



Morris School District

31 Hazel Street – Morristown – New Jersey 07960

January 25, 2011

Dear Parents,

The decision to close schools due to inclement weather is seldom an easy one, especially during a winter such as this. Our district covers a wide geographic area in which road and sidewalk conditions may vary greatly from one neighborhood to another and from one hour to the next. Although we would prefer to keep schools open as scheduled, our top priority always is the safety of the thousands of students who are transported by bus, the hundreds of students who walk to school, and the many young drivers who drive to our high school each day.

Unfortunately, we already have used three of the four emergency closing days built into this year's school calendar. With most of the winter still ahead, it is necessary to make the following changes to the calendar so we can be sure we will be able to provide the 180 school days required by law.

- **Tuesday, February 22 is now scheduled as a regular school day.** Thus, mid-winter recess will consist of a 4-hour 20-minute session day on Friday, February 18 and a full day off on Monday, February 21 as originally scheduled. **Schools will be open on Tuesday, February 22**

By making February 22 a full school day we will have two emergency closing days to cover the balance of the school year. If those days are not used, they will be deducted from the end of the school year. If more than two days must be used for emergency closings, Friday, May 27 will become a regular school day for students and staff. Parents/Guardians will be advised if this change is made.

Further changes to the calendar may become necessary as we move through the winter. Pending Board approval, such changes would affect the length of Spring Break. Specifically, Friday, April 8 would become a school day, followed by Thursday, April 7, etc.

We are sensitive to the impact calendar changes may have on your family. If additional calendar changes become necessary we will provide as much advance notice as possible so that you may plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ficarra, D.Litt.
Superintendent of Schools

**MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010-2011
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Rev 1/24/11

JANUARY 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

FEBRUARY 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

MARCH 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MAY 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

JUNE 2011				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

2010-2011

1/24/11 CHANGES TO CALENDAR

There is one emergency day remaining of the four originally built into the school calendar.

FEBRUARY 22 has been changed to a regular school day for staff and students which will give us two emergency days.

If we need to use those two days to close school, then MAY 27 will become a school day for staff and students. Parents/guardians will be advised if this change is made.

Further days, with the approval of the Board, may be removed from Spring Break, beginning with April 8 then April 7, etc.

1/17/11	Martin Luther King's Birthday – School Closed	Mon
2/1/11	End of 2 nd Marking Period (47 days)	Tue
2/18/11	Staff Development – 4 hr 20 min day for students	Fri
2/21/11	Midwinter Break	Mon
3/2-3/11	High/Middle School Conf – 4 hr 20 min day for students	Wed/Thu
4/4-8/11	Spring Break – School Closed	Mon-Fri
4/18/11	End of 3 rd Marking Period (47 days)	Mon
4/22/11	Good Friday – School Closed	Fri
4/27/11	School Elections	Wed
4/25-26/11	Elem. Parent Conferences – 4 hr 20 min day for students	Mon-Tue
5/27/11	Staff Development – Students off	Fri
5/30/11	Memorial Day – School Closed	Mon
6/21-23/11	4 hr. 20 min. day for Students	Tue-Thu
6/22/11	Middle School Graduation	Wed
6/23/11	High School Graduation	Thu
Key		
	School closed	
27	Staff in all day – students off	
27	4 hour 20 minute day - students & staff	
27	Full day – staff - 4 hr. 20 min day – students only	