

Morey Weekly Communications

Winter Break – January 9, 2015 and beyond

Happy Winter Break! See you back at Morey on Tuesday, January 6th.

A great BIG thank you goes out to the successful Holiday Gift Card Drive.

New Positive Behavior Support Program

We will be establishing a positive behavior support program for students. We have rolled out two components, an advisory reward program for attendance and a program that recognizes students for going above and beyond (Caught In the Act). We will be starting additional components of this program in January, including a program to recognize students who are meeting expectations with daily points that can be saved up and traded in for things like water bottles, Morey t-shirts, additional bathroom passes, drawings for larger prizes, and other random awards, depending upon the donations of local businesses. We believe in providing opportunities to recognize students who go above and beyond, but we also believe we need to do more to recognize students who meet our academic and behavioral expectations. If you would like to weigh in on helping to further develop this concept, please email Principal Tonk.

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Principal

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First Round Choice is now open. December 15, 2014: School Choice Round One opens and **January 30, 2015, 4:00 pm:** School Choice Round One Closes. **2 ways to submit your choice form:** 1. Through Parent Portal <https://myportal.dpsk12.org> or fill out the form in hard-copy from Morey's office and give to the Morey Office Staff. **Mid-March 2015:** Parents/guardians will be notified of their child's school of enrollment by mail (if submitted in person) or e-mail (if submitted online).

HGT PARENTS: Please check the website for Portfolio assignments due upon return from Christmas break

Fun Family Things to do over the Break:

With holiday breaks starting next week, it's a great time to make sure your children are registered for the [MY Denver Card!](#) Expanded benefits from select cultural partners are available in December and January, giving Denver youth great options to fill their time during out-of-school days:

Buffalo Bill Museum

- Time frame: year-round
- Unlimited visits with a paying adult

Clyfford Still Museum

- Time frame: December 20, 2014 – January 4, 2015
- Free admission during all operating hours

- One free adult admission per cardholder

Denver Art Museum

- Time frame: December 20-31, 2014
- Unlimited General Admission visits with a paying adult
- Ages 16+ may attend without an adult

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

- Time frame: month of December
- Unlimited visits with a paying adult
- Ages 16+ may attend without an adult

History Colorado Center

- Time frame: Monday-Sunday; after 3pm until November 2015
- Free admission

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

- Time frame: year-round
- Unlimited visits with a paying adult
- Ages 16+ may attend without an adult

Denver Zoo

- Time frame: January and February 2015
- Five free visits with one paying adult per family
- Ages 16+ may attend without an adult

Denver Recreation Centers

- Time frame: December 22, 24; 29-31, 10am-4pm
- Various activities for grades K-12
- Visit denvergov.org/recreation to find each center's schedule
- Youth ages 5-18 can visit any recreation center free of charge during all operating hours



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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:

Thursday, January 8th: Morey Principal Meeting for Montbello/Green Valley Ranch Families:

6:00pm to 7:00 at DCIS Montbello: 5000 Crown Blvd, Denver, CO 80239: Noah is excited to come to the Montbello/Green Valley Ranch. He wants to share with you some new and exciting things that are happening at Morey for Student Support. Questions and concerns are welcome. Dinner will be served and kids are welcome

Feedback Requested from Parents about After School Clubs!

Ms. Icove, Morey Neighborhood Center and After School Clubs Coordinator, is seeking feedback from parents regarding the After School Clubs at Morey.

Parents – please send an email to meryl.icove@dpsk12.org with any feedback you have regarding the after school clubs program. We want to hear what you think so we know what we are doing right and how we can improve the after school clubs program.

Support the After School Clubs Program

The fees we collect are how we fund the cost of instruction/coordination of the After School Clubs Program. Many of our families cannot afford the full or partial payment for their student's participation in after school clubs.

We do have a strict policy that NO student will be turned away for inability to pay. **As such, we welcome any donations to help cover the costs for those families unable to pay the after school fees.**

If you have questions, contact Meryl Icove, Coordinator, Morey Neighborhood Center, meryl.icove@dpsk12.org, 720-424-0791. Thank you very much and have a wonderful new year.

Morey Athletics

Basketball plays on Thursday, January 8th at Hill: Girls at 3:45 & Boys at 4:45

Distinguished Denver Teacher Award: Is there a teacher at Morey you think is doing an amazing job? Consider nominating them for the Denver Teacher Award. Nomination forms and more information can be found on the following website: <http://www.denverteachersawards.org>

Save the Date:

Tuesday, January 13th, 5th Grade Q&A with Principal Noah Tonk, 9:00am- 10:00am, Morey Library

Monday, January 19, No School _ MLK Holiday!

Monday, January 19, 4:30 – 8:00pm, Community Restaurant Night at LIME XS, Capitol Hill/Alamo Placita: 6th and Clarkson, 730 E. 6th Avenue. Come enjoy YUMMY Mexican cuisine and LIME XS will give Morey 20% of what we purchase. Just tell them you go to Morey Middle School!

Thursday, January 22, Morey Snowball Dance:

6th grade's event will be from 3:15 – 4:30 (admission is \$2.00 or \$1.00 with a canned food donation)

7th/8th grade will 5:00 – 7:00 (admission is \$3.00 or \$2.00 with a canned food donation)

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. Then, you add the amount to the card that works for you and shop away!

For King Soopers: details are coming soon!

For Box Tops: anytime you purchase a product with Box Tops, make sure to clip it, save it and bring them to Morey when they accumulate. It's that easy

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www.morey.dpsk12.org

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