

## Morey Weekly Communications

March 2 - 6, 2015 and beyond

**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/>

**Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30- 7:00: 5 Openings for each 10 minute slot.** Spring Conferences are not mandatory. If your child is doing well in school and has no issues, feel free to skip these conferences. Otherwise, sign up by grade level. *If you have no idea how your child is doing because there are no grades posted, PLEASE email Mr. Tonk. He needs to know which teachers aren't posting them.*  
**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**CHILD CARE NEEDED FOR FACULTY during conferences:** Members of Student Council will be available to watch the kids. **We are in need of two parent supervisors – one for each hour: 4:30 to 5:30/6:00 and 5:30 – 6:30/7:00.** Please contact Jeannette Ekstrand if you can offer your time to help.  
THANKS!

6<sup>th</sup> Graders Room 114: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baca62aa4f58-6thgrade](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baca62aa4f58-6thgrade)

7<sup>th</sup> Graders Room 214: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4BACA62AA4F58-7thgrade2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4BACA62AA4F58-7thgrade2)

8<sup>th</sup> Graders Library: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4BACA62AA4F58-8thgrade1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4BACA62AA4F58-8thgrade1)

**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/>

**Check out Updates to our Auction Website:** <http://morey.dpsk12.org/parents/friends-of-morey/774-2/>

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



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### Important Dates & Announcements:

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm to 7:00pm: Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences:**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 114. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 214. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Library

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>h</sup> – 3:30 – 4:30: Morey ELA PAC meeting in room 134A.**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 – 9:30am, Conference Room 134A, Friends of Morey Meeting:** If you have some great ideas, we'd love to hear about them. We look forward to new faces!

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:am – 12:30, Manual High School** The Office Family and Community Engagement and Student Services is hosting the **FREE SEAC Resource Fair on Summer Learning + Information on Summer Camps.** The SEAC Resource Fair is a great opportunity for DPS parents to learn ways to keep their children engaged, active, and learning during the summer months. Space is Limited: So Register Soon: Call: **720.423.2362** • Online: **face.dpsk12.org**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Class Field Trips Planned!**

The 7th grade class will be going to the **Denver Museum of Nature and Science on Monday March 16th and the Denver Zoo on Friday March 20th** as part of the Urban Advantage program. The only thing they will need to bring is a lunch for both field trips. **If you can help chaperone please contact Ms. Cheek at [amanda\\_cheek@dpsk12.org](mailto:amanda_cheek@dpsk12.org)**

**Intersession News:**

All students are eligible to participate in a unique intersession opportunity. **Space is open to 15 boys and 15 girls** to take an overnight trip to Shambhala Mountain Center April 8-April 10. Students will participate in mindfulness activities, yoga, hiking, and meditation.

This intersession option requires a cost of \$190 per student and space is limited. Cost includes transportation, food, lodging, and activities at Shambhala.

**There will be a family information meeting at 5:00, March 5th in room 119.**

**Please contact either Johanna Zablocki or Andrew Clark if you would like to reserve a space for your student and/or have any questions.** We are excited about this opportunity!

**I am missing quite a few books that are not officially checked out and I would like them returned ASAP.**

My name is on each of the book, so it shouldn't be too hard to figure out which are mine. I have several popular titles missing, graphic novels, and series books that other students are waiting to check out; some I haven't seen since last school year. I have addressed individuals as much as possible, but it doesn't hurt to send out the request for everyone to double check. Many Thanks! **Ms. Zablocki**

**Incoming East High School 9th Grade Choice of Studies: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:**

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.

**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:**

#### **Provide your feedback here! Seeking Parent Input regarding After School Clubs/Morey**

**Neighborhood Center Programs:** As part of DPS' continuing efforts to best serve the needs of our students and families, **we are seeking Parent Feedback.** We would appreciate greatly if you could take a minute to respond to any or all of the questions listed below.

Please send replies to Meryl Icove, Coordinator, at: [meryl\\_icove@dpsk12.org](mailto:meryl_icove@dpsk12.org) (or if you prefer to remain anonymous to Ms. Icove, you can either send your reply to [Jeannette\\_ekstrand@dpsk12.org](mailto:Jeannette_ekstrand@dpsk12.org), or drop off a note in the Morey Main Office).

- 1: Is this program of high quality? How do you define quality?
- 2: The availability of this program increased my satisfaction with the school my child attends.  
1–Strongly Disagree    2–Disagree    3–Moderately Agree    4–Agree    5–Strongly Agree
- 3: This program offers a variety of activities, classes, and/or clubs that meet the interests of my child.  
1–Strongly Disagree    2–Disagree    3–Moderately Agree    4–Agree    5–Strongly Agree
- 4: Please consider the program costs. Are they:  
1 – Far too expensive for the value of services delivered  
2 – Too expensive for the value of services delivered  
3 – About right for the value of services delivered  
4 – Exactly right for the value of services delivered  
5 – Far too cheap for the value of services delivered

**Ultimate Frisbee Club Update** there will be *NO Ultimate Frisbee club on Tuesday Mar. 3.* Parents: know that you must sign a permission slip to have your child participate in Ultimate Club because we go to Cheesman park. Click [HERE](#) for the permission form – plan to bring it to the next club day.

**Leadership Seminar and Healing Circle for Girls of Color:** click on the link for all the details of this great opportunity! <http://morey.dpsk12.org/leadership-and-healing-circle-for-girls-of-color/>

**Parents of 6th Grade girls.** that are interested in applying for the Girls Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (GESTEM) Workshop the application deadline has been extended to March 6. Application is available online or come see Mrs. Gaston in Room 108. This is an exciting opportunity for girls to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Science) Careers through an all day, hands-on workshop. Students must apply and be accepted. See Mrs Gaston for more information or visit the following links to learn more about GESTEM. What is GESTEM?: 4 minutes - <http://youtu.be/uLYen27Xv9k> GESTEM Day's Events: 23 minutes - <http://youtu.be/UFpdZh37o9c>

## **Morey Athletics**

**6th Grade Boys Basketball Practice Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15-4:30** in the East Gym at Morey with Mr. Jackson, 720-424-0782. Athletes need to have an updated doctors physical. If you need a physical form you can download the form at <http://athletics.dpsk12.org/> or pick up a form from the athletic board outside the main office. Please bring a copy of your physical to the first tryout.

**6th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts Monday March 2nd, Tuesday March 3rd from 3:15-4:30** in the West Gym at Morey with Mrs. Alisha Janes, 720-424-0760. Athletes need to have an updated doctors physical before they can try out for a team. If you need a physical form you can download the form at <http://athletics.dpsk12.org/> or pick up a form from the athletic board outside the main office. Please bring a copy of your physical to the first tryout.

**Girls Soccer Tryouts, 8th Grade-Monday March 2 from 3:15-4:15** in the East Gym at Morey with Mr. Tachiquin, 720-424-0719. Athletes need to have an updated doctors physical before they can try out for a team. If you need a physical form you can download the form at <http://athletics.dpsk12.org/> or pick up a form from the athletic board outside the main office. Please bring a copy of your physical to the first tryout. **Practice begins on Tuesday March 8th.**

**Baseball Tryouts, Friday March 6th on the field at Morey 3:15-5:15.** Sign up on the athletic board outside the main office. Contact Coach Shannon Welch for additional information. 720-424-0759. Athletes need to have an updated doctors physical before they can try out for a team. If you need a physical form you can download the form at <http://athletics.dpsk12.org/> or pick up a form from the athletic board outside the main office. Please bring a copy of your physical to the first tryout

**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

## **Save the Date**

**March 11, 5:00 – 6:30pm, Science Night: Urban Advantage Family Science Night 2015, Morey Middle School in the Cafeteria.** Enjoy FREE food and science fun for the entire family! Act like a scientist with special activities featuring the Denver Zoo, Denver Botanic Gardens, and Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Interact with live animals, take home a plant, and investigate real animal skulls! FREE for the entire family!

**March 11, 5:30 – 6:30, Room 114 CSR Parent Meeting**

**March 11, 6:30 – 7:30, Morey's First (PTO) - Parent/Teacher Meeting,** held in the Morey Library, come see how YOU can help make Morey even better!

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

**March 19, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wine Tasting Night: 5:30 – 7:30pm** Details coming soon on the location.

**March 20, 9:30am – 1:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Field Trip** to the Denver Zoo

**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! Dont' 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"](#)

**Friday, May 8: TIME TBD: Morey Talent Show:** Get ready to show us your amazing talents! **Looking for Parent Volunteers to assist in planning this great event! Contact Jeannette Ekstrand**

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation at East High School.** More details to follow soon.

**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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