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Principal's Message

Greetings McAuliffe Manual Families,

We would like to thank everyone who came out to see us at Back to School Night. I wanted to highlight a few of the important points that will help continue to support students this school year:

- Please sign and return to the front office the data privacy form as soon as possible. These were the pink forms in the back-to-school night folder. We will also send them home with the first academic progress report for the year the week of September 10th.



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur, 9/6
SOS training @8am

Fri, 9/7
SOS training @

- Students need to carry their binder with them to every class. You can review the list of other required school supplies [here](#).
- Please join us at our upcoming PTSA kickoff event or first CSC (Collaborative School Committee) meeting of the year this month. We need your help and involvement!

This is the first year that our school has a PTSA and we're excited to work with all parents to create this wonderful organization. We decided to organize a PTSA instead of a Foundation because of the money it would save us, the ease of getting up and running, and the ability to more quickly fundraise. Fundraising will be critical this year as we work to send our first group of 8th graders on their class trip. We are looking for committee chairs and members. If you'd like more information about PTSA please email Allison Melun at allisonmelun@hotmail.com.

Our CSC meetings are open to everyone in our community and help advise the school principal on budget, calendar, and our innovation plan. You can review the calendar of meeting dates for this school year [here](#). You can view the CSC meeting minute archives [here](#). If you are interested in being a voting member, please email Jessica introducing yourself and why you want to be on the CSC at jessica_long@dpsk12.org.

Finally, as August ends, we want to express our gratitude to the parents, guardians, families, teachers, office staff, special service providers, nurses, counselors, custodial team, school

3pm

Mon, 9/10

Mariachi practice,
4:00pm, rm 232

Wed, 9/12

CSC mtg, 5:30,
Library

Fri, 9/14

Picture Day

Tue, 9/25

Innovation Zone
Event & PTSA
picnic

Thur, 9/27

Late start and
teacher breakfast

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nurses, counselors, custodial team, school resource and safety officers, nutrition services team, and volunteers. Thank you! We appreciate everyone's support in helping us get the school year started.

Sincerely,

Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

Activities Interest Form

It was so great to see our returning families and to meet so many new ones at Back-to-School Night! Thank you to the families in attendance that completed and turned in their interest forms noting ways they would like to get more involved with our school. If you did not have a chance to turn in your form, or if you were unable to attend Back-to-School Night, it's not too late! You can either turn in your hard copy form to the front desk or complete the same form [online here](#). If you have additional questions about activities, events, or clubs/enrichments, please feel free to reach out to Lizzie Hoff at elizabeth_hoff@dpsk12.org.

Mariachi at Manual!

We are starting a Mariachi Band at Manual that is open to ALL McAuliffe Manual MS and Manual HS students, staff, and parents that are able and interested in attending our practices! Our first practice is Sept 10th. 4:05 - 5:15 pm in room 232.

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The goal of our Mariachi Band is to develop our skills and perform at school and in the community. We have instruments for you to use and practice on! Our Mariachi Band will be open to the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Flute, Trumpet, Guitar (nylon string acoustic), Vihuela, Guitarron, and Vocalists. Flute, Trumpet, Violin and Viola players must have at least 1.5 years' playing experience. All others are welcome regardless of experience. You can contact John Jonas with any questions: 303-827-9519 or john_jonas@dpsk12.org.

NE Denver Innovation Zone Community Kickoff Event and PTSA picnic

Please join us at the Kickoff Event/PTSA picnic on September 25th from 4:30 - 6:30pm at Swigert International School. We're launching the Innovation Zone and the MMMS PTSA!

Four schools in Northeast Denver: McAuliffe International, McAuliffe Manual, Northfield High School, and Swigert International School have come together to form Denver's newest Innovation Zone with the vision that all children in Northeast Denver will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. Our MMMS PTSA is new this year and we need members to help us kick off our great project ideas!

Come to the event to learn more about the Zone and about MMMS PTSA, connect with other community members, and enjoy food and fun. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/NDIZKickoff>.

Attention Boys Soccer Team. . .

There will be no practice on Thursday, September 6 due to a mandatory teachers' training. Our first practice is Tuesday, September 4, from 4:15-5:15. Bring cleats, shin guards, a water bottle and please have a ride available to pick you up.

Safely stored medicine

Storing medicines safely is an important tool that can be used to minimize the risk of abuse and addiction that can lead to an overdose. 66% of youth that abused prescription medicine obtained it from a friend or relative. It is important to keep your medicines locked up, and to dispose of unused medicines at a [safe disposal location](#).

[Click here](#) to view the DPS-created video that addresses the importance of safe storage. For more information, [click here](#).

8th Grade Shadowing and Open Houses

East High School has restructured its shadowing program to make it a more equitable process. Between now and September 15th at midnight, you can enter your 8th grader into a random lottery for shadowing slot. You will be notified via email on September 25th whether or not your student is scheduled to shadow at East. [Click here](#) to learn more and to enter your student into the lottery. We will also offer additional open houses for potential new families to learn more about the East experience.

- November 7th from 9:30-10:45 am

- December 5th from 9:30-10:45 am
- January 9th from 6:30-7:45 pm

Keep an eye out for more important dates and high school choice information! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [McKenna Scott](#), MMMS School Counselor. I will be working with 8th grade students this year to start creating plans for high school success!

DPS NEWS . . .

Grant For Trauma-Informed Training

To better address the social-emotional and mental health needs of our students, we have doubled the number of our mental health professionals in our schools in the last seven years, in part through the Whole Child funds of the voter-approved 2016 mill levy. We also know how important it is that our educators who work so closely with our students every day have specialized training in trauma-informed practices. That is why we were so excited yesterday to announce an extraordinarily generous \$1 million donation from Janice and Jim Campbell to help DPS' efforts to become a [trauma-informed district](#). The grant, awarded by The Campbell Foundation to The DPS Foundation, will be used to implement a comprehensive strategy designed to improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for DPS students.

REMINDERS

SOS (Signs of Suicide) Training

Parents and guardians are encouraged to come learn about signs of suicide and ways they can help support their students and community. This informational session will also provide families with beneficial resources and give them the opportunity to meet the McAuliffe Manual Mental Health Team.

All 6th grade students at MMMS will go through Signs of Suicide Training during the week of September 10th; please be on the lookout for permission slips being sent home next week. Parents are encouraged to join us for either SOS session: Sept 6th from 8-9am OR Sept 7th from 3-4pm. The training will be hosted by the School Psychologist and School Counselor.

Office Hour Reminder

Please remember that there are no student pick-ups during lunch. You may sign your student out up to 10 minutes before lunch (12:20 pm) and also 10 minutes after lunch (1:20pm). If you have any questions, please contact our front office at 720-423-6550.

Fall Athletics are Underway!

Click here for [game schedules](#) for cross country and boys' soccer. You can find sports permission forms and season updates on our [website](#).

DPS FUNDRAISERS

DPS Fundraising/Discount Tickets Available

[Click this link](#) to purchase tickets for the Back-to-School Weekend with the Rockies. CO Rockies vs. LA Dodgers, 9/7-9, use promo code DPS.

Help build our school 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/>

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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