grueling matches to remain undefeated, and thus become champions, were able to join an elite few who have experienced Pickle Bowl Glory.

- JV Girl's Singles Champion: Natalie Tucker, runner-up: Mya Hendricksen.
- JV Boy's Singles Champion: Randall Richers, runner-up: Andrew Mulford
- JV Girl's Doubles Champion: Natalie Tucker/Mya Hendricksen, runner's up: Mia Denier, Emma Stafford.
- JV Boy's Doubles Champion: Randall Richers/Jason Martin, runners up: Eli Bowers/Jack Farrell
- Girls' Varsity Doubles Champions: Christie Collins/Maddy Dodig, runners' up: Molly Daggett/Lara Roe
- Boys' Varsity Doubles Champions: Dan MacIsaac/Tristan Mawyin, runners up: Alex Mooers/DevinWatt
- Girl's Varsity Singles Champion: Ginger Defino. Runner-up: Emma Hallion
- Boy's Varsity Singles Champion: Dan MacIsaac, runner-up: Alex Mooers

Congratulations to all participants!

# **Morse Rocks Saugerties Community**

Just Print It, with the help of a dedicated set of volunteers gave the Saugerties community a taste of the power of a shared dream. The Morse Rocks Music and Arts Festival, previously hosted on



the Morse School grounds moved to a new venue, The Smokin' Pony on Kings Highway in Saugerties to accommo-

date the di-

verse needs

Former Morse student, Abby Hart, shares her incredible talent with the audience.

of the festival goers. After a two-year absence due to

lack of a suitable location for the event. the figurative volume was cranked up to make the festival memorable. The new venue, the infrastructure, the vol-

unteers and the sound amped up to provide a professional rock festival experience for peralike.



The two-day festival featured the best local artists with national acts, as well as up-and-coming talent. The concept was intended to celebrate the artist and the arts, while giving a "Rock Star" experience for all who contributed., while stunning the guests with an experience for which they could not be conjured by such a small group.

The byproduct is to recognize a need or a permanent structure on the Morse grounds to showcase local and national talent, while providing a venue for school plays, assemblies and concerts. This performance arts amphitheater project is to be developed in the coming months in hopes of raising \$100,000 to build and outfit. It would be named in honor of Mr. Dennis Jones who spent 36 years teaching young people how to play music.

> The Morse Rocks festival was held on Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20 and featured 24 musical acts, numerous high school and elementary

Abby Hart, Miles O'Brien, Keith Sherburne, Cailtyn Staby, Phoebe and Paddy Defino, Katie Hoffstatter and Matt Bover were among the Morse graduates who demonstrated their musical talents.

Joining them were local professionals and national acts such as "Innocent", The Carl Mateo Band, Waylon Speed, Paul Green's Rock Academy, the Bow Thaver Band and the Dave Kolker Band.

Just another fine example of how Just Print It helps Morse to rock!

### Fifth Grade Travels to Bronx Zoo **By Ginger Defino**

The 2015 fifth grade class took a field trip to the



The Morse fifth grade class enjoyed their experience at the Bronx Zoo.

Read-a-Thon a few months earlier.

Bronx Zoo on June 15th. There were two coach buses that transported the students and teachers to the zoo.

The Total Experience Tickets allowed the kids to go to the Butterfly Garden, Congo Gorilla Forest, 4-D Theater and more.

To earn the money to afford the tickets and buses, the fifth grade ran a

The Butterfly Garden had many butterflies and flowers and many kids enjoyed the beautiful sight. Across

the garden was a Bug Carousel with all sorts of bugs to ride, such as a praying mantis, dung beetle and a lady bug.

Three baby goril-

las were born at the zoo right before the trip so everyone got to see them in the Congo Gorilla Forest.

The 4-D Theater played the movie Rio. During some scenes the air smelled tropical and wind would blow in your face. Other times during the movie the viewers were sprayed with water or their chairs would rumble and



The gorillas were a favorite of many of the students. The baby gorillas were especially popular.

shake. There were many laughs in the audience.

Near the end of the trip most kids went to the gift shop and bought souvenirs so they would always remember their Bronx Zoo Trip.

> Everyone who went on the trip was able to come home. There was some ques-

> tion as to whether some students would be taken into captivity and net placed in their own exhibit.

