

Morey Weekly Communications

For the Week: October 6 – October 10 and beyond

Morey wants to welcome our new 8th Grade Math Teacher!

Hello, my name is Jason Wagner and I will be taking over for Ms Blanchard. I have been teaching for 13 years, 7 of which have been in DPS. I am licensed in Colorado to teach both Math and Social Studies, but have spent most of my time teaching Math. I am a Colorado native; I was born in Northern Colorado in Fort Collins and spent most of time growing up in that area. I lived in Greeley for many years and graduated with my B.A. in Education from the University of Northern Colorado. I have been living and teaching in the Denver metro area for the past 10 years, and plan on staying here forever. Most of my teaching has been in Algebra and Geometry at the high school level, and I have an extensive background working with student discipline. Outside of teaching I have a 2 year old daughter who keeps me busy most of the time. I also enjoy soccer and am a licensed boxing trainer with 20+ years of experience at the amateur level as both a trainer and athlete. I look forward to bringing my experience and dedication to Morey and working with your students.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about your student feel free to email me at Jason_wagner@dpsk12.org.



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Important Dates:

Friday, October 10

Supporting the Whole Child Workshop, Morey Conference Room 125

7:45am – 8:00 breakfast and registration & 8:00 – 9:30 Workshop

Free Food – Children are Welcome!

Parents come learn the positive qualities that have been proven to promote positive social and emotional development that help youth become caring, responsible, and productive adults!

These 40 Developmental assets have demonstrated:

- Decreased high-risk behavior such as drugs, alcohol and violence
- Increased self-confidence, leadership and academic achievement

Morey Band Updates

This week the band and orchestra students were captivated by the amazing African drummer Bob Hall. Mr. Hall spent several class periods giving the students lessons in djembe drumming and African drum history. This enriching experience was made available by a scholarship Mr. Cevallos received from Think 360, an arts education non-profit. Thank you Think 360, Bob Hall, and thank you Mr. Cevallos!

How to Know if Your Child Is Being Bullied

Click on above link to read valuable information to help your child

We want to support kids who are being bullied, but we don't want to raise the alarm

every time a child has a bad experience. When does teasing become torment?

SeaCamp Trip Details

Because CMAS Testing was pushed back towards the end of the year the original dates for Seacamp had to change. We've been able to reserve the week of spring break for Morey to go to SeaCamp. I will be taking any and all students interested. We will be handing out information packets next week or students can contact Michelle Dame, Morey's Technology Coordinator. Sign-Up Sheet outside Jeannette Ekstrand's Office and

Denver Public Library Cards

All students involved in enrichment classes will be given a provisional library card for DPL for research purposes. We will be giving the library the name of your students, their date of birth, gender, and phone number. If parent wishes for their student to not participate please email Kimberly Menetrier, 720-424-0711

6TH grade ski passes

<http://www.coloradoski.com/passport>

Check out the Colorado Ski Country USA website for details on how to get a \$99 ski passport for your 6th grader. Your kid's in 6th grade, not 5th? No problem. Colorado Ski Country USA's 6th Grade Passport Program provides participants with four days of skiing or snowboarding at each of our 20 member resorts for a mere \$99. That amounts to 80 awesome days on the slopes for a mere \$1.25 per day. There is not a better deal on the planet for 6th graders than this one.

Support the 8th Grader Washington DC Trip

Attention all 8th Graders fundraising for the Washington DC/New York trip If you have orders for books please turn in money and collect your books from Mrs. Gaston to deliver to your family and friends.

The Washington DC trip planning is underway. Some students will need to fundraise in order to pay for their trip. Please support our students through our first fundraiser of the year with the sale of the Chinook Book. Books are only \$20 and will include a code for a mobile coupon app with thousands of dollars of savings on local sustainable company's products and services. See Mrs. Gaston in Room 108 or buy your Chinook Book from an 8th grade student raising money for their trip. Order deadline is October 17, 2014.

Morey After School Clubs

The fun has begun! After school clubs are in full swing and all are welcome. Clubs end at 4:15 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Here is the schedule:

Mondays: Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Choir/Glee Club, Documentary Film Club (4:30pm), CompuGirls (8th grade girls only, 5:15pm)

Tuesdays: Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Minecraft Club, Art Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club (4:30pm)

Wednesdays: Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Swim Club, Gardening & Cooking Club (4:45 pm), CompuGirls (8th grade girls only, 5:15pm)

Thursdays: Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Speech & Debate Club, WizKidz Computer Club, Yearbook Club, Student Council

A Morey After School Registration Form (bright yellow) is required in order to participate in After School Clubs. The fee is \$75/semester to cover the costs of instructors, coordination, and basic supplies, however no student will be turned away due to inability to pay. Registration forms and Scholarship forms are available in Room 102.

Information available at: <http://mnc.dpsk12.org/afterschool/> or contact Meryl Icove, Coordinator, Morey Neighborhood Center, meryl_icove@dpsk12.org.

Athletic Announcements

7th and 8th grade girls Volleyball tryouts will be on Monday Oct. 6th, Tue. Oct. 7th and Thurs. Oct. 9th from 3:15-4:30 in the West Gym. You must have a current doctors physical in order to try out. All forms are located on the the athletic board outside the main office.

6th Grade Volleyball tryouts Tuesday Oct. 7th and Thursday Oct. 9th in the East Gym 3:15-4:30. You must have a current doctors physical in order to try out.

6th, 7th and 8th grade Flag Football tryouts Tuesday Oct. 7th and Thursday Oct. 9th on the blacktop, you must have a current doctors physical in order to try out.

Boys Soccer games Monday Oct. 6th vs. Grant Ranch at Congress Park 3:45, Friday Oct. 10 vs. Henry at Henry 3:45. Practice on Tuesday and Thursday.

Cross Country Tuesday Oct. 7th DPS XC Championship at Harvard Gulch Park 3:45.

Girls Softball Games Monday Oct. 6th vs. Grant Ranch at Congress Park 3:45, Thursday Oct. 9th Morey vs. Skinner at Skinner 3:45, Friday Oct. 10th a Morey vs Henry at Henry 4:00. **NO SOFTBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK**

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, October 17th 7:45am – 9:00, Morey Library 8th Grade Parent Coffee

Fall Teacher Conferences are coming! Thursday, October 16th and 30th 5:00pm – 7:30pm Stay tuned for more from your teachers

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 – 7:30 First Ever Morey Parent Book Club! Start Reading!

We will be reading "Queen Bees and Wannabees: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and the New Realities of Girl World" by Rosalind Wiseman. Taken from Amazon: "When Rosalind Wiseman first published *Queen Bees & Wannabes*, she fundamentally changed the way adults look at girls' friendships and conflicts—from how they choose their best friends, how they express their anger, their boundaries with boys, and their relationships with parents. Wiseman showed how girls of every background are profoundly influenced by their interactions with one another."

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**As always, feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions or concerns.
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