



## Morey Middle School Weekly Announcements January 25 - 29

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### School of Choice:

SchoolChoice forms for the first round of choice are due no later than 4:00pm on Friday, January 29. SchoolChoice can be completed on parent portal or with paper forms which are available in the main office or online at <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/how-to-enroll-in-a-school/schoolchoice-forms/>. If you have any questions, please call the Mr. Ankele at 720-424-0703.

## Spelling Bee:

There will be a Spelling Bee on January 28, 2016 from 9:15am to 11:00am. It will be held at Denver School of the Arts at 7111 Montview Blvd, Denver 80220. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Clark at 720-474-0789.

## National History Day:

Morey is participating in the National History Day Competition. Check out the attached website for more information about National History Day in General.

<https://sites.google.com/a/dpsk12.net/bamford-s-world/national-history-day>

The Schoolwide Competition and judging will be on February 4, 2016 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The parent viewing and awards will be from 3:30pm and 5:00pm beginning in room 114. Award winners will be notified by the end of the day.

DPS Contest: February 20, 2016

Colorado Contest: April 30, 2016

National Contest: TBA

## Mathletics:

Save the Date! I received official confirmation that we are registered to take 10 students to the local math counts competition. The competition will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at DU starting at 8:00 a.m. We also need to designate a team of 4 students. At least 4 spots will be reserved for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. More information coming very soon.

Our teams did really well at the District Mathletics competition. While we did not place, our teams were very competitive. We missed placing as a team by only a handful of points. We did have two students who placed as individuals in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade competition. Congratulations to all the participants on their great performance.

We will continue practicing every Tuesday after school. All students are welcome. We have another upcoming online contest this spring that unlimited students can participate in, so we have a lot to prepare for!

## HGT News:

### **SCIENCE FAIR OPEN HOUSE**

Our Science Fair Family Open House will be Monday January 25 from 5-7. First, second, and third place finishers will be unveiled that night. Winners of our science fair will compete in the district science fair at DU on Saturday January 29. Come browse the projects and see where great minds will be headed in the not-so-distant future.

### **2017 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION**

6th and 7th grade parents are invited to Morey on Monday February 8 from 6-7 to find out how your child can participate in this historic event. Your child could be traveling to Washington DC. Find out everything you need to know by attending our parent informational session lead by a representative from *Close Up*, the educational foundation that provides this program. Look for a parent letter and brochure coming home next week.

### **PASSION PROJECTS**

Passion project work has begun. Students turned in preliminary outlines Friday January 22. This is the first step in an attempt to set your student up for success with this rigorous in-depth endeavor. Students were given the rubric that will be used for grading their project as part of their language arts second semester grades. The timeline for future installments is below and also located on the Morey website highly gifted and talented program page.

December 16-Topic identified

January 19-Resources identified, rough draft of research paper outline submitted for all grades

February 19-Rough draft of work cited page for all grades

March 4-Presentation element rough draft due all grades

March 18-8<sup>th</sup> grade rough draft research paper due

March 25-7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade rough draft research paper due, 8<sup>th</sup> grade final draft research paper due

April 15-8<sup>th</sup> grade passion project due, panel presentations, 7<sup>th</sup> grade final draft research paper due

April 22-7<sup>th</sup> grade passion project due, panel presentations, 6<sup>th</sup> grade final draft research paper due

April 29-6<sup>th</sup> grade passion project due, panel presentations, Invitations sent out to community

May 16-Passion Project Public Showcase and Presentations

## School Support Groups:

This semester we are hoping to start some additional student support groups at Morey.

**The Grief and Loss Group.** We are partnering with Judi's House (a local organization who specializes in child/teen death loss support) to offer a support group to those students who have had a death loss in their immediate, extended or chosen family (friends/ loved ones close to student). We understand the impact that loss can have of a child in all areas of their life. This is an opportunity for students to honor the person that they have lost, while also developing healthy coping skills for times when difficult conversations or emotions emerge surrounding the loss.

**The Incarcerated Family Member Group.** We are hoping to begin a support group for those in the Morey Community who have lost family members through incarceration. This kind of loss is often not addressed, and is therefore often overlooked and becomes disenfranchised. We understand the impact that this experience can have on our students. This group will be an opportunity for students to come together, form community around their experience, share about the person that they are missing/ have lost, and develop healthy coping skills for when difficult conversations or emotions arise surrounding their loss.

## After School Clubs:

Wood Tech Club with Ms. Gaston – **STARTS ON TUESDAY!!! Registration Required – SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!**

**Session 1 Dates are: Tuesdays, January 26, February 9, 16, 23, & March 8 (5 weeks).**

Time: 3:30 – 5:15 pm

Fee: \$165 for the session–5 weeks (includes all materials). Partial and full scholarships are available.

Registration forms are available in Room 102 or **can be downloaded from this page:**

<http://mnc.dpsk12.org/afterschool/>.

Or you can email Ms. Icove and she will email the form to you.

Questions? Contact: Meryl Icove, [meryl\\_icove@dpsk12.org](mailto:meryl_icove@dpsk12.org).

(Session 2 will be March-April. Exact day/dates to be determined).

### **Rock Band Club – NEW SESSION starts Wednesday, February 3 – Registration Required**

Information and **Registration Forms** for the Spring Session of our after school Rock Band Club are available in Room 102. Band Dynamics is making some improvements/enhancements this session!

In Rock Band Club, students can learn to play awesome rock songs on guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, or vocals with a group. No experience required!

Winter/Spring Session Dates: Wednesdays, February 3–May 18 (15 weeks)

Time: 3:15-5:15 pm

Fee: \$210 for the session – 15 weeks (30 hours of lessons). Partial and full scholarships available.

See Ms. Icove in Room 102 for information sheet, registration forms, etc.

Questions? Contact: Meryl Icove, [meryl\\_icove@dpsk12.org](mailto:meryl_icove@dpsk12.org).

### **D.J. Academy – new After School Club!**

**Mondays, 3:15-4:15 pm**, with Walt White from School of Beats and Ms. Bamford.

Students will learn the art of djing through a cutting edge, professional curriculum that is exactly the same system used to train many successful DJs performing around the world. No experience required!

Students must submit a pink After School Registration Form, along with a fee and/or Scholarship Request form, if they have not already done so.

### **Shakespeare Club/Shakespeare Festival**

Shakespeare Club has begun! All students are welcome to join Shakespeare Club on Mondays at 3:15 pm in the Auditorium. Morey Parent Mariesa Ho and other parent volunteers will help you prepare for participation in the Shakespeare Festival! Students must submit a pink After School Registration Form, along with a fee and/or Scholarship Request form, if they have not already done so.

## Morey Neighborhood Center:

### Lifeguard Training Class – low cost!

Do you know anyone looking to earn extra money while doing a fun job? Morey Neighborhood Center is offering a Lifeguard Training Class for anyone interested in becoming a Red Cross Certified Lifeguard.

Specific details can be found at: <http://mnc.dpsk12.org/lifeguard-certification-training-information/>

Classes start on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Morey Middle School. This will be a blended learning class.

Once certified, job opportunities are available at Morey Neighborhood Center, with the City of Denver, and with many other municipalities.

Questions? Contact Meryl Icove, [meryl\\_icove@dpsk12.org](mailto:meryl_icove@dpsk12.org)

## Athletics News:

### **Basketball:**

There are no boy's and girl's basketball games this week (January 25-29).

**Hoops for Heart:** Informational sheets were sent home about Hoops for Heart with the students. Morey is participating in Hoops for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. Forms and money is due back by **FEBRUARY 10th**. Money can also be donated online at: [www.heart.org/hoops](http://www.heart.org/hoops)

For donating \$10 students will be able to participate in a final fun event on February 12th during the final 2 periods of the school day.

If you have any questions please direct them to our Physical Education Teacher Tim Rose at [Timothy\\_Rose@dpsk12.org](mailto:Timothy_Rose@dpsk12.org).

If you have any questions about Athletics, please call Mr. Rose at 720-424-0719

## Fundraisers:

### ***SKATE CITY ROLLER SKATING PARTY***

Skate for Health Month will be celebrated at Morey with a Skate City Party on Wednesday February 10th from 4-6. Students will leave immediately after school on a Skate City bus and return to school at 6:30. Cost is \$6.50 with an option for a \$3.00 dinner special. Watch for a parent flyer coming home next week. This event also helps Morey as 50% of the admission will be donated back to our school! Friends and family can also join in the fun if you want to drive over to the Arvada location at 5353 W. 64th Ave. See you there!

Help Give back to Morey while you shop! It's that easy! CARDS ARE AVAILABLE through Susan Hougas in the main office.

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:** Cards are available! come into the main 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 the main 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:** Clip and save and when you accumulate a lot, drop them by the main office.

Thanks for Caring!

## Save the Date:

January 25, 2016 - Morey Middle School Science Fair, 5:00pm - 6:30pm, East and West Gyms

January 28, 2016 - Spelling Bee at DCS from 9:15am - 11:00am

February 3, 2016 - Collaborative School Committee - 4:15pm - 5:45pm, Main Conference Room

February 4, 2016 - National History Day Competition, Room 114

February 5, 2016 - Coffee with the Principal, 8:00am Main Conference Room

February 6, 2016 - Mathletics Competition, 8:00am, DU

February 10, 2016 - Skate City Heart Health Skating Party - from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Arvada Skate City

February 15, 2016 - President's Day, No School

February 24, 2016 - Art show and Band Concert, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Library and Auditorium

February 29, 2016 - Teacher Planning Day, No School

March 28 - April 1, 2016 - Spring Break

May 17 - 20 - Intercessions, Course offerings to follow

## Suggestions:

Morey Weekly Announcements now on the Morey website under the Parents Tab:

[morey.dpsk12.org](http://morey.dpsk12.org)

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

We welcome any ideas to make these announcements easier to read. So, please feel free to get in touch with me if you have questions or concerns.

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