



2025-2026
Annual Gratitude Report



INTEGRITY



EXCELLENCE



STRENGTH

ABOUT US



Mission Statement

The Morrison School equips and empowers students who learn differently to achieve up to their maximum potential by instilling in them the academic proficiency, personal values, self-confidence, motivation, and social competence necessary for personal happiness, job success, and good citizenship.

The Morrison Difference

Morrison School provides a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment to students in grades PK-12. Whether your child is struggling in an academic area or is well above grade level, our personalized approach to learning can address both. Our program is deliberate, structured, multisensory, and personalized. We utilize evidence-based approaches and best practices that involve specific learning strategies proven to support students who learn differently. Students are taught reading and math in small groups that are centered around each child's skill development. An Individual Instruction Plan (IIP) is designed for each student that outlines the academic, social, and behavioral goals according to each student's unique strengths and challenges. With small class sizes and personalized instruction, teachers are able to understand, care about, and encourage each student to achieve their maximum potential. Because of this differentiated approach, students progress at their own pace, moving on as they achieve mastery and developing increased independence and responsibility as they go.

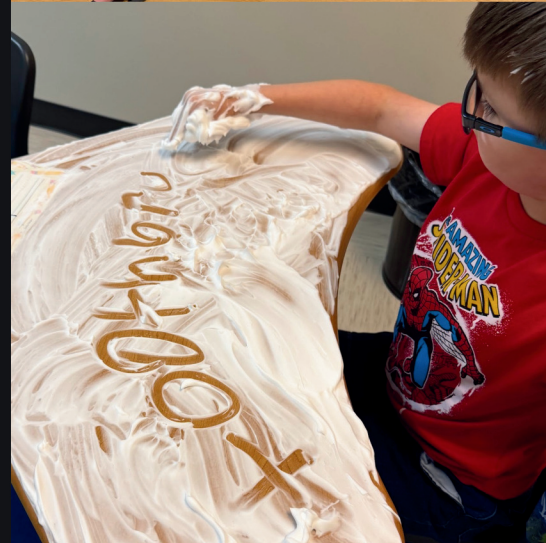
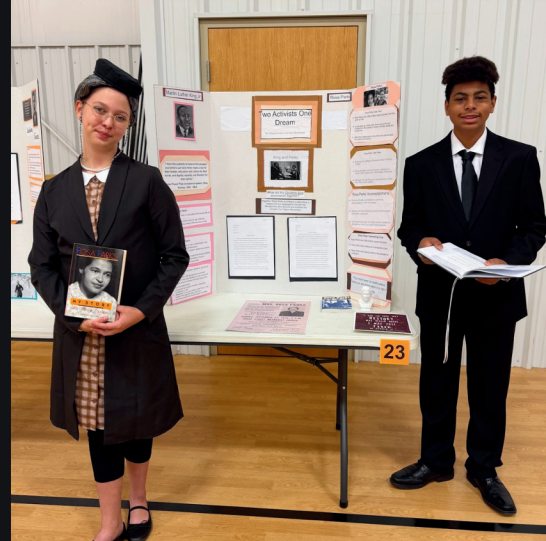
Our Goal

The long-term goal of the school is to provide each student with lifelong learning strategies necessary to achieve, without accommodation, his or her maximum potential personally, socially, and in the workplace.

Values

Morrison School fosters academic excellence while promoting integrity, responsibility, independence, commitment to a free and democratic society, a generous and a compassionate spirit toward others, and the sense of an inner light which reflects the presence of a higher being of infinite goodness.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MORRISON SCHOOL

2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

- Nancy Cook - Chairman
- Valerie Stanton - Vice Chairman
- Freddy Sullivan - Treasurer
- Vonda Kent - Secretary
- Joan Gregory - Director
- Barbara King Overbay - Director
- Mark Overbay - Director
- Whitney Pennington - Director
- Jonathan Leonard - Director
- Randy Alvis - Director
- Steve Willinger - Director
- Jason Mumpower - Director
- Jami Verderosa - Ex Officio

Dear Morrison Supporters,

We are grateful to our donors for making progress at Morrison School possible.

Faithful donors, families of students, teachers, teaching aides, and staff make Morrison School a thriving place for the development of the whole child. Donors provide the means for Morrison School to continue to serve many students who would not otherwise be able to attend Morrison. Grantmakers provide needed enhancements that are important to support our programs. Teachers, aides, and staff work in harmony to provide an exceptional academic and social experience for students who need the unique education that we provide.

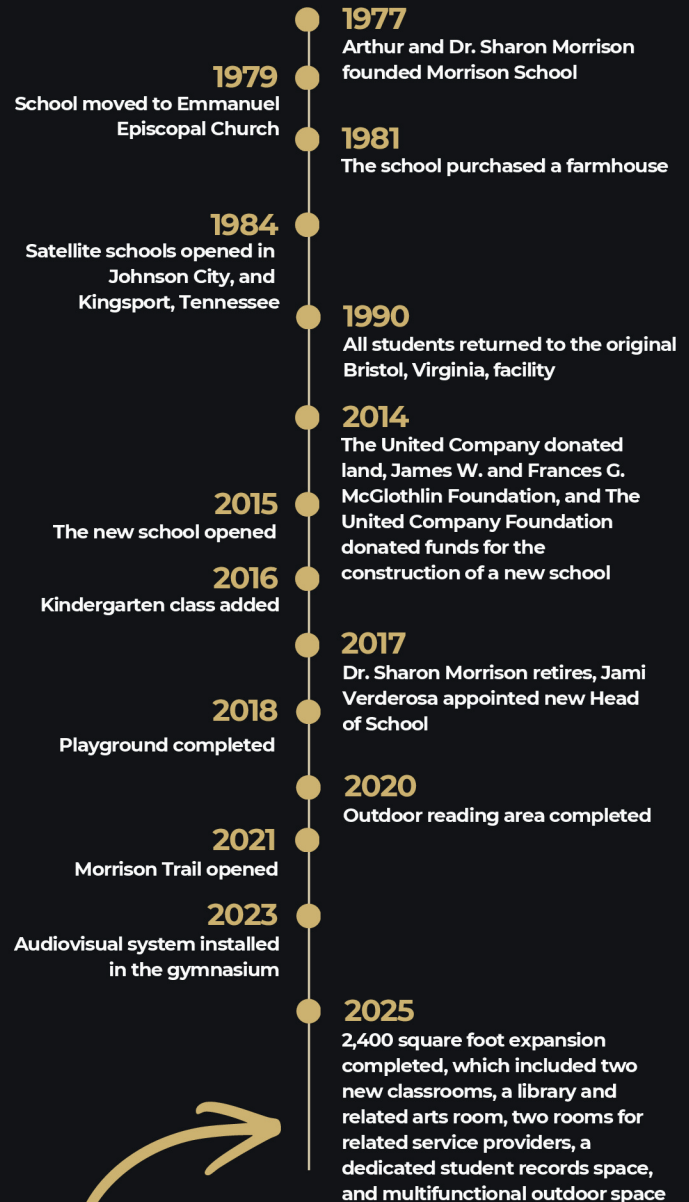
I am impressed with the creative, thoughtful, and generous gifts of the Parent Teacher Organization in enriching the Morrison School experience for our students.

Your generous gifts to last year's Capital Campaign made it possible to fund key projects that fulfilled the site's potential. With the ribbon cutting in September 2025, students and teachers enjoyed a new library, classrooms, and an outdoor learning space. Our expanded facility supports our education of the whole child and fulfills the potential of our site.

We look forward to a prosperous year, welcoming a new Head of School and Program Director.

Nancy J. Cook

Nancy Cook
Board of Directors Chair

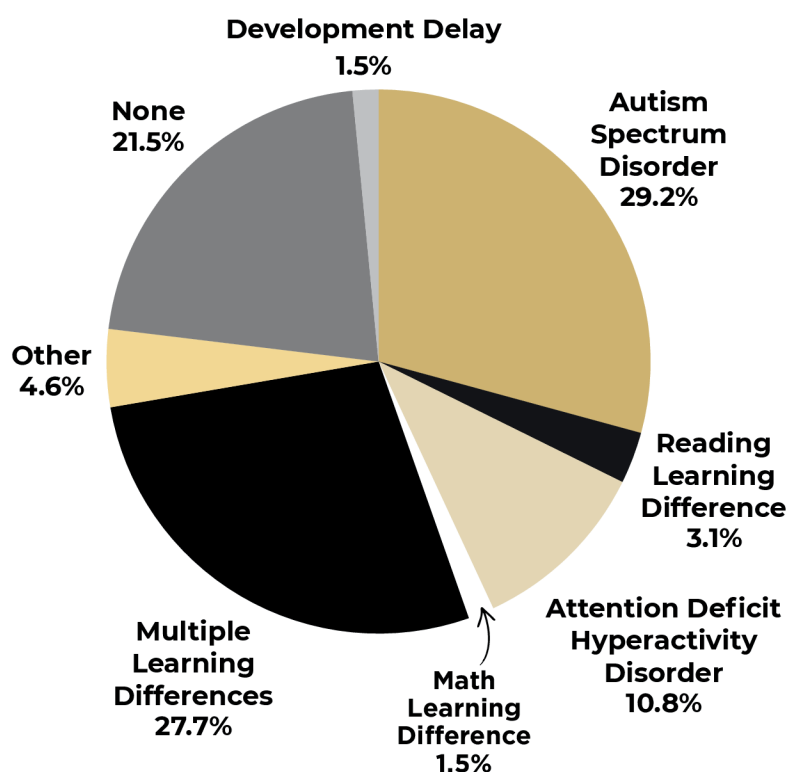


FAST FACTS

Accreditation & Licensure

Morrison School is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities and the Virginia Council for Private Education. Morrison School is licensed by the Virginia Department of Education.

LEARNING DIFFERENCES



ENROLLMENT

65

Students in Grades PK-12

Students live across
8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
throughout SWVA &
Northeast TN

4

GRADUATES

6:1

Student-Teacher Ratio

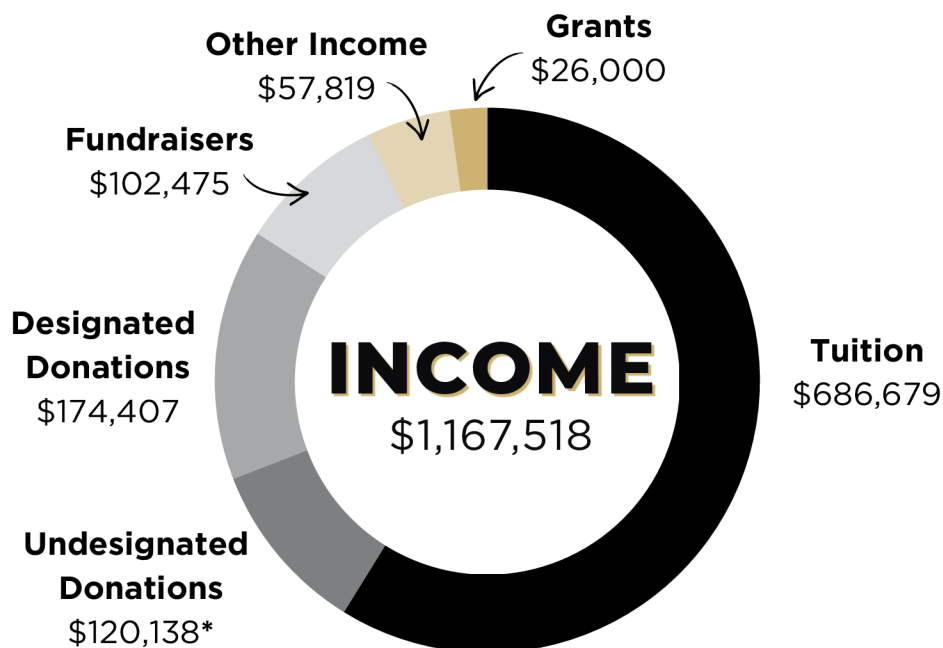
53%

of students received
tuition grants
totaling more than

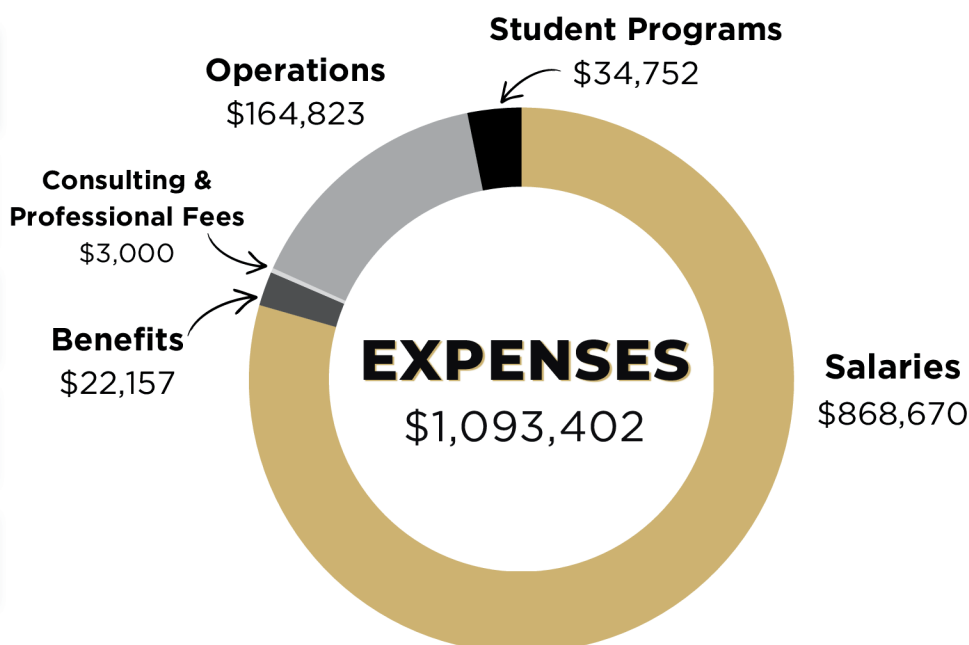
\$200,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Your generosity to the Morrison School in 2025-2026 made an immeasurable impact on every aspect of the school.



*A portion of undesignated donations was included in the 2024-2025 Annual Report in memory of Jim McGlothlin.





3rd Annual Moving MOUNTAINS with Morrison

On May 30, 2026, Morrison School hosted its 3rd Annual Moving Mountains with Morrison fundraising event at The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol. Together, our community raised nearly \$50,000 in support of Educational Technology Initiatives at Morrison, including a \$10,000 check from Hard Rock and their Team Members. Guests enjoyed a beautiful evening by the pool, complete with music performed by Wolf Hills Jazz, delicious food, a silent auction, and a mystery box activity. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers whose support made this event such a memorable success!

Summit Sponsors

\$5,000+

Anonymous Donor
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SJ Strategic Investments
James W. & Frances G. McGlothlin Foundation

Peak Sponsors

\$2,500

Food City Charitable Foundation
Watauga Orthopaedics

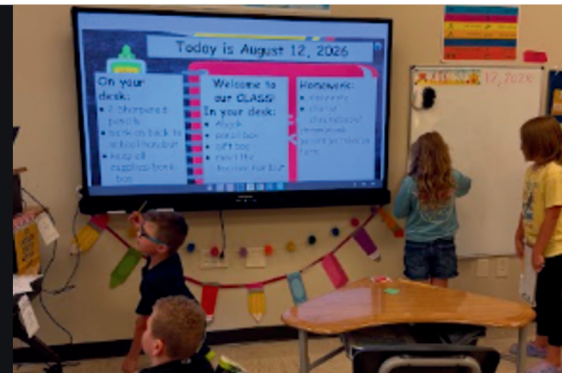
Ridgeline Sponsors

\$1,000

Highland Real Estate | Seaglass c/o Steve & Sherry Willinger
Martin & Vonda Kent
Pennington Law Firm

Impact

- ✦ Six (6) Promethean Smart Boards
- ✦ Fifteen (15) Chromebooks
- ✦ Three (3) Teacher Laptops



Save the Date for next year!



Sunday, May 23, 2027

The Olde Farm

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

6th Annual Golf Tournament

On April 24, 2026, Morrison School hosted its 6th Annual Golf Tournament at The Club of Bristol, welcoming 22 teams and more than 80 golfers for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Together, our community raised nearly \$20,000 in support of our exceptional students. Participants enjoyed a beautiful spring day on the course, complete with lunch provided by Chick-fil-A, dinner from Texas Roadhouse, and generous in-kind gifts—including swag bags for every golfer. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers whose support made this tournament such a memorable success!

Morrison Sponsor

\$5,000

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol

Gold Sponsors

\$2,500

First Bank & Trust

Foody City Charitable Foundation

UPM Pharmaceuticals

Black Sponsors

\$1,000

Ballad Health

BurWil Construction Company

Highlands Real Estate | Seaglass

Johnson Controls

New Peoples Bank

Powell Valley National Bank

Price & Ramey

Food & Beverage Sponsors

\$750

The Addington Agency

South Holston Dental Designs

United Rentals

Maverick Sponsor

\$500

Universal Fibers

Team Entries

\$400

Bobby Blevins

Jason Lawson

John Verderosa

Kingsport Imaging

Mike Grindstaff

United Rentals

Universal Companies

Hole-In-One Sponsors

DePaul Community Resources

HBC CPA's

Sturgill Orthodontics

Tee Sponsors

\$100

Bank of Marion

DePaul Community Resources

Kingsport Imaging

KS Promotions

Renesant Bank

United Way of Bristol

Save the Date

Friday. April 23, 2027

The Club of Bristol



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Morrison School is grateful for the generous donors who share their time, talents, and resources to support our school each year. Supporters contribute in many ways, including the annual fund, golf tournament, Moving Mountains with Morrison, the Power of Giving, and more. These thoughtful financial and in-kind gifts make it possible for us to host experiences that enrich our community and bring people together. This past year was no exception—thanks to the kindness of so many individuals and businesses, our events were a true success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following donors whose support helped make this year extraordinary.

Morrison Sustainers

\$5,000+

- Food City Charitable Foundation
- G&B Energy
- Globe Life for United American Insurance Co
- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol
- Anonymous
- John & Ann Tickle
- John & Joan Gregory
- John & Karen Vann
- Joseph Zujkowski
- Joyce Shaffer
- Kevin & Kim Nicewonder
- Matt Wilmoth CAS Legacy Inc
- Mooneyhan Foundation Inc
- Nancy & Randall Cook
- Anonymous
- SJ Strategic Investments
- Speedway Children's Charities
- The McGlothlin Foundation
- The United Company Foundation
- United Way
- William & Barbara Weldon

Director's Level

\$1,000 - \$2,499

- Ballard Health
- Barbara Bjerke
- BurWil Construction Company
- Chris & Lisa White
- Claire Davis
- Donald & Gina Shawl
- Highlands Real Estate | Seaglass
- J. Macione
- John Matney
- Johnson Controls
- Leslie & Peter Clements
- Michael & Summer Price
- New Peoples Bank
- Pennington Law Firm
- Powell Valley National Bank
- Price & Ramey, Inc
- Steve & Sherry Willinger
- Steven & Carrie Layfield
- Bojangles Foundation
- Joe W. Frankie Mae Street Foundation
- United Rentals

Friend's Level

Up to \$249

- Andrea Stevenson
- Andrew Davenport
- April Moore-Jones
- AstraZeneca BioPharmaceuticals
- Brittany Walton
- Caroline Blevins
- Dean & Karen Tillison
- DePaul Community Resources
- Derrick Hawkins
- Freddy Sullivan
- Gerry & Dianne Schwarz
- Godsey Land Development
- HBC CPA's
- James & Denise Boling
- Jason & Alicia Mumpower
- Jason Lawson
- Jeffrey McQueary
- Jim & Karen Vann
- Jim Smith
- John & Jane Bartleson
- John & Marsha Grindstaff
- John & Jami Verderosa
- KS Promotional Products
- Michael Pollard
- Nola & Jeremy Woods
- Patrick & Mercedes Burke
- Paula Countiss
- PhotGenius
- Ramesh & Jessica Murthy
- Randy & Cindy Alvis
- Randy Kennedy
- Ray Massengil
- Renasant Bank
- Rob Stanton
- Seth & Renae Garrett
- Sid & Joyce Oakley
- Southside Freewill Baptist Church
- Strugill & Associates
- Suzanne Gordon
- Bank of Marion
- The Virginian LGA
- Thomas & Elaine Griffin
- Tom & Glenda Dorety
- Valerie Stanton

Chairman's Level

\$2,500 - \$4,999

- Brett & Wendy Hoge
- Comfort Systems USA
- Connie Thomas
- First Bank & Trust
- Mark & Barbara Overbay
- Martin & Vonda Kent
- Russell & Kim Leonard
- Watauga Orthopaedics
- Olin & Muriel Prather Charitable Foundation

Maverick's Level

\$500 - \$999

- Albert & Alida Kleban
- Blake & Laura Bassett
- Bobby Leonard Quad L Partnership
- South Holston Dental Designs
- Charles & Peggy Carter
- Dena Verkuil
- Donna Hall
- Doug Lester
- James Fortune
- Kingsport Imaging
- Michael & Dana Grindstaff
- Nancy Baker DeFriece
- Teresa Ring & Ed Hale
- The Addington Agency
- Universal Company
- Universal Fibers
- William & Angela Shumaker

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Morrison School is incredibly grateful for the businesses and organizations that generously support us through in-kind donations throughout the year. Whether it's a gift card, promotional item, unique experience, or other contribution, each donation helps make it possible for us to create meaningful experiences that enrich our school community and bring people together. The generosity of our business partners plays an especially important role in the success of events like our Annual Golf Tournament and Moving Mountains. We are truly thankful for those who invest in Morrison School and help us continue creating opportunities for our students, families, and community to connect and celebrate together.

- Appalachian Teas & Botanicals
- Aubrey's Restaurant
- Birthplace of Country Music
- Blackbird Bakery
- Blended Pedaler
- Blue Ridge Beverage Company
- Blue-Emu
- Bristol Motor Speedway
- Brown & Brown
- BurWil Construction Company
- Chick-Fil-A (Bristol, VA)
- Delta Blues
- Dragonfly Book Bar
- First Bank & Trust
- Fleenor Farms
- Glenrochie Country Club
- Golf Unlimited
- Goodman Jewelers
- Gopher Hole
- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol
- Kingsport Imaging
- Kingsway Pharmaceuticals
- Mobster Auto Detail
- Pins & Friends
- Rachel Wells Photography
- Renasant Bank
- Sam's Club
- Southside Dental
- The Bristol Hotel
- The Nest
- The Nested Garden
- The Virginian
- The Virginian Group
- Theatre Bristol
- Turtleson
- United Way of Bristol



GRANT FUNDING



We are deeply grateful to The United Company Foundation for their generous support of student scholarships during the 2025–2026 school year, helping make a Morrison School education more accessible to students and families in our community.



Thanks to grant funding from the United Way of Bristol, Morrison School was able to make our Summer Learning Program accessible to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.



We are grateful to Speedway Children's Charities for their generous support of student activities during the 2025–2026 school year, helping provide meaningful opportunities and experiences that enrich our students' lives beyond the classroom.



During the 2025-2026 school year, The Mooneyhan Family Foundation generously provided funding for our Art, Music, and Team Building programs, helping us continue our commitment to related arts.



The Bojangles Foundation provided valuable support for educational materials during the 2025–2026 school year, helping ensure our students and teachers had the resources needed to support learning and growth.



PTO



2025 - 2026

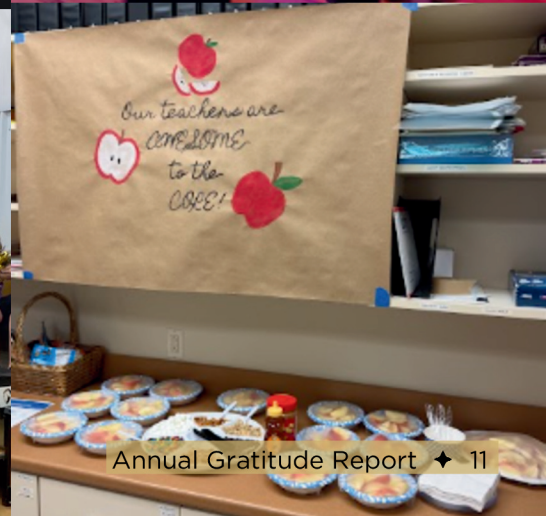
PTO Officers

- Mercedes Burke - President
- Amanda Artrip - Vice President
- Mandy Wakem - Treasurer
- Brittany Derting - Secretary

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) enriches school life through family events, fundraisers, and service opportunities. Signature events such as the Fall Festival, Family Skate Night, and the Power of Giving bring families together while fostering a spirit of generosity. During the Power of Giving, students engaged in meaningful service projects, including a canned food drive, animal shelter donation collection and delivery, and more.

Beyond events, the PTO continuously supports our students and faculty in countless ways. They provide snacks for SOL testing, special lunches for Students of the Week, and coordinate our hot lunch program. They bring joy and warmth to our school by decorating the lobby each season, hosting monthly faculty lunches, recognizing faculty birthdays with gifts, and celebrating our faculty during Teacher Appreciation Week.

To our PTO, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your hard work, generosity, and dedication strengthen Morrison School and enrich the lives of every student and teacher. We are incredibly grateful for all you do to make our school community a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.



Ways to Give

By making a gift to Morrison School, you are investing in our mission of serving students with learning differences. Your support provides students with access to state-of-the-art facilities, engaged teachers, and the innovative educational opportunities only Morrison provides. Our dedicated donors are vital to our mission of equipping students who learn differently to achieve up to their maximum potential. In addition to cash donations or pledge commitments, there are several ways you can support our work.

✦ **Qualified Charitable Donation**

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a contribution to a qualified nonprofit organization, such as The Morrison School, made directly from an IRA (Individual Retirement Account). A QCD can help you reach your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without having to pay income taxes on your donation.

✦ **Planned Giving**

Charitable donations can be an important part of your estate planning. Bequests, gift annuities, and charitable trusts are ways in which you can provide valuable financial support to The Morrison School.

✦ **Tax Credits**

Morrison School accepts corporate and individual gifts through the Virginia Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Donors can receive a tax credit up to 65% of the value of the donation. This donation directly benefits our students by providing grants to those who qualify.

✦ **Stocks, Bonds, or Mutual Funds**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to start giving:



www.morrisonsschool.org/giving



7th Annual Golf Tournament

*Friday, April 23, 2027
The Club of Bristol*

Awards & Graduation

Friday, May 21, 2027

50th Anniversary Open House

Friday, May 21, 2027

4th Annual Moving Mountains with Morrison: 50th Anniversary

*Sunday, May 23, 2027
The Olde Farm*

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