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Principal's Message



Greetings McAuliffe Manual Families,

Throughout the school year we will host celebrations for students to recognize their contribution to creating a positive learning environment at school by meeting McAuliffe Manual attendance, academic, and behavior expectations. The purpose of establishing requirements for celebrations is to help develop our IB students as people and teach them the importance of hard work, responsibility, and accountability. We are hopeful these requirements will help students gain confidence in their ability to set and achieve goals.

Our first celebration this school year is our Halloween Dance on October 16th (details below). Students who have zero autos between October 11th and October 26th will be eligible to attend. If you have any questions about the event, please email or call Lizzie at elizabeth_hoff@dpsk12.org or (720)423-6550. There is a link below to sign up for volunteering or providing donations.

Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue, 10/16

Make-up picture day
CSC meeting @
5:30pm
PTSA meeting @
6pm

Wed, 10/17

7th grade health
screening
Fall Arts Showcase,
5:30pm

Thur, 10/18

Surprise Field Trip -
TBA

Fri - Tue, 10/19- 10/23

Fall Break - No
School

Thur, 10/25 @ 6:30pm

TOP NEWS

7th Grade Health Screening October 17th

Letters and permission slips are coming home for your review and signature. The letter outlines the health screening that will take place on October 17th in school. You can click [this link](#) to read a copy of the letter.

Halloween Dance Volunteer/Donations Link

Our PTSA Halloween Dance is planned for Friday, 10/26 from 4:15-6:30pm in the MMMS cafeteria. PTSA is requesting volunteers and donations for a variety of needs. They've set up a [sign-up link](#) for families to choose assignments. Thanks in advance for helping us make this a fun and successful event for our hardworking students.

PTSA Meeting October 16

The first general meeting of the MMMS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be held in the library on Tuesday, October 16, at 6 p.m. Our goals for this inaugural year are to:

- Create a sense of inclusion and community among all parents, teachers, staff, and students
- Establish a structure for the organization and a succession plan for future years

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8:00pm

8th grade parent meeting

Fri, 10/26 @

4:15pm

Halloween Dance

Mon, 10/29 @

6:30pm

Opioid Epidemic Session

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- Fill committee positions
- Begin to focus on fundraising that can help supplement the school's budget and give all children the opportunities to learn and grow through classroom instruction and experiences outside the school

We would love for as many people as possible to join this meeting as we begin to develop the organization and explore ways we can positively impact our school and our community. Everyone is welcome to attend, even students. We made the decision to be a PTSA instead of just a PTA to get our kids involved in shaping the future of their school. We thought that was especially important as MMMS has an IB Middle Years curriculum, which “encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.” If you have any questions, please contact Allison Melun at allisonmelun@gmail.com.

Info Session on the Opioid Epidemic

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend this important information session on the opioid epidemic, hosted by the Cherry Creek Rotary Club and held at McAuliffe International on Monday, Oct 29th. You can view the flyer at [this link](#).

PTSA Supports Amendment 73

Amendment 73, also known as the Great Schools, Thriving Communities school funding initiative will

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Thriving Communities School Funding Initiative will be on the ballot this fall. This ballot measure has been endorsed by many school districts (including Denver Public Schools), the Colorado PTA, the Colorado Education Association, the NAACP, and many others. If passed, Amendment 73 would raise \$1.6 billion for Colorado schools each year. [Click here](#) to read the MMMS PTSA statement in support of this initiative.

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Congressional Hearing for Social Studies

McAuliffe Manual 8th graders will participate in simulation Congressional Hearing where students present in groups to a panel of 3-4 judges and their class. They will discuss a particular topic on the Constitution, US government, and Supreme Court cases. The event is planned for Friday, Nov 16th, 8:00am - 1:15 pm and students will be released early for the day following the event.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to join in, either by observing the Hearing or by judging the Hearing if you are interested; you don't need to have a judicial background. Please click [this link](#) to take our quick survey so we can get your information. [Letters](#) are being sent home with complete information.

School Performance Framework Results Announced

DPS has released the SPF results for 2018. "The

SPF (an annual report card). . . measures many important aspects of a school's academic performance, such as how much students are growing academically every year, how well the school serves and challenges all of its students, and how satisfied students and parents are." You can click [this link](#) to view SPF results for any DPS school.

Picture retake day, October 16th, 9–11am

Students who plan to have their picture taken need to bring a change of clothes to school for their picture. It is not a school wide dress down day. Thank you for your cooperation. You can pick up an order form in the office or use the code (CG948580Y1) to order on line. Original picture day proofs and orders were sent home with students this week. Please call the office with any questions.

Donation Request

We could use some coats and pants for McAuliffe Manual students. New or gently used pants or coats can be dropped off in the office. All sizes are welcome, but we are in particular need of boys 11/12 pants (gray or black please) and heavy duty black or blue fleece jackets in youth L or XL. We could also use non-perishable snacks for students who miss breakfast. We keep a supply in the office and would appreciate any healthy snack donations.

Thank you for helping us keep our students supported so they can achieve their best in school.

October is Anti-Bullying Month

Students have been working toward earning special Kindness Thunder Tickets this month, as October is Anti-Bullying Month! Kindness Tickets are earned by demonstrating kindness, and avoiding showing disrespect, to their peers and to adults. The reward for earning tickets is a surprise field trip on October 18th, the day before fall break. More information will be coming as the date draws nearer!

COUNSELING CORNER

Important Dates for School Choice

DPS School Choice information can be found at <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/frequently-asked-questions-faq/>

- SchoolChoice opens: Jan 15th
- DPS Regional School Expo Week: Jan. 15-17 (details TBA)
- SchoolChoice closes: Feb 15th @ 4 pm
- Notifications are sent: Late March 2019
- Round 2 of SchoolChoice: To be determined

High School Open Houses and Shadowing

Many high schools are hosting open houses and shadow opportunities for 8th graders in search of their next step.

- DCIS is a DPS magnet middle and high school in the Baker neighborhood of Denver. DCIS Baker graduates global citizens that are multilingual, enabling them to become inter-culturally competent through our unique curriculum. [Click here](#) to see more details about their upcoming events for 8th graders and their families.
- South High School Showcase - Wed, Nov 14th, 6:00-8:00pm at 1700 East Louisiana Avenue. You will hear from administrators, teachers, students and current South parents. Learn how your student can excel through: Academic Programs Including AP, Honors, Concurrent Enrollment and ELA; On-and-Off Campus College Course Offerings; Award-Winning Athletics, Clubs and Activities
- DSST schools - Use [this link](#) to choose a school and learn more about shadowing and open houses/family tours.
- DSISD (Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design) -Tours and Open Houses are scheduled for Nov 7th & Dec 5th (student tour 9am–12 pm; Open House 6:30pm–7:30pm) To schedule please

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email Jason_nungaray@dpsk12.org

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

After School Enrichment Update

- We now have a Game Club that meets on Wednesdays after school in room 313
- Starting Monday, Oct. 15th, we will have a Coding Club that meets after school in room 302
- Starting Thursday, Oct. 25th, we will have a Dungeons & Dragons and Pokémon Club after school; Location TBD

Volleyball Season Starts Soon!

7th and 8th grade competitive volleyball

Practices will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm in the Thunderdome. Games will be scheduled for weekdays (Mon – Fri).

6th graders interested in recreational volleyball . . .

You must have a valid sports physical to play on the team. A completed sports packet (to Coach Hernandez) with the \$25 sports fee (to the main office) must be turned in by Tuesday, October 16.

Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 pm in the small gym. Games will be on Saturdays.

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Flag Football

Practices will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:10-5:10pm. Bring cleats, water bottle, t-shirt, shorts and a good attitude.

REMINDERS

Fall Arts Showcase - Oct 17th

Join us at 5:30pm as we showcase students' visual and performing arts accomplishments.

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Join us Thursday, October 25th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. We will be discussing the continuation requirements for 8th graders, the 8th grade trip, and preparing for the high school choice process.

DPS FUNDRAISERS

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 Lucy Roberts at
lucy_roberts@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 connect with Spanish-speaking families. She can be reached at 303-725-4389.

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](#)

School Lunch: [DPS food services](#)

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