

Morey Weekly Communications

March 9 - 13, 2015 and beyond

March 8th is Day Light Savings: in spring, clocks spring forward 1 hour

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/>

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

Information on the McAuliffe Incident: <http://morey.dpsk12.org/incident-at-mcauliffe-parent-help-needed-for-morey-students/>

Supplies Needed: Any family 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**
- **Clorox Wipes**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **AA Batteries**
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Congratulations Morey! The results from the Recycling Bowl Competition are in, and Morey came in first place in its category for the state of Colorado! We received our recycled plaque this week which will be hung up in the office. Thanks to STUCO and Mrs. Huth for helping organize this!

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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Now a Direct Way to Give to Morey: go to 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 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!

Science Night Parent Volunteers Needed: 5:00 to 6:30 working the welcome table. Please email Amanda Cheek if can help: amanda_cheek@dpsk12.org

March 11, 5:30 – 7:30, Room 114 CSR Parent Meeting: Collaborative Strategic Reading: Learn how to help your child increase their reading comprehension. Child care and food will be provided. Also, a Spanish Translator will be available

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 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.

7th 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**

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.

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!

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

Incoming 9th 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.**

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

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

March 19, 2015, Thursday In coming 9th 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 is canceled on Monday, 3/9, and Monday, 3/16. Glee Club will resume on Monday, 3/23.

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 (or if you prefer to remain anonymous to Ms. Icove, you can either send your reply to 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 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/>

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.

Girls Soccer Practice begins on Tuesday March 8th.

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, 8th – 12th Grade, Free of Charge. Questions: Email Coach Jana_blue@dpsk12.org

Save the Date

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

DPS Community Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th, 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, 7th & 8th Grade Wine Tasting Night: 5:30 – 7:30pm Details coming soon on the location.

March 20, 9:30am – 1:30pm, 7th 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! 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"](#)

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 4th 9:00am – Noon: 8th 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 1st** 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

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