August 25, 2023

Dear MJHS Parents,

We are excited for the 11th Annual Help-a-thon at MJHS! It is our sincere hope that this will not merely raise funds for MJHS but most importantly provide students an opportunity to serve in the community and grow as individuals.

Our Help-a-Thon is similar to a Walk-a-Thon, but instead of students collecting pledges to walk, students will seek donors to sponsor their involvement in a service project within our community. We have organized a number of volunteer opportunities that will be completed on October 4, 2023 during our Help-a-Thon Community Day.

Another component of our Help-a-Thon is raising money for charitable organizations (this will greatly reduce the number of times throughout the year when we ask families to donate to charitable causes). A portion of the money raised by the Help-a-Thon will be donated back to the community through the Morton Community Foundation.

We encourage all students to collect pledges, since they will all participate in the Help-a-Thon Community Day and receive a t-shirt. The money that is raised by this event will be used to offset field trip costs for families and help purchase athletic, music, and academic items/supplies for the school.

Important dates:

- Friday, August 18 – Help-a-thon Kickoff (students will receive packet and can begin collecting pledges)
- Friday, September 1 – Fundraiser concludes (turn pledges into homeroom teacher)
- Wednesday, October 4 – Help-a-Thon Community Day

Guidelines:

- Each sponsor making a pledge should write their information on the pledge envelope
- Pledges collected by September 1
- Make checks payable to MJHS
- T-shirt sponsorships available for $400
    - chris.carter@mcusd709.org or 284-5010 for details
- Students who raise $250 earn bonus field trip on October 25
- All donations are tax-deductible (receipts are included in the envelope)

On behalf of the students and staff at Morton Junior High School, I want to sincerely thank you for your support of our school and annual Help-a-Thon.

Sincerely,

Chris Carter, principal