

## Morey Weekly Communications

### For the Week: October 27 – October 31 and beyond

#### Parents of Students in Magazines Enrichment:

*From the desk of Principal Tonk*

We wanted to take a moment to make sure you were fully aware of the situation in the Magazines enrichment. The teacher had been assigned to Morey to work in our in-school intervention room by the Central Office on a half-time basis. Because our 9<sup>th</sup> period enrichments were crowded, and because she is a language arts teacher, we gave her a language arts enrichment that she focused on development of a magazine about Morey. Two weeks ago, Ms. Sweeney announced that she had found another job, as she was unhappy about working in the intervention room. She has provided us with two weeks of lesson plans, and we are trying to have our own teachers sub in that classroom rather than placing an actual substitute teacher in there. **We are actively recruiting language arts teachers to take over this class** and to provide strategic class size relief elsewhere in the building. As you may imagine, available quality teaching candidates are few and far between in October. I can hire “anyone” to have a permanent teacher in the room, but I will not stop until I find a teacher who I would be willing to have teach my own children. I understand that this is frustrating to have a sub in this classroom, but it would be more frustrating to have the first teacher I interviewed take the job regardless of teacher quality. Also, before anyone asks, there is no room in other 9<sup>th</sup> period enrichments to move students. I spoke with the class about this on Friday, and I believe they understand the situation. Please contact me if you have other questions or concerns.



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#### Important Dates:

**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, DPS Choice Expo 6pm-8pm Sports Authority Field at Mile High:** Elementary, Middle and High schools will be represented.

**Wednesday, October 29 4:30 to 10:00pm: Morey's First Community Restaurant Night!**

**Billy's Gourmet Hot Dogs:** 600 E Colfax Ave Denver, CO. Bonus! 10% of what we buy goes back to Morey! Don't forget to tell them you go to [Morey Middle School!](#)

**Thursday, October 30, 9:00am to 10:00am,** First ELA PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting. Meeting will be held in the Morey conference room 125. If you are an ELA family, please join us to help strengthen the ELA community at Morey Middle School. We will have Graciela G, who is both an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Morey parent and a representative of Padres Unidos to speak Spanish and help translate English. Coffee and bagels will be served.

**Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:30pm, Student & Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

All families are encouraged to attend who didn't attend on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. No sign up is required. Students are required to participate. Core Teachers are grouped together for families to visit. Exploratory Arts

teachers will be in their classrooms so they can show off student projects. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Jeannette Ekstrand, 720.424.0737 or [jeannette\\_ekstrand@dpsk12.org](mailto:jeannette_ekstrand@dpsk12.org)

## **Monday, November 3, 5:30pm -7:30pm: Supporting the Whole Child Workshop – Back Again!**

5:30 – 5:50 dinner & registration, 5:50 – 7:30 workshop. Learn how the 40 Developmental Assets can promote positive social and emotional development for adolescent children! Free organized afterschool activities for kids.

## **Support the 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Washington DC Trip**

All students that are completing the Chinook Book fundraiser should be finalizing orders and returning Chinook books to Mrs. Gaston in room 108. Returned books or money MUST be turned in no later than Tuesday, October 28. Final date to acquire books and complete deliveries is Friday October 31.

Mrs. Gaston is seeking parents to assist with grant writing to help support our school vision for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Plan. Email [Diane\\_Gaston@dpsk12.org](mailto:Diane_Gaston@dpsk12.org) or stop by room 108.

## **Morey After School Clubs**

### **Morey After School Clubs – all are welcome!**

**Has your student finished Cross Country, Softball, or Soccer and is looking for something to do after school? How about participating in Morey's after school clubs? There is something for everyone! See schedule below.**

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. Registration forms and Scholarship forms are available in Room 102.

### Schedule

**Mondays:** Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Choir/Glee Club, Documentary Film Club, **Technology Student Association\***

**Tuesdays:** Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Minecraft Club, Art Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club

**Wednesdays:** Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Swim Club, Gardening & Cooking Club

**Thursdays:** Chill Zone, Sports Zone, Speech & Debate Club, WizKidz Computer Club, Yearbook Club

**\*Note-** Students interested in TSA after school club should attend the next meeting in Room 108. Students will be given registration information about the February Competition.

Information 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:**

Volleyball 6th/7th/8th grade and Flag Football play **on Thursday October 30th at Grant, 3:45.**

Volleyball 6th/7th/8th grade and Flag football play **on Monday, November 3rd at Grant Ranch 3:45.**

**Monday October 27th after school in the cafeteria: The boys' soccer team will have an end of year celebration. Parents are invited. Please remember to return your uniforms to Mr. T or Mr. Beard.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Friday, November 14, 3:00pm – 7:00pm Morey Community Restaurant Night at Yogurt Guru**

located in North Cheery Creek: 2636 E 3rd Ave, Denver, CO 80206 (303) 862-4863. Stop by for an after school snack or dessert in Cherry Creek. Bonus - 15% of proceeds goes back to Morey. Don't forget to tell them you go to Morey Middle School!

**November 18, 2014 – 5:00pm is the Morey Art Show, followed by the Band/Orchestra Show at 6:00.**

**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."

**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.

**Morey Weekly Announcements now on the Morey website under the Parent 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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