

Morehead State University Employees:

As you know the latter two days of this week comprise 'Fall Break' for our students – a time when many of them go home to be with family and friends and try to rest.

Over the past few months you might have also picked up on the fact that we have restricted the hiring of new employees, and only made just a few new hires in required areas. While we do not have a hiring freeze, we are being very cautious on the number of hires until we see what type of pension changes might come about soon, and also to control our overall budget as well.

Because we have several areas that have some staffing shortages due to vacant positions, and many of you are covering extra duties and are stretched thin, we wanted to also give you an opportunity this week to be with your family and friends and rest.

So, in order to say thank you to our employees for the good job that you do, we would like to allow all 'non-essential' employees to dismiss and take a half day of paid time off this Friday, October 13 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m.

For employees who comprise 'essential services' needed to maintain the health, safety, and other required duties of our University, your divisional Vice President will be in contact with you on arranging for a flexible schedule. As our Vice Presidents work with 'essential service' staff, if you are needed to work this Friday they will arrange for you to take your paid time off on another appropriate day. Any employee who would like to take time off on Friday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon may do so by using vacation time.

We recognize the hard work our employees put in and want you to know that we appreciate you and want to provide you with this small benefit in a year when we have many staff doing lots of extra duties.

Get some rest!

Jay Morgan
President