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A Call To End Unfair FEMA Regulations



Dave "HOFF"

Reconstruction and clean up continues for the town of Washington IL. Many people have to start from scratch as their homes were completely demolished. All the while the question is still being asked, where is the government help, why is Washington, East Peoria, and Pekin getting the support they requested from the federal government?

The current laws are population based, if a certain percentage of citizens of the entire state are affected then the state gets FEMA help. The reason Washington, East Peoria, and Pekin didn't get any support is because the majority of the population for Illinois is in Chicago, therefore the percentage of citizens affected didn't meet the requirements for FEMA to get involved, even though most of a large neighborhood was destroyed, and several others were heavily damaged. The Illinois general assembly is urging congress to pass HR0922 the federal disaster act. Currently the State Government Administration Committee is drafting a proposal to congress in order to get the requirements changed.

Now how do MHS students feel about this subject? When asked if he thought Washington deserved aid Kyle Robetson replied, "Yes, if they needed it." I asked Matt, a resident of Washington who lives very close to the path of destruction, the same question and he replied, "Yes, the entire neighborhood was leveled, I mean all them down there in Kansas get help when they get hit, here was just as bad." Both Kyle and

Spring Sport Delay...



CADBURY EGG

Morton High Schools spring sports have had to cancel numerous games and or practices this year. This year's spring sports season has been off to a rocky start. Due to extended winter like weather, and this year's slow spring warm-up, many spring sports have had game cancelations.

Morton and the surrounding area have managed to get unusually long winter weather. It has snowed in March, and the temperatures remain low. As spring starts to pick up, we are getting more rain than usual as well. A flood advisory was put out on April 3rd, due to all the rain.

Spring sports such as track and baseball have had multiple cancelations. Boys' varsity baseball had two cancelations in March. While boys and girls track and boys varsity tennis each had cancelations on April 3rd.

Most students are tired of this bad weather as well. As the temperature slowly rises, it's tempting to enjoy some activities outside; but when the area keeps getting occasional snow fall and storms, it prevents that from happening. "I hope I don't see any more snow," said senior David Kirk. Central Illinois has had some turbulent weather so far, and it

Double the Clubs,

Spanish Club is back! Morton High School is bringing it back ladies and gentlemen, and just like before it is going to be led by Señorita Colorado.

"There was Spanish Club in the past, however when I started at Morton it had kind of died down. I was in charge of Key Club and I wanted to do a good job with that. Now that Key Club is still running smoothly I thought it would be a good time to get Spanish Club up and rolling again. French Club's success served as a great inspiration," said Señorita Colorado.

Spanish Club is a fun environment, while learning the language and culture of Latin.

The French Club has done a lot of fun things in the past, but the Spanish Club has some fun plans itself. "I would like to go to La Fiesta and have a Spanish-speaking meal, but as of right now we are just meeting at school," said Señorita Colorado.

On Wednesday, September 26, the first Spanish Club meeting was held. The attendees started talking about

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the plans for Spanish Club. “Our first activity we will be making Piñatas,” said Colorado.

When asked who the leaders of the club will be, Colorado’s response was, “Since there has only been one meeting, we won’t elect officers right away. The most consistent members will get those roles.” So if students stick with it, they might just get lucky enough to be an honorary leader of Spanish Club.

In her words, Spanish Club has the ability to help students by “teaching the culture and the importance of culture to the Spanish language.”
Both French and Spanish club have to deal with fun and foreign language.
“We would like to do something with the Spanish Club, but we will have to wait until they get started,” said French Club sponsor Mademoiselle Gibson.

The French Club has been an option for students for seven years. It was started by Mlle Gibson in her first year at Morton High School.
Like the Interact Club, it is both teacher and student run. “I am present in the meeting but we have seven student officers as well,” said Mlle Gibson.

Every November, during National French Week, the club has a lot of fun activities around the high school. This includes the daily baguette, which is when a question is asked over the intercom and the first classroom to get it right wins baguettes; dress up days; and selling bon bons at lunch. They then end the week with a Friday scavenger hunt/party.
The club recently just built a float for the Homecoming parade. They also have a Halloween dress up day coming up soon.

In the mix is also ornament making during Christmas, and making French Valentines for the elderly in nursing homes. Movie nights are another activity the club holds, they watch a movie in French with English subtitles. Another fun club tradition is cooking events.

“it’s so random and fun, it is a lot more relaxed than the classroom,” said Gibson.

If all this sounds like fun but you are not in French don’t worry, students can join without speaking French.

Mlle Gibson’s goals for the club are that the kids “stay involved, have fun, and learn French.”

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Matt feel the requirements are outdated. Matt feels that Illinois has the right to request the regulations be changed because, “Most of Illinois population is in Chicago, so it would take the leveling of an entire town to warrant the aid we need, and even then that might not be enough.”

Now what are a couple possible solutions to this problem? Kyle had this to say, “I feel that maybe percentage of the population of the entire town is effected maybe, say like, 60% of the population of the town is affected then they get the aid.” Matt also chimed in with, “How many people are affected in general, or maybe how much damage the twister does as far as money goes, I’m actually not quite sure how to answer that, I’m no politician.” The facts remain that Washington, East Peoria, and Pekin requested federal

New Mexican Cuisine in Morton



Corn Dog

Brothers Victor Gilberto and Jaime Fuentes had a dream of opening their own restaurant someday. They now own three restaurants in central Illinois.

As many may know by now there is a new Mexican restaurant in town, Hacienda Fuentes. “It is one of three located in Morton, Pekin, and Decatur”, said Fuentes.

With having two Mexican restaurants in a small town like Morton you might think there is some competition between the two. However this is not true “They have their customers and I have my customers,” referring to La Fiesta said Fuentes.

The atmosphere of Hacienda Fuentes is vibrant. They have very colorful decorations which brighten up the room and great staff who work very hard. When eating there, the people seem to be in a very happy mood “They feel pretty happy and excited to eat here due to the colors of the place”, said Fuentes

With two stores open before Morton one might wonder why they decided to open another. Victor Fuentes said, “Because people from Morton came to Pekin and would say to open a restaurant in Morton.” The customers enjoyed the great food and atmosphere they had in Pekin.

When asked how he felt about Morton so far he had nothing but good things to say. He talked about how much he enjoyed the town and really like the people who live here.

When it comes to the menu they have a variety of authentic Mexican food. His most popular dish is the fried pork contain, all of the burritos and tacos have a mix of beef,

Mexican sausage and their special cheese sauce. They have a variety of daily specials that constantly change. Their menu also includes a variety of homemade Mexican foods, vegetarian plates, fresh salads, and a full kids menu

PACMAN BATTLES IN SMASH BROS



PUG PUPPY

Tragedy hit Central Illinois on a calm Sunday morning on November 7. Washington, Illinois was one of the more badly destroyed areas with the greatest damage. Many houses were lost and a few lives were, too.

Diego Salazar is a Morton resident, but works at a Mexican restaurant in Washington. Salazar was working that Sunday morning when the tornado touched to small town. Salazar thought the sirens were just a precaution to the tornado watch but soon found out that it was a much graver situation than he thought.

The tornado was recorded just outside of the restaurant by Salazar before he decided that he should take himself and the customers into the restroom as there was nowhere else to go. Salazar’s initial reaction was “to record but then I got scared and decided to move away from the windows.” It was a scary day for all of Central Illinois.

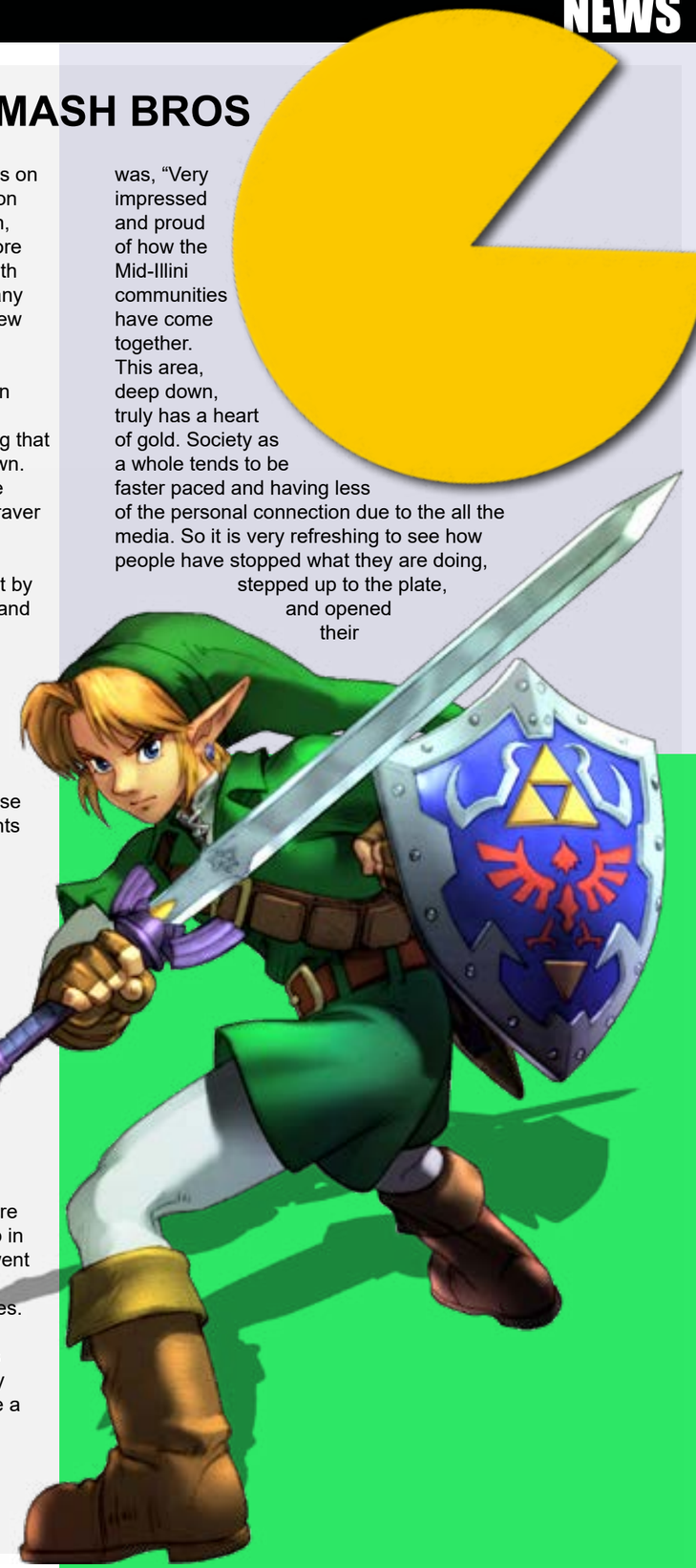
Adam R. of Washington on the hand got a little closer to the tornado than anyone would’ve liked to. Adam R. is a manager at Firehouse Pizza in Morton. R.’s house was destroyed in the tornado leaving him and his parents without a home.

Adam R. was not left alone as almost 200 houses in Washington alone were all destroyed by the tornado. Due to the devastation Adam R. did not want to be identified as one who lost his home.

In the aftermath of the tornado, many citizens who had not been affected wanted to help the tornado victims. Desperate to help, Fili Canchola of Morton is a college student at Eureka College, wanted to help with the disastrous event that left many homeless.

Canchola said he helped on Monday November 8 and Tuesday November 9, but officials did not want any more citizens helping with debris. Not only did Canchola help in Washington, he helped in other places as well. “I first went to Washington, but then I went to Pekin because many seemed to forget that they were hit too,” Canchola states. Deanna Stein of Morton is another citizen that went to help the victims of the tornado in Washington. She was happy that she could help and also said that it was very calming to the soul. Washington was very lucky to have a community with citizens willing to help.

When asked what Deanna Stein’s intake was on how communities surrounding Washington and the way that they are reacting to devastation her response was, “Very impressed and proud of how the Mid-Illini communities have come together. This area, deep down, truly has a heart of gold. Society as a whole tends to be faster paced and having less of the personal connection due to the all the media. So it is very refreshing to see how people have stopped what they are doing, stepped up to the plate, and opened their





RUMBLE IN THE BRONX: KUNG LAO

Whether they are preparing for a basketball game, or knocking out the competition at the UDA dance camp, the dance team is hard at work around the clock.

The dance team season, starting in July with UDA Dance Camp, to this very moment, hasn't let down in the amount of work these girls are doing.

In July the team won 2nd place at the UDA Dance Camp, also taking home spirit trophy, and winning the highest honor. "This was a sense of accomplishment, we have been working hard every week since may", said dance team captain Gabby Garcia.

Dance competitions aren't the only the thing the team is working for.

The dance team is currently in full swing in preparation for basketball season.

The team must learn new choreography, and routines every week for each basketball game.

"This is probably one of our busiest times of the year", said dance captain Faith Kruzick.

The girls on the dance team agree to a great commitment throughout the year.

All the girls have other extra circulars, and other things on their schedule, and at times dance can get very busy for them.

The team often has many practices to prepare them for games.

The practices consist of stretching, extensive reviewing, and new learning for dances, and pom routines with the pep band and for half time. The dance team captains Faith Kruzick, Gabby Garcia, Jocelyn Nimmo, and Brianna Uhlman must ensure that everything goes smoothly.

With working hard together time after time, more than just great dances come out of the dance team.

The girls, as well as dances are also great friends. After practicing and achieving great things together, all the girls have developed a great relationship among them,

Dieting Disaster: Red Velvet Style



"Vaping" or the use of an electronic cigarette has become a problem at Morton High School this past month. Electric cigarettes, also known as e-cigs, are supposed to be for 18 plus year old smokers who are trying to kick the bad habit but have found their way into the hands of MHS students.

When asked what he knew about e-cigs resource officer Jason Cabell said, "I know some about them but I'm sure not everything. Just like students in high school and in life, I am always learning."

Since e-cigs have not been popular until recent years there is not enough information on how the vapor affects your body. But with more and more research coming in the near future e-cigs may end up being just as harmful as cigarettes.

However some feel as if they are better than cigarettes. "They're not inhaling the smoke like you do in cigarettes," said senior Jess Stevens when asked if she believed e-cigs are a safer alternative to smoking.

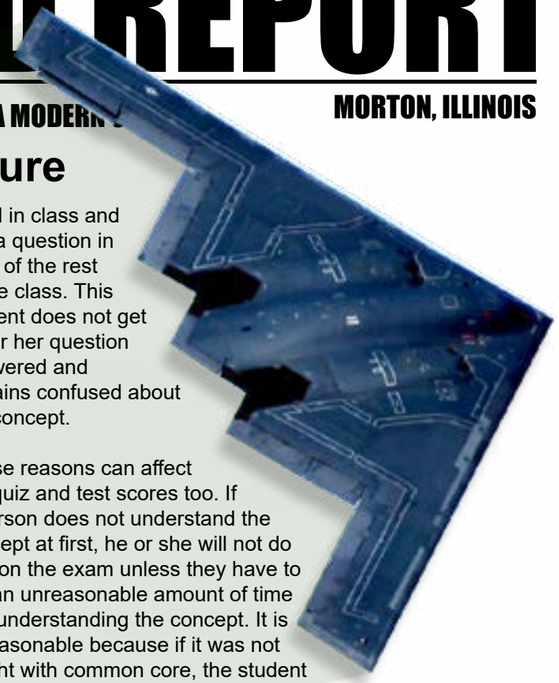
Cabell does not necessarily agree that they are a safer alternative.

"If better means cheaper than actual cigarettes or better smelling then I suppose they are better. If they are being used as a way to quit smoking cigarettes, I would argue that there are more proven ways to quit," said Cabell.
With a problem like this at MHS some people like to look at the punishment side of things for guidance. So if students are wondering if it is worth it to bring one to school, take this as food for thought.

"We treat it the same as we would cigarettes...and each specific case can be different punishment because of former discipline for the same type of thing. Typically, it starts with 5 days of CAP if a

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Common Core is bad for the Future



The new idea for education, which is coined common core, is a terrible way to teach kids in school.

Common core wants to reinvent the way english, language arts, and math is taught. According to the Illinois State Board of Education or the "ISBE", they want all kids to be on the same level. However, it just brings all kids down on their education.

For the common core edition of math, the ISBE wants every kid to make sense of the problem and persevere on their own first. This is saying that the teacher will let the kids work in class on problems, and they will work on some more at home too without being taught. Then, the next day the teacher will answer questions.

What is really going on is that kids get problems that they do not know how to complete, and they get frustrated.

This is when the ISBE would say to persevere. That may work for the first week, but after weeks and weeks of not understanding the problems kids will just give up.

"IT'S *BOMBS AWAY* ON THE YOUTH OF TODAY REGARDING COMMON CORE STRATEGIES"

- Mr. Belding

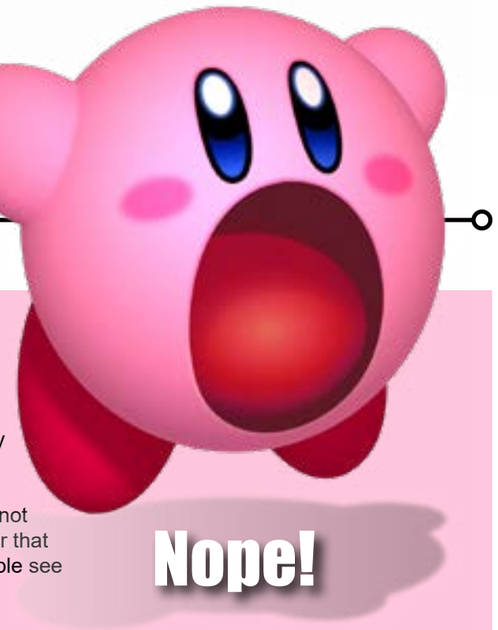
When the students come to school the next day to get questions answered, not every question can be answered in the short amount of time that a class period is.

Some kids are too shy and quiet to raise their hand in class and ask a question in front of the rest of the class. This student does not get his or her question answered and remains confused about the concept.

These reasons can affect the quiz and test scores too. If a person does not understand the concept at first, he or she will not do well on the exam unless they have to put an unreasonable amount of time into understanding the concept. It is unreasonable because if it was not taught with common core, the student would be being taught by the teacher in the first place, not doing the problems on their own.

Another reason common core is bad is the fact that teachers are not teaching. The teachers will give work to do in class, and they will go back to their desk and do nothing unless a personal question is asked which is not

Do video games cause violence?



Well this is a topic that is argued a lot and most of the time people come to the conclusion that video games do in fact cause acts violence. I on the other hand strongly disagree with the idea of video games causing acts of violence and I say idea because that's all it is an idea and not a fact.

Now I'm not a big time game as in I don't play games 24-7 but I do like to play games occasionally, and in no way, shape or forum have I become a more violent person by playing games and I play FPS and thing alike that involve killing people.
I also know tons of big time gamers that come to this school and they play a lot, like a lot. They spend most of their time gaming and from what I can tell they are peaceful people as in they would not harm a fly. Not this in training killer that most strict adults and elderly people see

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DRESS CODE

Morton High



SPARE TIRE

School, just another school with enough dress code rules to make your head spin around three times.
There will always be students that refuse to listen and let their fashion sense drive their daily apparel regardless of detentions and demeanors, so be it.

There's obvious understanding to having and maintaining a dress code. Reducing how low girls wear their shirts, how high their short venture. Basically covering up every bump and curve on the road, if ya know what I mean.

Something I've grown to realize is that dress code seems primarily for girls only. How many guys get carded for cleavage or thighs? Not many. Instead of just letting us be comfortable and covered up, staff members have to watch us like hawks and point out every rip and tear that we "showcase."

Opposing our rebellious dressers, you have a body of students who you don't even have to worry about; they agree and abide effortlessly, not causing "distraction" throughout a fellow schooler's day.
I was one of those students for as long as I've attended school, always respectful and abiding of what and how I wore my clothes, up until I had surgery and was denied my comfortablility in the classroom.

Last December I had major reconstructive surgery on my lower abdomen because my muscles were weak and tearing apart from each other. When I was released to attend school again, naturally, I found myself comfortable in items such as yoga pants or sweatpants. Followed by a band-t or a hoodie; I dresses conservatively and comfy, as suggested by my doctor.
But when I waddled to student services before school started to request my pain meds, I was stopped by a staff member and told to speak with the dean about my attire.

After looking me over, his conclusion came to ends and I was asked to change out of my lightly fitted sweat pants because "they didn't have pockets," ruling them inappropriate to wear during school.

As a student with no previous dress code detentions tallied against me, I respectfully asked if I continue the day in what I arrived school staff members surrounding me were aware that I was recovering from major reconstructive surgery, and they still wouldn't cut me some slack? Come on, seriously.

I'd never assume that anyone in class was staring at me because I didn't have pockets on my sweatpants, maybe because I couldn't walk upright, but, of course, I could be wrong. Stare away!

I found this outrageous. Were people really offended by my sweatpants? My comfortablility seemed expandable to the school. I was shielded by clothing from head to toe leaving only my hands, neck, and head for viewing.



The next day I attended in yoga pants and ran into the same brick wall with the school's staff members. I refused to change this time, yesterday was miserable. This is when I had my mother call and plead my case.

The school remained reluctant to let my yoga pants slide but did on behalf of a parent's complaint, trying to avoid out-of-school conflict. I was told, "This won't happen again, no one else can wear these and there shouldn't be an exception." I took it offensively.

Was it necessary to take dress code this far, or were people just being stingy?

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gamers as.

In my own opinion think video game do not cause violence behaviors but they can also cause quite a bit of joy. Kind of like when you finish a project, you feel happy and you have a feeling of accomplishment. That is what some people feel when the play a game and defeat a level or overcome a challenge in the game.

Now don't get me wrong there are some very violent people in the gaming community but it's not because video games turned his into a violent person. He's violent because of the fact that some people have a violent nature in them and trust me I've meet some aggressive gamers.

Now it's one thing to say that you want to hit someone and it's another when you act upon that and actually hit someone. Well as said above with the violent games, they may say some nasty thing but they will never act upon the words coming out or their mouths.

There is one thing that I believe is a huge cause of violence and that is sports. Football is a big on along with hockey and there are some big time fights between the players but the players are not the only ones taking part in the fighting. Even the fans are fighting it out because they think there team is better than the other.

Well to sum up all that I've be writing about, video games do not cause violence in any way. It's just the people that play them are and to point out that video games are not the cause and sport can cause quite a bit of fighting.

Truly Powerful Beyond Measure

The Morton High School Marching Band won either their class or Grand Champion at almost every competition they attended this season. They also won many caption awards, which are awards for individual parts of the band such as music, visuals, percussion, etc.

The band also achieved a great deal of success when they traveled down to the Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis, and for the first time in history they won their class in a preliminary performance at a B.O.A. event. The Morton High School Band was truly Powerful Beyond Measure.

Powerful Beyond Measure was the theme this year for the band's marching show. It was a show about how we are in fact more powerful than we think we are, and if we believe in ourselves we can achieve greatness.

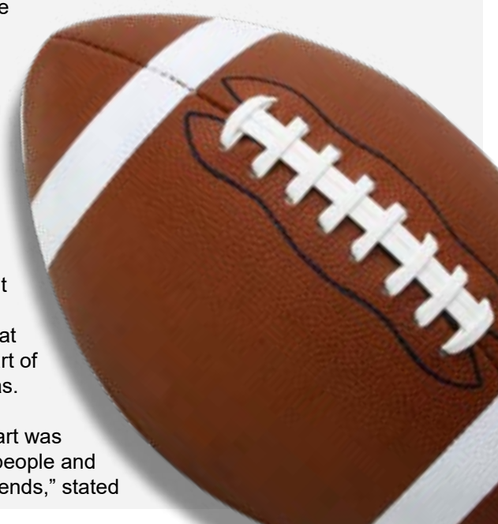
The season was a great way for seniors to go out by doing and achieving things that they never accomplished before. It was also an amazing experience for the freshmen to come into and see what band is all about. Many of the seniors have been in band all four years of high school, and it has been a huge part in their lives.

Meanwhile, the freshmen have learned what marching band is and what they have to look forward to in the next few years. John Shoemaker who is a senior that plays tenors - and is also one of the section leaders for the drum line - thought this year was unlike any other.

Shoemaker has done marching band all four years of his high school career as a member on the drum line. He has many memories from the program but has an all time favorite. "Making finals at the St. Louis Super Regional competition and beating out some of the really good bands," said Shoemaker.

"WE WILL CONQUER THE DRUM LINE!"
- Mason Ramsey

He says his favorite marching show was The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas from his sophomore year; however, this year's music was his favorite to play. He doesn't plan on playing his drum in college, but wishes to stay musically active.
This season was also a great way for freshmen to get used to what it is like being a Morton High School Marching Band member. Claire McCarthy, who was a freshman that played bells in pit, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience this year.



As she thought about it she figured out what her favorite part of the season was.

"My favorite part was meeting new people and getting new friends," stated

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Vinyl Works Popping up



The bleachers, the coaches' office, even the main office all feature wall graphics coming from room 1G. Mr. Garner has been doing some pretty cool graphics with vinyl for the past year now; and has done everything from the Potter's logo above Mrs. Zehr's desk in in the main office to the windows in student services. "I've had a lot of positive feedback," said Mrs. Zehr.

Even though you may not know it, you've been using things that have come from 1G ever since you were a freshman. All the passes and even your report cards have been printed by Garner for quite some time now, but the most recognizable work that has been going on lately is all the vinyl.

Now you may be asking yourself, who is the fellow? Garner also teaches Communications, Graphic Design, and Production Printing classes on top of printing some envelopes for the district or making T-shirts for the Special Education department.

So what is vinyl exactly? Vinyl is almost like a sticker, but unlike stickers eventually will start to crack and need replaced. Vinyl also doesn't have the sticky residue that a sticker produces. It can also be apply to almost any surface including brick walls, with a little help from a heat gun. Not to mention with a little skill in illustrator and a steady hand you can



CAPTAIN TOAD LIVES!

Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker builds upon the Adventures of Captain Toad minigame within Super Mario 3D World, where the basic gameplay model had been first introduced. In the game, players control Captain Toad, or sometimes his companion Toadette, who must safely navigate through various obstacles in order to reach a gold star at the end of each level.[6]

The player can manipulate the camera to view around the level, which can reveal hidden areas containing bonus items. Captain Toad can be hit twice before dying, and can collect mushrooms to restore his health. As in Super Mario 3D World, Captain Toad is able to walk and run, but unable to jump (as Toad is carrying a heavy backpack that weighs him down). As in Super Mario Bros. 2, Toad can pull up plants from the ground, which yield either coins to be collected or turnips to be thrown at enemies. He can collect a pickaxe that, similar to the hammer found in Donkey Kong, briefly allows him the ability to clear out enemies and obstacle blocks. The game makes use of the Wii U GamePad's features, as the player can touch the screen to manipulate platforms, as well as use gyroscopic controls to aim turnips while riding mine carts.[7] The game makes use of Amiibo figurines: using the Toad