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Principal's Message



Greetings McAuliffe Manual Families,

We are working with the District to create a progress report we can send home monthly for you so that you can monitor grades before the end of the trimester. We continue to experience some technical difficulties and appreciate your patience. In the meantime, during advisory this week students will learn to look up grades in Student Portal at <https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>. Students completed a reflection assignment and set goals for October. Students should have brought this home to show you. Please reach out to your student's advisor (period 9 teacher) if you have any questions or concerns. You are also welcome to use your parent portal account (or create one if you haven't done so yet) so you can monitor grades and attendance.

Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Please join us for a meeting on Thursday, October 25th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. We will be



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, 10/5 @ 7:45am

First Friday Coffee

Sat, 10/13 @

9:30am

Superintendent

Parent Forum

Tue, 10/16

Make-up picture day

Tues, 10/16 @

5:30pm

CSC Meeting

Wed, 10/17

7th grade health
screening

Fall Arts Showcase,
5:30pm

Fri - Tue, 10/19-

10/23

Fall Break - No

discussing the continuation requirements for 8th graders, the 8th grade trip, and preparing for the high school choice process. We hope to see you there!

What does IB programming mean for your student?

Please join our school IB coordinator, school leadership, and the Northfield High School IB coordinator for a two part IB PYP/MYP/DP parent information session. We'll dive into what an IB program looks like at the school site, what an IB student looks like, and what it means to be international minded. When: Monday October 8th from 5:15-6:00 pm at the Swigert International School Library (3480 Syracuse Street).

Fall Arts Showcase - Oct 17th

Join us at 5:30pm as we showcase students' visual and performing arts accomplishments. It's a great way to celebrate our students' hard work and talents, and to meet other families and build community. Hope to see you there!

PTSA Halloween Dance - We Need Your Help

Parents who would like to help out with the Halloween Dance/Party, please contact [Allison Melun](#). The event is planned to happen sometime after fall break and it usually runs for a few hours after school on a Friday. Our PTSA would really

Fall Break
School

Thur, 10/25 @

6:30pm

8th grade parent
meeting

Mon, 10/29 @

6:30pm

Opioid Epidemic
Session

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appreciate any volunteers willing to help with overall organization or smaller tasks like snacks, decorations or set up/clean.

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

Social and emotional screening

This week, from October 9-12, we will be implementing a social and emotional screening of all 6th and 7th Grade students. This is a universal screening, it is NOT an assessment or an evaluation. Universal screening is considered best practice to identify students who may need extra supports and to get them the resources they need so they can become better learners. Some reasons students may need additional support include but are not limited to: learning difficulties, health

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concerns, and social or emotional barriers. The purpose of a universal screening is:

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- To quickly identify students social and emotional strengths and areas to develop
- To provide information to help determine the best supports for individuals and schools

Students will be bringing home passive permission slips the week of 10/1 with more information.

These permission slips only need to be returned if you do NOT wish for your student to participate. If you have any questions please contact [McKenna Scott](#), School Counselor, at 720-423-6583.

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.
- McAuliffe International is hosting a high school showcase with student panel discussion [Click here](#) to view the flier

discussion. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

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 graders interested in competitive volleyball . . .

We are holding tryouts on Wednesday, October 10th from 4-5 pm in the Thunderdome. A completed sports packet is due to the main office in order to try out. Also, you must have a valid sports physical before try outs. Grab a sports packet from Coach Walsh (Ms. Walsh). There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, October 11 from 7:15-8:00 am. Practices will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm in the Thunderdome. Games will be scheduled for weekdays (Mon – Fri).

\$25 sports fee is due the first day of practice
(please pay the main office).

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 Graders – interested in Flag Football?

We'll hold tryouts on Monday, October 8th at the Turf Football Field from 4:10-5:10pm. You must get a sports packet from Mr. Couchman and have it completely filled out for tryouts. A valid physical is also required for tryouts. Practices will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:10-5:10pm. \$25 fee is due the first practice. Bring cleats, water bottle, t-shirt, shorts and a good attitude.

REMINDERS

Free Denver Activities

[Click here](#) to access the Denver RAP calendar of free, fun, family activities for the month of October.

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](#).

DPS Meal Applications

Even if your child does not regularly eat school lunch or if you don't qualify for free or reduced lunch, the meal application helps DPS know the needs of our student population. [Click here](#) for the link to the application. We appreciate your help in getting full participation in this program.

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

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 - **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.
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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://mcauliffmanual.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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