



McAuliffe Manual School News | December 2, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual Families and Community,

In an effort to increase communication we wanted to share an exciting update about weekly reports that will be going home with students on Thursdays. This week students received a weekly behavior report where you can see the autos and thunder tickets they earn each week. To learn more about our PBIS system you can visit: bit.ly/thunderPBIS. Students will also be receiving a weekly academic progress report starting next week. Our goal in sharing these reports with you is to help foster the IB Learner



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, 12/ 5 @

8:30am

Tour for Prospective
Families

performance and work to understand areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

Please make sure to return this with a parent/guardian signature to your teacher (6th grade to your period 7/8 teacher; 7th and 8th grade to your period 11/12 teacher). Please reach out to your advisor or grade-level dean with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS



Please Welcome Our Newest Dean of Culture

My name is Maggie Leshin, and I am the newest Dean of Culture here at McAuliffe Manual. If you have a 7th grade student, I am their new grade-level Dean. I am joining the team from McAuliffe International School where I have taught for the past 4 years. I have been teaching for 8 years and have been working towards a move into administration for 3 years. I have a master's

Open House for Prospective Families

Fri, 12/7 @ 7:45am
First Friday Coffee

Tue, 12/18 @ 5:30pm
CSC Meeting in the library

Fri, 12/21 @ 1:30pm
Early Release

Mon, 12/24
Winter Break begins

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last December. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know your child and supporting our school's culture. I believe every child deserves a safe and supportive environment to learn in and an equal chance at an amazing future.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's academic or behavioral progress, or if you would like to share information about your child that would allow me to better support them, please reach out! You can email me at Maggie_leshin@dpsk12.org or reach me on my cell phone at 469-733-4020.

**Sarah Frederick:
8th Grade Dean of Culture
& 504 Coordinator**

Happy First Weekend of December! I wanted to provide an official introduction to you all as the official 8th grade Dean of Culture. I have been with Denver Public Schools for nine years; I've taught 7th through 10th grade history and I love middle schoolers! I completed my undergraduate history degree at Metropolitan State University of Denver and I received a master's degree in reading instruction from Regis University. I recently completed the Principal Licensure program at

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Dean. I am here to support all students with their academic and social emotional needs. I serve as a bridge between students and teachers, teachers and students, students and parents, parents and students, teachers and parents, and parents and teachers. What I have loved so far about my new role is seeing our students develop their voice both in and outside of the classroom and begin to have a positive influence on our 6th and 7th grade students. If you need to get a hold of me, email is best. I promise to get back to you within 24 hours. Please note that I believe in collaboration and appreciate any feedback from both parents and students on how we can continue to improve our school community. You can reach me at: Sarah_Frederick@dpsk12.org. I look forward to a great rest of the 2018-2019 school year, and continuing to support your students as they transition to high school!

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Writer's Workshops After School

Mr. Baggett is hosting writer's workshops every Thursday (and soon, on Fridays too). Please [email Mr. Baggett](#) for more details or if you have questions.

Tdap Immunization Requirement

Please submit up-to-date immunization records

working to send out 14-day notifications, but we encourage all students to get their immunizations submitted before Winter Break. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Kailey Garland, RN, BSN at 720-423-6754 or by [email](#).

Congratulations Volleyball Team

A message from Coach Walsh. . . Our 7th/8th grade volleyball team had an awesome season! Our record was 5-2 and we took third place in our division. Although we did not make the playoffs this year, our girls consistently brought the THUNDER throughout the season. They represented McAuliffe Manual at three away games and our four home games. They remained flexible when we were asked to use the small gym for our last game and always treated each other, the officials and the other team's players with respect. I am so proud of these girls and can't wait to see what they will do as student athletes in the future! Go Thunder!

Be the Influence

As you may know, Denver Public Schools is partnering with an organization called Be the Influence (BTI). BTI is a parent support program for a network of parents who are dedicated to doing all they can to keep their teens safe and away from

parents who pledge to host teen parties free of alcohol, marijuana, nicotine and other drugs. BTI sends out bi-monthly newsletters to its parents with parenting tips and facts about different drugs. There is also an option for parents to receive these newsletters without making the pledge. We invite you to check out www.betheinfluence.us for more information about this community. To view BTI's latest Blog on teen use of marijuana - with information on the latest trends, products and studies, [click here](#). For health effects and other risks for teen use of marijuana, [click here](#).

Lost and Found Bin

Our Lost and Found bin is located in the hall right outside the front office. Please check it for missing items before the end of the month. Items will be donated on the last Friday of each month.

Sports Winter Season

Basketball

The Boys and Girls Basketball Season has begun. Girls basketball practice are 4:10-5:15 pm in the small gym on Mondays and Wednesdays. Game schedule can be found our website at [this link](#). Please come out and support our teams.

Swim Club

Boys and girls team practices will be held every

you have questions, please email coach Griffith at TEAGAN_GRIFFITH@dpsk12.org.

COUNSELING CORNER

The Cube High School

The CUBE High School is a new DPS charter school in the North Park Hill neighborhood. It provides a challenging and engaging high school education, ensures students enter college with more than just academic skills, and graduates students with the work ethic, social skills, and ability to collaborate that will allow them to thrive in college and career. Sign up for an open house and student shadow day at [this link](#). Or, call our Dean of Students, Ben Brasch, at (303)-887-7547 for more information.

The school is located at 3399 Holly Street:

- Open House - December 4th, 6:30-8:00PM
- Student Shadow Day: December 7th, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Important Dates for School Choice

[Click here](#) to learn more about DPS SchoolChoice. SchoolChoice opens Jan 15th and closes Feb 15th

High School Open Houses and Shadowing

Please [click here](#) to see dates and contact information for many DPS high school tours/shadowing, as well as charter school application deadlines.

REMINDERS

Prospective Families - Tours & Open Houses

You can access the RSVP links for tours and open houses at [this webpage](#). Tours will be limited to 30 pre-registrants. If you have any questions please contact [Cindy Young](#).

Snack Donations Requested

We are in need of 1-2 volunteers every Friday afternoon to distribute snacks into teacher bins for the following week. And, we would appreciate any money donations to help offset the cost of daily snacks. Any amount is helpful, thank you!

FUNDRAISERS

Dine-out for McAuliffe Manual

December 10th to our school PTSA. Stop into Whittier Pub after 5:00pm for a snack, a beverage, a family dinner, or date night. Bring family, friends and neighbors! [Click here](#) for more details.

Amazon Smile

When you shop through the Amazon Smile link below, Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to our school. Please consider setting this up before you do your holiday shopping this season. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-1209330>

DPS Fundraising/Discount Tickets Available

- Discount tickets to see two shows: Corduroy at DCPA October 5 through December 9 - and - A Christmas Carol November 21 through December 5!!
Visit denvercenter.org and choose a show date and time, then enter discount code DPSFUND into promo code box and click GO. Select quantity of seats, click DPSFUND, then click Add to Order and check out.
- The CO Avalanche play the St. Louis Blues at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30! Tickets start at \$25 with no additional taxes or fees! Also, all ticket buyers will be entered to win on-ice experiences! [Click here](#) to purchase.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC)** - Collaborate on school structures, budget, culture and staffing. Contact Jessica Long at jessica.long@dpsk12.org
- **Student Activities** - Help our Director of Student Experience create, organize and schedule student activities. Contact Lizzie Hoff at elizabeth.hoff@dpsk12.org
- **Critical Needs** - Help connect MMMS families-in-need with community resources. Contact our front office staff at VALERIE_ALMODOVARCORTEZ@dpsk12.org.
- **Book Fair** - Organize annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce at cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org
- **Yearbook** - Create annual yearbook for school. Contact Rosa Patron at r.d.patron@gmail.com
- **PTSA and Fundraising** - Develop, organize and execute programs and fundraising to benefit our MMMS community. Contact Allison Melun at allisonmelun@hotmail.com
- Silvia Hernandez, our MMS **Spanish-Speaking Ambassador**, is available to

HELPFUL LINKS

2-1-1 Resource For Health & Human Services

2-1-1 Colorado is a free, confidential, multilingual service that refers callers to non-emergency health and human services such as housing cost assistance, emergency shelter, food/clothing donation, physical and mental health services, GED/ESL classes, legal assistance and more. Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org.

MMMS Quick Links

Principal Long: jessica_long@dpsk12.org

Main Phone: 720-423-6550

Attendance line: 720-423-6551

Website: <http://mcauliffemanual.dpsk12.org/>

Academic Support (success center and work zone)

School Calendar: [McAuliffe Manual 2018-2019](#)

Mobile App: Free download for [Apple](#)

[iOS](#) and [Android](#)

Uniforms: ThunderUniforms.com

School Supplies: [2018-19 list](#)

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