



## Morven Elementary School News and Events

Morven Elementary School has celebrated many accomplishments this previous quarter. Our Nifty Fifty Party, Celebration of Learning, Lunch and Learn, MLK Essay Workshop, and partnership with ACEC were a blast!

- Our Nifty Fifty party recognized our students who scored 50 AR points or more.
- The quarterly Celebration of Learning for K-2 students, together and

3-5 students, together with our Principal was a fun time. Students and staff enjoyed being rewarded for their hard work, but also spending time with Principal Pratt.

- We held a Lunch and Learn Program with our new Art Teacher, Mr. Webb. MES students love the arts, creating things, and expressing themselves through Art.
- The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas partnered with us to conduct a Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Workshop. The ladies assisted MES Students with writing essays that conveyed their knowledge about MLK Day and his legacy.

Morven Elementary School is thrilled to collaborate with the Anson County Early College students. They are doing a fantastic job and using their time wisely in the mornings while waiting for the shuttle. ACEC students tutor MES students and assist them with sharpening their reading and math skills. The student tutors are proud of the work they are doing, and the MES students are excited about reading and math.

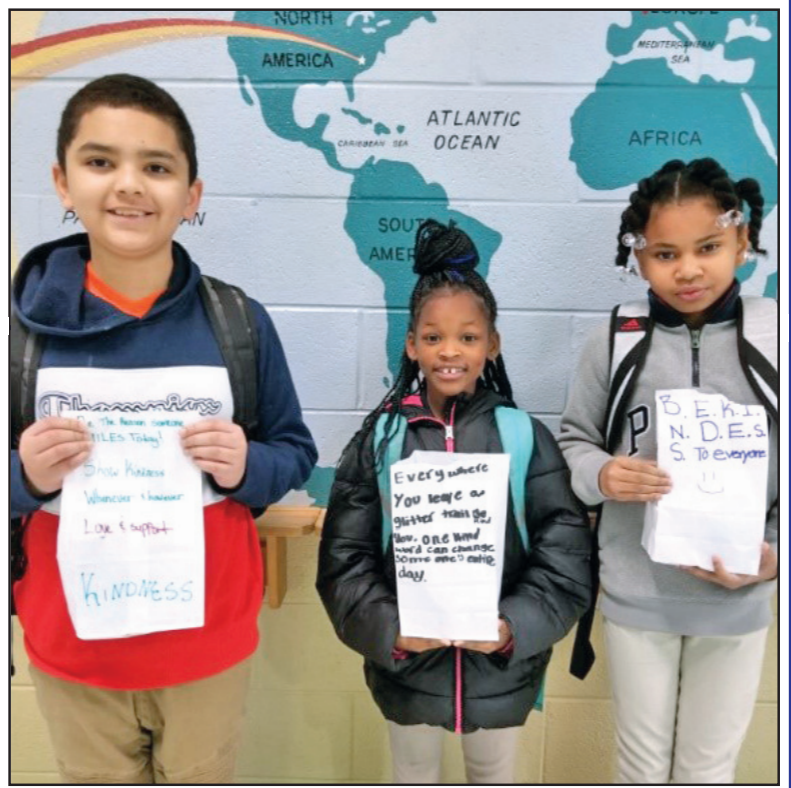


## Creating a Culture of Kindness at LES!

Students at Lilesville Elementary School spent a week focusing on creating a culture of kindness. We celebrated the smallest acts of kindness with

- Kindness Shout Outs for staff and students
- Shared the message with those traveling Highway 74
- Started and ended every day with a kindness quote
- Demonstrated random acts of kindness, and
- Were surprised with kindness breakfast bags

Everyone at Lilesville Elementary knows that kindness costs nothing, but means everything!



**The Charlotte Observer Regional Spelling Bee was held on Monday, February 24, and Joshua Greene from Lilesville Elementary placed 4th! Way to go, Joshua!**

## When School is in Session: Know the Rules of the Road

### Violating the school bus law can cost you

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey who also serves as the Chair for SafeKids NC, reminds students, parents, and motorists to use extra caution as students walk, drive, or ride the bus to school.

“Passing a stopped school bus can result in the motorist adding four insurance points and seeing an 80 percent increase in auto insurance premiums,” Commissioner Causey noted. “More importantly, making such an ill-advised and unsafe move could result in injury or death to one of our precious children.”

On a typical day, more than 14,000 school buses carrying nearly 800,000 students operate on North Carolina roads. Commissioner Causey encouraged all motorists to watch for children walking to school or waiting by the roadside for a school bus. And he advised motorists to understand the rules of the road when a school bus is stopped picking up passengers.

“In most cases, vehicles must stop in either direction if the school bus stop sign is out, red lights are flashing, and the bus is stopped to load or unload passengers,” Commissioner Causey said. “In some cases, where a median or physical barrier divides the traffic going in different directions, or where a center turn lane separates a four-lane road, motorists traveling the opposite direction from the school bus are not required to stop.”

Commissioner Causey also offered National Safety Council tips

#### For pedestrians:

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street or road, walk facing traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets or crosswalks when available.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.

#### For bike riders:

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly.
- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.

#### For bus riders:

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Line up six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- If you must cross the road, walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

#### For motorists, in addition to obeying the stopped school bus law:

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take extra precaution in school zones.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Stop far enough back from a school bus to allow children room to safely enter and exit the bus. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children.

For more information on how to keep children safe throughout the year, visit the website [SafeKidsNC.org](http://SafeKidsNC.org).

## North Carolina School Bus Stop Law – What To Do

Follow the tips below to help ensure every stop is a safe school bus stop for children.

### WHEN TO STOP:

- **Two-lane roadway** – All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Two-lane with a center turning lane** – All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Four-lane roadway** – All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Four-lane roadway with a median** – Only traffic following the bus must stop
- **Four or more lanes with a center turning lane** – Only traffic following the bus must stop

### OTHER TIPS:

- **Follow the bus driver's signals** – The school bus driver will signal with their hands when it is safe for the rider to cross the street when boarding and exiting the bus. Children should watch and wait for the all-clear signal from their driver.
- **Wear bright clothing** – The bright colors make it easier for drivers to see the children.
- **Stand off the road** – Children should stand at least 10 feet from the road when waiting for the bus. This keeps children off the road and out of traffic.
- **Something is dropped** – If a child drops something while walking to the bus, they should not pick it up. They should notify the bus driver and follow the driver's instructions. The child may not be seen by the driver if they bend down and pick up the object.
- **Look before getting off the bus** – Bus riders should look to the right before disembarking the bus. Drivers sometimes try to pass buses, illegally, on the right.
- **Waiting for a bus rider** – Parents should wait for their child on the side of the road that the child is dropped off. If a bus rider must cross the street to meet their parent, they might be excited about seeing them and forget to look before crossing the road.

For more information on school cross safety visit: [ncbussafety.org](http://ncbussafety.org).