

Morey Weekly Communications

May 11 – May 15 and beyond

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Morey Auction! If you were not able to make a donation. There is still time to give. Click on our Friends of Morey page in order to make a direct donation <http://morey.dpsk12.org/parents/friends-of-morey/>

A BIG THANK YOU to all the families that helped make Teacher Appreciation Week a big success. Breakfast was delicious and the favorite coffees made Wednesday morning exciting. Finally, thank you to **State Farm Nese Sahin Insurance Agency Inc** WWW.SHELTERYOURFUTURE.COM and **Waffle Brothers** who generously sponsored and provided for our Staff Lunch on Friday, May 8: **Morey families Rock!**

Donations still needed for Classrooms:

- #2 Pencils
- D Batteries

Testing Schedule for May:

Tuesday May 5th, Wednesday May 6, & Thursday May 7: 6th and 7th Grade PARCC Testing

Tuesday May 12, Wednesday May 13, & Thursday May 14: 8th Grade PARCC Testing

Tuesday May 19 & Wednesday May 20: Math and Language Arts Interims

8th Grade Tutoring will continue through May 21st: Mondays and Thursdays, 3:15 to 4:30 in Morey Library

REMINDER: If your child brings something of great value to school with them, remind them it is their responsibility to keep it close to them or locked up safely. If they feel the item is unsafe here at Morey, it is best to keep it at home. Thank you.

In case you need some ideas for summer activities for your kids? Check out the DPS FACE webpage: <http://face.dpsk12.org/resources-for-parents/summer-learning/> Check out some great ideas for learning and fun for your kids this summer.

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



Visit our Facebook page: **LIKE Morey Middle School TODAY: announcements now on Facebook**

Donate



Now a Direct Way to Give to Morey: go to Friends of Morey Page:

<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:

May 12th SUPERINTENDENT PARENT FORUM |The May 12th Superintendent Parent Forum will be held at the Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver. If you are interested in attending, please register by no later than May 6th [Click here to register](#). This forum the topic will be on Student Engagement and a celebration honoring parents. Parents who have been nominated for the Family Leadership Award will also be invited to attend.



Morey is so proud to announce that our 7th Grade Student, Vanessa Chavez has been given a very special honor for her 40 hours of Youth Leadership Development at the organization, VORP of Denver. She was awarded a scholarship to travel to Miami, Florida and participate at a youth retreat focused on restorative and transformative justice focused on keeping kids in school and on track to graduate. Congratulations Vanessa!

Morey student and musician Evan Long is representing Morey at the Five Points Jazz Festival on Saturday, May 16th. He is playing percussion in the Five Points Heritage Jazz Band, a band of auditioned DPS students compiled by South HS music director Hugh Ragin. The performance will be on the Youth Stage at 27th St and California St from 5:30 to 6:30.

<http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/events-programs/five-points-jazz-festival/>

8th Grade End of Year Information on Participation: check out our website post with all the details: <http://morey.dpsk12.org/8th-grade-elitches-field-trip-and-continuation-participation-requirements/>

After School Updates and beyond:

Minecraft Club will be held on Tuesday May 19.

Gardening Opportunity: Garduino Automated Watering System

Part 1: Learn and Build: Saturday, April 18, 1-4pm, Idea Lab Central Library

Part 2: Plant and Water: Saturday, May 16, 1-4pm, Morey Community Garden

<https://www.denverlibrary.org/event/garden-arduino-garduino-part-i>

Check out exciting news South High School wants to share: click on the Morey link: <http://morey.dpsk12.org/morey-supports-south-high-school/>

Summer Camp Opportunity at Morey!

Invention Project is coming to Morey this summer June 22-26, 2015!

BE BOLD. BE ORIGINAL. Become a part of Invention Project. We're calling on young innovators to team up, turn heads and take on the challenge.

Collaborate to bring inventions to life, build prototypes and learn real-world skills in fun, high-energy activities. By the end of your experience, you'll understand the business of inventing, from prototype to product launch. Open to all incoming 6-8 graders (not just Morey students). For more information, go to: <http://diane-gaston.wikispaces.dpsk12.org/Invention+Project>

Parent volunteers are needed to promote registration for Project Invention. If you are interested in distributing flyers, connecting with parents and teachers of 5th grade students or promoting Project Invention at events in the Denver metro area, please contact Mrs. Gaston at Diane_Gaston@dpsk12.org, call 720-424-0756, visit her in Room 108 or click on her webpage for more information and to register: <http://diane-gaston.wikispaces.dpsk12.org/Invention+Project>

Athletics News

The Morey girls soccer team finished the regular season undefeated and are the DPS Southwest Division Champions. Their first playoff game will be on **Monday May 11th at 3:45** against Merrill at Congress Park. Come support the girls!

Playoff games will continue based on the outcome of each soccer game!

Go Mustangs!

DPS Sports Showcase: presented by Dicks Sporting Goods.

Event Dates: Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th

Locations: South High School and All-City Stadiums

Participants: 8th graders only

Registration is Free - Registration Deadline by May 15, 2015.

Click here for more information and to register www.dpsshowcase.com

In order to participate there are participation waivers: click on our Morey website post to access these forms.

Save the Date

Yogurt Guru & Morey Team Up! 3:30 – 8:30pm April 16 & May 20 & June 5 (noon to 4:00pm): *Don't forget to tell them you go to Morey Middle School.*

Sunday, May 17th 2pm – 6:00pm Colorado Young Leaders Open House coloradoyoungleaders.org:

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

Wednesday, May 20 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Incoming 6th Grade Welcome Picnic: Tears McFarland House, Cheesman Park: Drop by to support Morey and to welcome the incoming 6th Graders.

Thursday May 28, Final Art Show, Band and Orchestra Concert and Presentation of Learning of exemplar work: Art Show in Library from 5-6PM; Band and Orchestra Concert in Auditorium from 6-7PM, Presentation of Learning 5-7pm in Cafeteria.

Thursday, May 28, 4:00 – 5:30, More Social Studies Museum: Ms. Bamford's Room, Room 114.

Check some great Social Studies projects and plan to take them home. For information email

dawn_bamford@dpsk12.org

Tuesday, June 2, 8th Grade Elitch Trip: 8th Graders, the time has finally come - Let's celebrate the end of our year together in style! Students must purchase their tickets in advance from the treasurer \$25ea. and must have all outstanding fees paid prior to purchasing a ticket. Students must be eligible with attendance, behavior and grades to attend. <http://morey.dpsk12.org/8th-grade-elitches-field-trip-and-continuation-participation-requirements/>

Wednesday, June 3, 8th Grade Continuation Rehearsal, 10:00am to 11:45 at East High Auditorium.

Thursday, June 4, 9:00am – Noon: 8th Grade Continuation at East High School. Check out more details

on the Morey Website: <http://morey.dpsk12.org/8th-grade-elitches-field-trip-and-continuation-participation-requirements/>

Friday, June 5, Last Day of School, Half-day release time TBD (No 8th graders this day!)

Help Give back to Morey while you shop! It's that easy! CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!



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 Parents Tab: morey.dpsk12.org

Also, check our Facebook page for a direct link to the announcements.

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