



ARBOR PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 145

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Good Afternoon Arbor Park District 145 Families,

Students across our community have shown tremendous determination in adapting to the uncertainties within the global scope of education and learning. As collaborative stakeholders for our student's success, our parents and staff have consistently shown patience and understanding while building strong learning foundations during a global crisis. In a time where community connection is more important than ever before, Arbor Park School District 145 is excited and proud to announce that Morton Gingerwood School will be joining Arbor Park Middle School on their building campus beginning Fall 2021.

Our school district will be merging two learning centers into one campus during an exciting transition and construction of a new facility for our young students. While these two learning centers will share one location, the Arbor Park Middle School building layout allows Morton Gingerwood to function within its own 'wing' of the campus. All services will function independently within Arbor Park Middle School during this building collaboration, utilizing spaces to allow autonomy for each building's schedule and learning needs.

Morton Gingerwood will attend classes within the current 7th grade wing of Arbor Park Middle School, neighboring the 5th grade classes and support services. The lower-level academic wings will house 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classrooms. The Main Office will serve as the location for both building's secretaries, principals, and nursing staff.

The name 'Morton Gingerwood' will proudly remain in place. Morton Gingerwood School hours and bussing schedule will remain unchanged, and 1st and 2nd grade students will be transported on their own busses. Arbor Park Middle School hours and bussing schedule will also remain unchanged, and 5th-8th grade students will be transported on their own busses. In fact, all aspects of our student's education will remain the same for our learners except their location. As Dr. Sala has communicated, the Owls of MGS will be "nesting" in the halls with the Panthers of APMS!

As our staff begins their preparatory measures for this move, students will begin seeing teachers organize their classroom materials to be transported after the school year ends. This transition will not interrupt learning as the 2020-21 school year comes to a close. In preparation for the coming school year, plans are underway to transform the future halls of Morton Gingerwood with art and color which will appeal to the younger learners.

The OWLS and PANTHERS are excited and look forward to learning together under one roof!

Tom Flynn

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