

## Morey Weekly Communications

### For the Week: November 17 – November 21 and beyond

#### 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 Middle School \*\*\* Faculty Assessment Day**

#### Limited Roster Changes

As we examine student growth data, we want to ensure that students are provided with every opportunity to receive appropriate educational services that are tailored to their individual needs. Because of this, we will be making some roster changes in High Strides classes for second semester, based upon a combination of classroom achievement and growth data from fall to winter interim performance, and may include some possible changes to the overall structure of our schedule. This will allow teachers a better opportunity to provide more targeted instruction and will have a positive impact on student achievement, engagement, and classroom environment prior to the winter interim. This will NOT impact HGT classes, exploratory classes, intervention classes, or enrichments. Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### Replacement for Mrs. Ford

We have hired a quality teacher who has taught at Mrs. Ford's level in the past and has also taught at Morey previously. He is a world traveler, has taught for ten years, and is experienced in teaching our particular populations, including high-performing students who need additional challenge. Expect a more detailed biography in next week's newsletter and an opportunity to meet him in December in the evening.

#### Parent Volunteers Still Needed!

We need parent volunteers for the following areas:

- Entryway Late Student Check-In, 7:40-8:20 daily. Can be different parents on different days as long as it is consistent. Sit at a small table inside near the entry and sign in students who are late to school. Contact Rebecca De Luna, [rebecca\\_deluna@dpsk12.org](mailto:rebecca_deluna@dpsk12.org).
- Library Volunteers, various times throughout the day to check out books to students and increase our open library hours. Contact Dori Hauck, [dori\\_hauck@dpsk12.org](mailto:dori_hauck@dpsk12.org).
- Math tutoring, 3:15-4:15, various afternoons of the parents' choosing, preferably at least twice per week. Contact Jeannette Ekstrand, [jeannette\\_ekstrand@dpsk12.org](mailto:jeannette_ekstrand@dpsk12.org)

All volunteers must submit to a volunteer background check. This process can be started by Rebecca De Luna or David Ankele, both in the front office.

#### Parent-Teacher Conference Design Committee

Mr. Tonk would like to acknowledge that the 10/30 parent-teacher conference format, while somehow functional at an 1800 student high school, did not work the way it should have. He is looking for three parent volunteers to sit on a committee with three teachers to design a format for spring conferences that will work for everyone. Please contact Jeannette Ekstrand to submit your name for the committee.

#### 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:

**It's time to show your Morey Spirit!**

**Spirit Week at Morey!**

**November 17 - 21 Sponsored by Student Council**

Monday November 17th – Pajama Day

Tuesday November 18th – Twin Day

Wednesday November 19th – Sports Day

Thursday November 20th – Culture Day

Friday November 21st – Morey Spirit – wear your new Morey t-shirt!!!

*Friday will have some special activities including karaoke, dance-offs and picture-taking for everyone in blue.*

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 5pm – 7pm:** At 5:00pm is the Morey Art Show in Morey Library. And, at 6:00 pm, join us in the Morey Auditorium for a special appearance by the Morey after school GLEE CLUB, followed by the Morey Band/Orchestra Concert.

**Tuesday, November 18 4:30pm – 5:30pm Friends of Morey Community Meeting: Conference Room 125:**

come and learn more about Friends of Morey, learn ways you can get involved at Morey to improve the experience of our kids.

**Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 – 7:30 First Ever Morey Parent Book Club! Start Reading!** We will be reading "Queen Bees and Wannabees: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and the New Realities of Girl World" by Rosalind Wiseman. Taken from Amazon: "When Rosalind Wiseman first published *Queen Bees & Wannabes*, she fundamentally changed the way adults look at girls' friendships and conflicts—from how they choose their best friends, how they express their anger, their boundaries with boys, and their relationships with parents. Wiseman showed how girls of every background are profoundly influenced by their interactions with one another."

**School Clothing Drive until November 20th!**

We are competing against other schools for \$750.

Bring clothing, shoes, etc to your first period class, in ANY condition!

The Homeroom with the heaviest load at the end of the 20th will receive VooDoo Donuts on the 21st!!

Ms. Bamford's Enrichment is hosting this competition with Red House Recycling!

## **HGT NEWS**

As your students begin completing portfolio products, they will need to reflect upon their cognition for this work. The reflection page to do so is located on the HGT website as is the rubric for demonstrating the pillars of thought.

## Saw Dust Available at Morey

The barrels from the saw dust collection system in the wood shop are full! Do you need saw dust for compost, your chicken coop or other needs? Contact Mrs. Gaston at [Diane\\_Gaston@dpsk12.org](mailto:Diane_Gaston@dpsk12.org) to arrange a pick up. Bring containers with you.

## 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:

Playoff games for Volleyball and Flag Football will begin on Monday, November. 17th or Tuesday November 18th depending on who wins today's games.

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

## SAVE THE DATE:

**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.,** Wine Tasting Event for 6th grade parents sponsored by Friends of Morey. Tickets will be \$20 per person; proceeds will go towards Intercessions and teacher mini-grants. More details to follow. **Watch your inbox for an evite!**

**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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