



We're Not "Too Cool For School" (Supplies)!

**Want to make a tangible contribution?
Help us with our back-to-school supply list!**

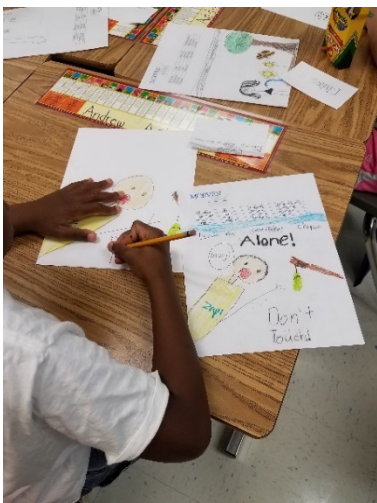
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School is back in session and the Morven Park Center for Civic Impact (MPCCI) education team is eager to be back in the classroom, honoring the civic engagement legacy of Westmoreland and Marguerite Davis by providing free civics lessons that demonstrate the impact one individual can have on his/her community.

The education team spent the summer planning for the 12 different lessons we present throughout the year. And, like many parents and teachers, our educators also take time to reorganize and restock the school supplies required for each lesson. That means purchasing more markers, clipboards, paper, and everything else that keeps our program running smoothly for the thousands of Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) students we reach during the academic year.

In addition to the classroom supplies found on a typical back-to-school list, Morven Park's list contains some rather unusual items. For our more hands-on, immersive lessons, we find ourselves ordering items that get students inspired, like costume Monarch butterfly wings and Progressive Era bowler hats. We also purchase numerous bags of various soils for our 3rd grade *Soil Science* lesson and campaign pins for our 11th grade *Advocacy Game*.

MPCCI educators taught over 8,000 students last year and that number is expected to increase in the 2019-2020 school year. For our Monarch lesson alone, we see an average of 2,000 2nd graders each year! That kind of outreach leads to a lot of wear and tear on our Monarch wings! We continuously purchase supplies throughout the year as we add new schools to our schedule or need to replace items that become worn out, damaged, or simply used up!



The Morven Park Center for Civic Impact is dedicated to reaching as many LCPS students as possible and providing them with the tools they need (both figuratively and literally!) to become engaged citizens in their communities. If you'd like to help support the efforts of MPCCI this school year, consider purchasing an item on our Amazon wish list at <https://amzn.to/2k37YMP>. You can also make a cash donation at MorvenPark.org/DonateNow to help keep our supply room stocked!

The start of the school year is an exciting time for our education team, with so many opportunities to motivate and empower Loudoun County youth. The skills taught through MPCCI lessons will help students learn how to use their voices and actions to make real and authentic change in their communities.