

The Morrison School

7th Grade

2022-2023

(Mr. Owens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Fitzpatrick)

Welcome to the 7th Grade at The Morrison Middle School! We know both students and families are filled with excitement, anxiety, and maybe a little fear facing this new academic school year. It is our hope that at the end of this school year there will be nothing but positive memories. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year, and we hope you and your child are as well.

Your 7th Grade Team:

Mr. Benjamin Owens	English Language Arts / Social Studies
Ms. Lauren Hoffman	Science / Mathematics
Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick	Special Education
Ms. Blum	ESOL

Mr. Owens: I'm really looking forward to this school year. It's going to be so much fun. I love teaching and learning about reading and writing, and I'm also fascinated with geography and history. I've lived in some cool places and I'm very happy to be living and working in Philadelphia. The Morrison community is such a fun community to be a part of. You'll probably hear me complaining about the Eagles and the Sixers!

Ms. Hoffman: I am so excited to be your 7th grade Science and Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This is my third year teaching at Morrison School and in the school district. I graduated from Temple University after going to school for science and teaching. I am originally from Hershey, PA (where Hershey's Chocolate is made!). My favorite thing to do in science is experiments and my most favorite experiment is called Elephant Toothpaste (try googling it, it's really cool!). My hobbies include anything outdoors like hiking or biking.

How to Contact Us

Our email addresses are listed on The Morrison School website:

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Supplies and Materials

ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies Supplies:

- 4 x two inch, 3 ring binder
- 1 set of dividers, 12 tabs
- 2 ream of hole-punched, lined paper
- 1 set of highlighters
- 2 notebooks (college ruled)
- 1 notebook (composition)--for Science
- 4 folders
- 1 set of dry erase markers
- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 pencil case
- Pens and pencils
- *Hand sanitizer and tissues (if possible)*

English as a Second Language

- 2 pocket folders
- 3 notebooks (composition or spiral)
- Pens, pencil
- Mini sharpener
- Highlighters

Students that receive Learning Support Services:

- 1 two inch, 3-ring binder
- Ream of paper
- Folder
- Journal
- Pens and pencils
- Colored pencils

Homework Policy:

- Students are expected daily to copy from the board any homework or other responsibilities for the following class day into their planners.
- Students must label all assignments with the student's full name, the date, and the hour. When appropriate, assignments also need to have a title or heading.
- To receive full credit, students must have their completed work in class when it is due.
- Check your School District G-mail at least 2 times a day.

Absences:

When students are absent, it is their responsibility to:

- ❖ turn in any work which was due during their absence
- ❖ copy missed assignments from the class planner
- ❖ take any worksheets/handouts from the absent work file

Classroom Donations:

If you are able, I would greatly appreciate any donation you make to our classroom supplies.

Our classes need:

Gloves (*if available*)

Masks (*if available*)

Facial tissues

Hand Sanitizer (*if available*)

Clorox Wipes

Paper towels

Highlighters

Pencils

Newspapers/magazines for current events

Classroom Norms:

Students are expected to follow the school rules, including:

***Be Ready/Be Present**

(Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings)

***Be Prepared**

(Have needed materials in class daily)

***Be Respectful**

(Encourage a positive learning environment)

***Be Responsible**

(Follow directions, fill out the planner, and have **completed** assignments/homework in class and ready to be graded or turned in when due)

***Be Safe**

(Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself)

Consequences for Violating Our Norms:

Failure to follow classroom norms and school expectations may result in:

- Warning, Parent contact
- Lunch detention
- After-school detention depending on the severity of the behavior.
- School Referral

*****Severe misbehavior will result in an immediate referral to the Dean and additional next steps for the student*****