

## Morey Weekly Communications

### For the Week: December 1 – December 5 and beyond

*Morey Families, Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

Happy Holidays to all Morey Families. Here at Morey, we know that many of our families are experiencing difficulties providing for their families, especially during the holidays. We hope this Holiday Resource List can offer some needed help. Just click on this list in order to learn how certain organizations can help your family. Blessed and Healthy Holidays to you and yours!

### [2014 Holiday Resource List](#)

#### **Morey Report Cards:**

We have moved to a semester grading system and will be sending out report cards the last week before Winter Break. Report Cards will go out on Friday, December 19th. Any questions, feel free to contact Jeannette Ekstrand, 720.480.5324

**\*\*\*NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 for Morey ONLY \*\*\* Faculty Assessment Day**

#### **Introducing Morey's new Language Arts Teacher: Mr. Shay V. Carlstrom**

Bachelor of Arts: University of Colorado Boulder – Psychology and English Literature

Master of Arts and PhD studies: University of Colorado Denver – English Education, Instruction and Curriculum; Education Research and Studies, Urban Ecologies Focus

A fifth generation Coloradan from Walden, North Park, I grew up in schools as the son of a 35 year fifth grade teacher. After completing my Bachelor of Arts at the University of Colorado Boulder, my first teaching endeavor was in Prague, Czech Republic, where I taught for the SPUSA Education Center and for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Over four years, I taught First Certificate English, English Literature, as well as English as a foreign language to students from over 40 countries, on the middle school, high school, and university level.

Upon returning to Colorado, I received my Master of Arts from the University of Colorado Denver in English Education and Curriculum, where I taught for Denver Public Schools at Morey Middle School, teaching Drama and Writing. I left to begin my Doctorate of Philosophy in Education Research and Studies at the University of Colorado Denver, where I was a Research Assistant. In 2012, I was offered a position as a certified College Board Advanced Placement Language and Composition teacher at the American School Foundation of Mexico City, where I taught AP Language and English One for two years, as well as traveling, before returning to Colorado, Denver, and Morey Middle as the Highly Gifted and Talented Language Arts Instructor.

Contact info for Shay Carlstrom: [SHAYLYN\\_CARLSTROM@dpsk12.org](mailto:SHAYLYN_CARLSTROM@dpsk12.org)

**Come Meet Shay Carlstrom on December 11 at 6:30 PM in the library.**

Schedule Change: Mr. Jarrett's HGT students will have Mr. Carlstrom during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

## On-going administrative need for Morey Faculty

Ms. Katie Langlois is in need of a parent to come in once a week from about 8:00-9:30 (preferably Tuesdays) Part of the time would be for making copies, posters, laminating, covering books. The other part of the time would be working with ESL students and reading fluency. Please email Ms. Langlois, [Katie\\_langlois@dkps12.org](mailto:Katie_langlois@dkps12.org).



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## Important Dates:

**Thursday, December 4, 6:30 to 7:30pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Night:** 8th Grade Parents please join us for Morey's High School Option Night. This event will take place in the auditorium and East, South, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson will be presenting just to you about what their schools have to offer. After the presentation, representatives from all the schools will be available to answer all of your questions.

**Thursday, December 4, 5-7 p.m., 6th Grade Parents are invited to attend a wine-tasting fundraiser for Friends of Morey** at the home of the Hartfield-Thomans, 1533 Madison St. Tickets are \$20 at the door, and proceeds will go towards funding intersessions, teacher special projects and more! Check your email inbox for an invitation and please RSVP! If you did NOT get an invitation, please email [friendsofmorey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmorey@gmail.com) and we will make sure to get an invitation out to you. Hope to see you for this fun-filled evening!

## TSA News!

**Congratulations to the 2014-15 TSA Board.** The following students were nominated at the last TSA Meeting to represent Morey in the following roles President - Bennett Grow, Vice President- Henry Shugart, Secretary- Judah , Treasurer-Randy Ngo, Reporter-Ana Fiz and Seargent at Arms-Brandon Holleman. Congratulations! Any student that wants to join TSA please come to our next meeting Monday Dec 1 in Room 108. There is still time to register to participate in the State TSA Competition.

## Box Fan Needed

Do you have an old box fan that you want to get rid of because it is damaged? If so students in the after school club TSA club would like to repurpose it. Please drop it off to room 108 with Mrs. Gaston.

## After School Clubs and Program News

*New After School Club!*

*Ms. Giovengo, our fabulous Cross Country coach, will be hosting Running Club on Thursdays, 3:15 – 4:15 pm.*

*A Morey After School Registration Form (bright yellow) is required in order to participate in After School Clubs. The fee is \$75/semester, however no student will be turned away due to inability to pay. Partial or full scholarships are available. Registration forms and Scholarships forms are available in Room 102.*

*Information also is available at: <http://mnc.dpsk12.org/afterschool/> or contact Meryl Icove, Coordinator, Morey Neighborhood Center, [meryl\\_icove@dpsk12.org](mailto:meryl_icove@dpsk12.org).*

**Athletic Announcements:**

7th and 8th grade basketball tryouts will begin Monday, Dec. 1st. You must have a current doctor's physical in order to try out

6th grade basketball season is in the Spring.

**Save the Date:**

**Thursday, December 11 6:30, Morey Library, meet and greet Mr. Shay Carlstrom**

**Thursday, December 18, Morey's Snowball Dance**

6th grade's event will be from 3:15 – 4:30 (admission is \$2.00 or \$1.00 with a canned food donation)

7th/8th grade will 5:00 – 7:00 (admission is \$3.00 or \$2.00 with a canned food donation)

Music will be provided by DJ Academy. Parent Volunteer Opportunities – stay tuned for more details!

**Morey Weekly Announcements now on the Morey website under the About Us Tab:  
[www.morey.dpsk12.org](http://www.morey.dpsk12.org)**

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