



MORRISVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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Do you want to do something special for your child to recognize a birthday or accomplishment? Maybe show appreciation to an MES staff member? Rent the rock and show your school spirit!
All rentals support MES PTA.

Please be sure to read this document in its entirety. By paying the fee you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the below. If a date is “blocked” then the PTA and/or school has rented the rock.

MES Staff: As a thank you to our staff members, you do not have to pay to rent the rock. This is whether you want to paint it for your child who attends MES, you want to celebrate another Staff member*, or you have an event. i.e. Administration week, Bus Driver week, staff birthday, etc.

*If you are painting for another staff member or MES event, you can ask for the PTA to pay for the paint needed. We have some paint on hand, but expect inventory to change (as well as colors available).
Email the PTA to find out more: Morrisvillepta@gmail.com

Step 1: RESERVE THE DATE YOU WANT

Please reserve the day you want on the TidyCal listed on the PTA website. This can be found under the “Rent the Rock” tab. Or, paste the link below into your browser.

<https://tidycal.com/morrisvillepta/spirit-rock-rental>

NOTE: Your 24 hour rental starts at 4pm the day prior to your rental. If your child’s birthday is August 15th, reserve August 15th and you may begin painting *AFTER* 4pm on August 14th.

This reservation is non-refundable – MES will not issue refunds for any reason. Please be sure to check the school calendar that it is not a holiday, teacher workday, etc. Be sure to mark your calendar so you do not forget and miss the date.

If your day is rained/snowed out we will do our best to help you find another available day. However there are many paint options that will still work in the rain, keep reading for options.

Step 2 : PAY FOR YOUR RESERVATION

Payment is due when the reservation is made. Your reservation will be removed if payment is not received within 24 hours. This is to keep it fair for all MES Families. The rate is \$10/day.

Payment must be made through Givebacks:

<https://morrisville.givebacks.com/shop/items/693098>

MES Staff: no payment required.

Rules and guidelines for painting the rock:

CONTENT: Designs painted on the rock must be in good taste and may not contain foul language, discriminatory markings, business names, political or religious statements. Designs should have a caring and nurturing message to all. All wording and symbols should be positive.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Premium spray paint works best because it dries quickly. (Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch 2X was used for the initial painting, and can be found at Lowes or Home Depot. IronLak is also a great choice, found at Michaels or Hobby Lobby)
- 2-4 cans should cover both sides of the Rock for your base coat. It should dry to the touch in a few minutes.
- You may need to spray it a few times for complete coverage, depending on paint brand, temperature or humidity.
- Once you have the base coat done, use chalk to sketch out your design. Use large shapes so that it's easy to see from the road.
- Use spray paint for large areas. You can always spray over if you make a mistake.
- For more detailed areas, use acrylic or craft paint and a paintbrush. Buy several cheap brushes of different sizes, if you don't want to take the time to wash them between colors.
- Make sure to bring water and paper towels for clean-up, a tarp or old towels to sit on and cover the gravel, and trash bags. There is no shade! Wear the appropriate clothing. There is a street lamp for lighting if you choose to paint after dark.

- Any damage to the surrounding areas or grass will be your responsibility for cleaning and repair costs.
- Have fun, and if you post pictures on social media tag us! You can also send them directly to us, and we'll add them to our album! (We'll hide the faces of any kids).

If the weather is not cooperating on your day, the rock can be towel dried and the paint will adhere even in the rain and or snow if you want to brave the elements. If painting in the rain or snow is not your thing, revisit the calendar and reserve the next available date and email mes.spiritrock@gmail.com to let us know of the date change. We can also move your reservation for you presuming the date is available.

Can the PTA paint the rock for me?

The PTA is not responsible for painting the rock. You can find someone to paint it for you, but painting the rock is fun, and we are sure that no matter what you do, the person you are painting it for will love it!

If you know that NONE of this is your thing, feel free to reach out to some local artists who have offered their services to families in the past and elsewhere. They all follow school painting policies. You would need to work with them regarding pricing, timing and design. PTA is not involved in this.

Brooklynn (MES parent and artist)
Text/WhatsApp: 919-280-6140
paintwithbea@gmail.com

Krista (MES parent - semi-retiring Spirit Rock artist)
Triangle Rock Art
www.trianglerockart.com
krista@trianglerockart.com
Text: 919-410-7094

**for transparency: Brooklynn is the spirit rock coordinator this year, but she promises not to promote her side-gig! She has plenty to keep her busy, and loves it when parents tackle the rock on their own. It's very rewarding! If you have questions, she can guide you if you contact her directly.*

****If you are an artist or know an artist, and would like for us to add your name(s) as contact for parents to work with to paint (you set your fees, PTA is not involved) email us!****

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