



August 19, 2022

Dear MJHS Parents,

We are excited for the 10th Annual Help-a-thon at MJHS! It is our sincere hope that this will not merely raise funds for MJHS but most importantly provide 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 5 during our Help-a-Thon Community Day.

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 back to the community through 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 field trip costs for families and help purchase athletic, music, and academic items for the school.

Important dates:

- Friday, August 19, 2022 – Help-a-thon Kickoff (students will receive packet and can begin collecting pledges)
- Friday, September 2, 2022 – Fundraiser concludes (turn pledges into homeroom teacher)
- Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – Help-a-Thon Community Day

Guidelines:

- Each sponsor making a pledge should write their information on the pledge envelope
- Pledges collected by September 2
- Make checks payable to MJHS PTO
- T-shirt sponsorships available for \$400 (chris.carter@mcusd709.org for details)
- Students who raise \$250 earn bonus field trip on October 18
- All donations are tax-deductible (receipts are included in the envelope)

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 annual Help-a-Thon.

Sincerely,

Chris Carter, principal

MORTON JUNIOR HIGH **HELP-A-THON**



Interested in having a group of energetic & motivated Junior Potters assist with a project? Call us!

For a current listing of our partner organizations, visit www.morton709.org.

Oct. 5, 2022

8:30-10:30am

The Help-a-Thon is similar to a walk-a-thon; however, instead of collecting pledges to walk, students seek pledges to sponsor their involvement in a service project within our community. All students & staff participate.

This fundraiser allows our PTO to support many programs immediately. Funds are used for projects around school. Past projects have included: graphic novels, PE equipment, guest speakers, outdoor park benches, music programs, athletic equipment, Kiln furnishings, musical props, uniforms, etc.

In addition, 10% of all proceeds raised will once again be donated to the Morton Community Foundation.

If someone would like to make a donation, please make a check payable to MJHS PTO and mail to MJHS at 225 E. Jackson Street. Donations are tax-deductible.

T-Shirt sponsorships available: business logo printed on back of 600 t-shirts for \$400

Contact Chris Carter:
chris.carter@mcusd709.org or 284-5010

Morton Junior High School Help-a-Thon - 2022

Help-a-thon Community Day - October 5

All students will participate in one of the following service projects. More are being added.

Bike Trail – pick up trash
Birchwood Park– clean up and prepare softball fields for winter
Central Illinois Riding Therapy – help set up for event and clean facility
Chamber of Commerce - TBD
Community Harvest Food Bank – various duties in the food pantry
Downtown Morton – winterize downtown
Goodwill – sorting clothes
Kennel Lake – clean up around trails
Morton Junior High School
Morton Library – cleanup outside and inside
Morton Police Department – pick up trash around facility
Morton Fire Department – wash fire trucks
Morton Elementary Schools – help in classrooms
Morton Estates – indoor cleaning, interacting with residents
Northwood & Oakwood Parks –
Restmor Nursing Home – cleaning complex, inside and out
TCRC – wash vehicles and garden cleanup
Ulrich Wildlife Preserve – clean up debris
Villas of Holly Brook – technology assistance for residents
Westwood Park – cleanup around baseball facility and work on disc golf course

Bonus Field Trip / Service Project, October 18

Students who collect at least \$250 in pledges will also participate in one of the following field trips, which will include an additional service opportunity. The field trip and service project will take place in the morning and lunch will be provided before arriving back at school. Additional opportunities are still being added.

- 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
- Peoria Dream Center – assist in Hope Store
- Southside Christian Academy – TBD
- Almost Home Kids – planting, painting rocks, interact with kids
- Midwest Food Bank – packaging meals

Morton Junior High School

Help-a-thon, 2022



What is it?

The MJHS Help-a-thon is similar to a walk-a-thon; however, instead of collecting pledges to walk, students will seek donors to sponsor their involvement in a service project within our community.

When is it?

The Help-a-Thon Community Day will be October 5 with additional projects on October 18.

Who will participate in the service projects?

All 500+ MJHS students and staff members will participate in a service project.

Some past and current organizations that benefit from our students' volunteerism:

TCRC	Midwest Food Bank
Morton Library	Children's Hospital
Morton Tourism	Jump Training Simulation & Education Center
Restmor Nursing Home	Children's Home
Morton Police Department	Almost Home Kids
Morton Fire Department	TAPS
Community Harvest Food Bank	Peoria Rescue Mission
Morton Elementary Schools	Girl Scouts – Camp Tapawingo
Timber Ridge Assisted Living Facility	South Side Christian Academy
Goodwill	Peoria Dream Center
Brandon Wood Retirement Center	EP!C
Morton Park District	Crittenton Center
CIRT	Villas of Holly Brook
Mission Mart	Peoria Rescue Mission

Who benefits from the donations raised?

This fundraiser allows the MJHS PTO (Red & White Club) to support many school programs immediately. Funds are used for various projects around the school. Past projects have included: graphic novels, PE equipment, guest speakers, outdoor park benches, choir program, athletic equipment, Kiln furnishings, musical props, uniforms, etc.

In addition, 10% of all proceeds raised will once again be donated to the Morton Community Foundation.

Can anyone donate?

Yes. If someone would like to make a donation to the MJHS PTO Help-a-thon, please make a check payable to MJHS PTO and mail to MJHS at 225 E. Jackson Street. Donations are tax-deductible.

Morton Junior High School Help-a-Thon

Pledge Form

Due: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**



Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher : _____ Grade: _____

(7th Grade is 8th Hour & 8th Grade is 1st Hour)

Dear Donor, I am participating in the MJHS Help-a-thon. I, along with my teachers and classmates, will complete service projects in my community to raise money for MJHS. In addition, 10% of funds raised by the Help-a-thon will be donated to the charitable organizations including: Children's Hospital and the Morton Community Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring my service project, please fill out your information on this pledge form. Checks payable to MJHS, and all donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your support!

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Method of Payment</u> (check, cash)	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
Total <i>(please have all donations collected & turned in by Fri., Sept. 2)</i>			

The following information must be filled out upon to returning to school:

I give permission for , _____, to participate in MJHS Help-a-thon.

Parent Signature: _____

Student t-shirt size: _____

Did you secure at least \$250 in pledges? YES / NO

If yes, list your top 3 choices for the bonus field trip & service project on October 18. (All students will participate in the service projects on October 5.)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____