



August 20, 2018

Dear MJHS Parents,

We are excited for another Help-a-thon at MJHS. It is our hope that this Help-a-thon will not just raise funds for MJHS but more importantly give students an opportunity to serve in the community and grow as individuals.

Our Help-a-thon is similar to a walk-a-thon, but instead of students collecting pledges to walk, students will seek donors to sponsor their involvement in a service project within our community. We have organized a number of volunteer opportunities that will be completed on October 2nd during our Help-a-thon Community Day. In addition to the service projects on October 2nd, students who collect at least \$200 in pledges will participate in a fieldtrip on October 23rd, which will include an additional service opportunity.

Another component of our Help-a-thon is raising money for charitable organizations (this will reduce the number of times throughout the year when we ask families to donate to charitable causes). Ten percent of the money raised by the Help-a-thon will be donated to organizations including: Children's Hospital, American Heart Association, and the Morton Helping Hands fund, a component fund of the Morton Community Foundation.

We encourage all students to collect pledges, since they will all participate in the Help-a-thon Community Day and receive a t-shirt. The money that is raised by this event will be used to offset fieldtrip costs for families and help purchase athletic, music, and academic items for the school.

Important dates:

- August 21 – Help-a-thon Kickoff (students will receive packet and can begin collecting pledges)
- September 7 – Fundraiser concludes (pledge envelopes turned into homeroom teacher)
- October 2 – Help-a-thon Community Day
- October 23 – Fieldtrip/service project for students who collect at least \$200

Guidelines:

- Each sponsor making a pledge should write their information on the pledge form/envelope
- Pledges collected by September 7
- Make checks payable to MJHS PTO
- All donations are tax-deductible

On behalf of the students and staff at Morton Junior High School, we want to sincerely thank you for your support of our school and Help-a-thon.

Sincerely,

MJHS PTO (Red and White Club)

MJHS Help-a-thon -- Pledge Form

Due September 7th



Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Dear Donor, I am participating in the Morton Junior High School Help-a-thon. I, along with my teachers and classmates, will complete service projects in my community to raise money for academic, athletic, and music resources at MJHS. If you are interested in sponsoring my service project, please fill out your information on this pledge form. You can make checks payable to MJHS PTO, and all donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your support!

Name of Donor	Telephone Number	Method of Payment (check, cash)	Pledge Amount
Total (please have all donations collected and turned in by September 7)			

Did you secure at least \$200 in pledges? YES / NO

If yes, list your top 3 choices for the extra fieldtrip and service project on October 23. (All students will participate in the service projects on October 2).

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the service projects connected with the MJHS Help-a-thon.

Parent Signature: _____ Student t-shirt size: _____

MJHS PTO Help-a-thon



Sponsor students to make a difference in our community. Proceeds benefit MJHS and selected charities.

MJHS Help-a-thon Community Day on October 2nd

All students will participate in one of the following service projects.

- Midwest Food Bank – assemble Tender Mercies packets, clean facility
- Morton Library – cleanup outside and inside work with books
- Downtown Morton – winterize downtown
- Morton Fire Department – wash fire trucks
- Morton Estates – helping residents with projects, bingo
- Community Harvest Food Bank – various duties in the food pantry
- Optimist Club – cleanup around facility
- Morton Elementary Schools – help in classrooms
- Goodwill – sort cloths
- Mission Mart – hang clothes, take donations, clean facility
- Morton Chamber of Commerce – organization assistance, clean facility
- Brandon Wood Retirement Center – outside yard work and interacting with the residents
- TCRC – wash vehicles and garden cleanup
- Central Illinois Riding Therapy – help set up for event and clean facility
- Westwood Park – cleanup around baseball facility and work on disc golf course
- Morton Academy – cleanup around the facility
- Restmor Nursing Home – cleanup complex and interact with residents
- Timber Ridge Assisted Living Facility – clean buses/vans and cafeteria
- Villas of Holly Brook – technology assistance for residents
- Morton Community Foundation – assist with fundraiser preparation

Fieldtrip on October 23rd

Students who collect at least \$200 in pledges will also participate in one of the following fieldtrips, which will include an additional service opportunity. The fieldtrip and service project will take place in the morning and lunch will be provided before arriving back at school.

- Children's Hospital – tour facility, make blankets for patients
- Peoria Rescue Mission – tour facility, food prep, sort clothes
- Crittenton Center – tour facility, outside landscape, assemble food kits for students
- Camp Tapawingo – tour facility including ropes course, disassemble platform tents
- EP!C – tour facility, garden cleanup, interior work
- Children's Home – tour facility, clean grounds
- Tazewell Animal Protective Society – tour facility, interact with animals, clean grounds
- Peoria Dream Center – tour facility, sort donations for store
- South Side Christian Academy – tour school, help in the classrooms, work around facility