

## Morey Weekly Communications

March 16 - 20, 2015 and beyond

**School Choice Update:** DPS families who participated in Round 1 of SchoolChoice will receive notifications of their Round 1 results in the coming days. Families that have emails on file and/or who submitted their SchoolChoice forms online, will be notified on Friday, March 13, 2015, in the afternoon via email. Every family will receive a letter in the mail early next week. To ensure all families have received their results before the start of the Round 2 enrollment period, Round 2 of SchoolChoice will begin on Wednesday, March 18. Beginning on March 18, families can visit their schools of choice directly to submit a Round 2 application. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (720) 423-3493

**CMAS & PARCC Testing is coming: March 9 -27,** All Students will be expected to have ear buds or head phones to take the test(s). Most of 6th and 7th grade (excluding Clark's class) will go the first week of testing: March 10- 13. All of 8th grade and Clark's class will go the second week: March 17-19. Questions, please contact Jeannette Ekstrand. **Please see our website post for more details on how to prepare your child for testing and also a more detailed schedule. Also, look for a letter and schedule to come home with your child before testing begins:** <http://morey.dpsk12.org/cmas-parcc-testing-in-march/>

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tutoring Extended to ANY student learning 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math curriculum:** Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 in Morey Library: ANY interested and qualified Math student is welcome!

**Supplies Needed: A Big Thank you to those families who have donated so far!** Any family still willing to contribute any of the below list of supplies for our classrooms, would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! Please drop supplies in Room 134A, the conference room outside Jeannette Ekstrand's office:

- Boxes of Tissues
- #2 Pencils
- Clorox Wipes
- AA or AAA Batteries

**Grocery Cards now available for King Soopers and Safeway! SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS!**



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**Now a Direct Way to Give to Morey: go to [morey.dpsk12.org](http://morey.dpsk12.org), Parents, Friends of Morey and then Donate! All Funds go back to the school to assist teachers and students.**

### Important Dates & Announcements:

**March 16, 9:30am – 1:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Field Trip** to Denver Museum of Nature and Science:

**Chaperones needed:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baca62aa4f58-7thgrade3> Contact Amanda Cheek, Amanda\_cheek@dpsk12.org

**DPS Community Meeting: Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30pm, Morey Middle School**

**Library:** The meeting will include DPS Board Member Mike Johnson and Chief Schools Officer Susana Cordova facilitating a roundtable conversation on opportunity gaps in Near Northeast Denver schools. As highlighted by the [Denver Plan 2020](#) we believe it is critical to shine a light on the issue of race and the opportunity gaps that persists for our students of color. We will also talk about specific supports DPS provides to schools in the region.

**March 19, Wine Tasting Event for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: 5:00 – 7:00pm:** At the home of Amy and Stephen Crockett: 641 York (recommend parking on 7<sup>th</sup>) Sponsored by: Joy Wine and Spirits & Elite Distributing. Requested donation: \$20 per person, all donations go to Friends of Morey. All wines sampled can be purchased at Joy Wine and Spirits (6<sup>th</sup> and Marion St.) at a discounted price

**March 20, 9:30am – 1:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Field Trip** to the Denver Zoo: **Chaperones needed:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baca62aa4f58-7thgrade3> Contact Amanda Cheek, Amanda\_cheek@dpsk12.org

**March 20, 5:30 – 8:00pm Morey Night Out at Pasquinis:** Enjoy the Italian Cuisine at this classic restaurant and 10% goes back to Morey! Don't forget to tell them YOU GO TO MOREY MIDDLE SCHOOL! 1310 South Broadway & Louisiana Denver, CO 80210 | Phone: (303) 744-0917. **"It's Friday - Honey, let's go out to eat tonight"**

**March Madness is coming to Morey!** Thanks to Student Council, **every Friday during March**, if you wear your **BLUE** Morey T-Shirt, you may be randomly picked to win a prize.

**Intersession News:**

**Check out the Intersession Programs coming this April!** Click on this link to take you to the Intersession page on Morey's Website <http://morey.dpsk12.org/school-culture/intersessions/> Morey is aware that 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders still need to make their choice for intersession. Due to testing, we are short on computers and as soon as computers become available, these students will get to make their choice based on what is available. Thank you for your patience.

**Shambhala Intersession Update:**

Due to lack of interest, the Shambhala Intersession is changing its scope. We are excited to move our meditation exploration to the city of Denver. Students will **not need to pay extra** to be involved and we will explore yoga, mindfulness, meditation, permaculture, and other thoughtful activities within the city limits during the regular school hours. Thank you!

**Incoming East High School 9th Grade Choice of Studies:**

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Choice of Studies Nights will take place at **6PM** on the nights below. Please plan attending on your assigned night at **East High School**. ***\*\*if you still would like to utilize Round 2 in the choice process, East will have forms for you to fill out based on your last name\*\****

**March 17, 2015, Tuesday** In coming 9<sup>th</sup> grade C.O.S. students with the last names A – G

**March 18, 2015, Wednesday** In coming 9<sup>th</sup> grade C.O.S. students with the last names H – M

**March 19, 2015, Thursday** In coming 9<sup>th</sup> grade C.O.S. students with the last names N – Z

Click [here](#) to view the classes available to the Freshman class.

**For Students that have passed Algebra 1 and Geometry:** there will be an assessment on the date of your C.O.S. at 5:00 PM to determine placement into Advanced Algebra II Honors.

**Counselor News:** Morey has been chosen to be part of the Colorado Counselor Corp Grant. The CCC Grant will provide Morey with another counselor to support the needs of our students. In preparation for the grant counselor we need some input from our parents. Please take a couple minutes to complete this survey by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Moreyparents> Thank you!

### **After School Updates and beyond:**

**Glee Club** - cancelled on Monday, 3/16. Will resume 3/23.

**Art Club** - cancelled on Tuesday, 3/17. Will resume 3/23.

**Minecraft Club** - as stated on the After School schedule since September, Minecraft Club will not be held during state and district testing, probably most weeks through March and April, as we are not permitted to use the computers. We will let students/parents know when Minecraft can resume. (We met with the kids in Minecraft Club and offered to host a computer-related alternative club on Tuesdays and the kids all said they would either go to a different existing club or just not come at all.)

**Note: Wiz Kidz Computer Club** will continue on Thursdays, but will take place in Mr. Clark's room, Room 202.

**Students are always welcome to attend a different club.** For club schedule, click here:

<http://mnc.dpsk12.org/afterschool/>

### **Destination Imagination News**

Three Morey teams will compete in the Denver Regional Destination Imagination tournament at George Washington H.S. on Saturday, March 21. Challenge Accepted and The Unknown will compete in the Technical Challenge at 2:10 and 2:30pm, respectively, Evil Blue Dark Matter will compete in the Fine Arts Challenge at 11:57am. Please come cheer us on! A complete schedule can be found at <http://dpsdi.weebly.com/denver-tournament.html> and information about the specific challenges can be found at [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org).

New Morey DI teams will be forming in the fall. For information contact, Morey parent, Michelle Miller, at [mdweston@aol.com](mailto:mdweston@aol.com)

### **Morey Athletics**

#### **Monday March 16th**

Morey 6th Grade Basketball plays **at Waller** 3:45

Morey Girls Soccer plays **at Waller** 3:45

Morey Baseball plays **at Waller** 3:45

#### **Friday March 20th**

Morey 6th Grade Basketball plays **at KCAA** 3:45

Morey Girls Soccer plays **at KCAA** 3:45

Morey Baseball plays **KCAA at Congress Park** 3:45



Here is the link for the Futures Football Schedule for Spring of 2015. Please let me know if there any kids that still want to play. *\*\*Use Internet Explorer or Firefox as your browser when viewing the link\*\**

[http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms\\_sports/msofficials.shtml](http://athletics.dpsk12.org/ms_sports/msofficials.shtml) : We have some openings at: TJ & South

**Denver Nuggets Dance Clinic: brought to you by the East Angel POMs. Friday, March 20, 3:30 – 5:30**  
At the Calloway Gym. Open to all DPS students, 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Free of Charge. Questions: Email Coach [Jana\\_blue@dpsk12.org](mailto:Jana_blue@dpsk12.org)



### **FREE OPEN HOUSE**

**Join us to see how we made Fitness that's FUN!**

Sunday 3/15

1pm to 3pm

(stop by any time to check it out)

Location: The Concourse (No Limits)

FREE for players & their families

### **SPRING SESSION**

**Amp up your game now & get in shape for summer!**

5 Sunday sessions

3/29, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26 & 5/3

1pm to 3pm

Location: The Concourse (No Limits)

Only \$100 per player

OR

**Buy one, get one for 50% off: \$150 for a parent/child combo**

**[To Register, Click Here](#)**

### **[Save the Date](#)**

**Tuesday, April 7, Superintendent Parent Forum:** This forum will be held at a NEW location (close to Park Hill Golf Club) called the Family Life Center at the New Hope Church, 3701 Colorado Blvd.

Morning | 9:15 am - 11:15 am    Evening | 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm    Register online: <http://face.dpsk12.org>

**Morey Talent Show: Date & Time TBD: Pending on Parent/Faculty Commitment to assist in planning & producing this event! Contact Jeannette Ekstrand, [jeannette\\_ekstrand@dpsk12.org](mailto:jeannette_ekstrand@dpsk12.org) if you care to offer your help.**

**Yogurt Guru & Morey Team Up! 3:30 – 8:30pm April 16 & May 20 & June 5 (noon to 4:00pm)**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 6:00pm Colorado Young Leaders Open House [coloradoyoungleaders.org](http://coloradoyoungleaders.org):**

Meeting will be held at Casselman's Bar & Venue, 2620 Walnut St, Denver,

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation at East High School. More details to follow soon. *\*\*looking for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents to Help for this great event\*\* contact Jeannette Ekstrand*

**Help Give back to Morey while you shop! It's that easy!**



**For Amazon:** click on the following link, if you have an account with Amazon already, this link will automatically connect all your purchases to Morey Middle School. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1949835>

**For Safeway:** come into Jeannette Ekstrand's office and pick up a Safeway card. It takes just \$5 to get started and Morey earns 5% on all purchases. You add the amount to the card that works for you and shop away!

**For King Soopers: Cards are available!** come into Jeannette Ekstrand's office and pick up a King Soopers card, It takes just \$5 to get started and Morey earns 5% on all purchases. Then, you add the amount to the card that works for you and shop away!

**For Box Tops:** anytime you purchase a product with Box Tops, **this year's deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> make sure to clip it**, save it and bring them to Morey soon! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents.

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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