



McAuliffe Manual School News | August 25, 2016

## Principal's Message

Thank you to those families who were able to join us yesterday for Back-to-School Night. We had a wonderful evening and covered a lot of information. Each teacher presented an overview of their subject area and focus of study for the school year. Families then spent time with their student's advisor getting to know school systems and structures. It was a great celebration of starting the school! For those of you who were not able to join us, please reach out to your student's advisor or the main office. You will be able to pick up the information that we covered. We will also send home the back-to-school night folders on Friday.

We have also had a chance to launch our first two student goals this week. Students will focus on these goals in all of their classes. Student goals are a chance for us to support students in developing academic skills and academic language to be successful in middle school and beyond. We will continue to share student goals and our



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Fri 8/26**

- \* Picture Day
- \* Mars Experience

Bus permission slips due

#### **Tues 8/30**

Mars Experience  
Bus

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progress on them each week in the newsletter:

- All students will answer questions in complete sentences
- All students will get started right away on tasks when prompted by the teacher

*Principal Jessica Long*



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## TOP NEWS

### Picture Day - August 26th

Picture Day is Friday, August 26th, and students are allowed to dress down for picture day. Dress code still applies. See the dress code for dress down days on our website [here](#). Picture Packets with more information and order forms were sent home with students on Tuesday. Please contact the main office with any questions. The easiest way to get school pictures is by ordering online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and using school code CG946580Y0. Ordering online offers the following benefits:

- No need to send cash or flyer back to school
- Get more background choices online
- Customize your package online with different portrait sheets

Sign up for our new MyFamily Rewards loyalty program and receive a free high-res download with your first order. Please submit your portrait order by August 29th for free shipping to school.

### Lunch Applications

You should be receiving lunch applications in the mail this week. We highly encourage that all families complete the application – we want to

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make sure that as a school we can provide the appropriate lunch services to families! You can also complete the applications online

at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

### **Mars Experience Bus - Permission Slips Due August 26th**

McAuliffe and McAuliffe Manual have the great fortune of being the only schools in Denver to work with Lockheed Martin to offer a Mars Experience Bus virtual reality experience for our students on Tuesday, August 30th. More details and a Lockheed Martin permission slip have been sent home with students via their Advisory teachers. Parents must sign and send back this permission slip by Friday, August 26th (turned in to their Advisory teacher) in order for their student to ride the bus. [View the permission slip here](#) if the printed copy has been misplaced. See more details about this incredible opportunity [here](#).

### **Traffic Alert for August 29th and 30th**

Due to the Mars Experience Bus event, we are asking families to avoid driving and doing drop-off and pick-up on August 29th and 30th anywhere on Holly St. in front of the school and on 26th between Holly and Ivanhoe St. Setup is taking place on August 29th, and the event itself is on August 30th. We recommend doing drop-off and pick-up further away from this NW area of campus, either further east or west on 26th or a block or more away from campus at a pre-arranged meeting place. Thanks for your patience making room for this amazing event!

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## Thanks for Joining Us!

Thanks to all who were able to join us for Back-to-School Night this week! If you were not able to make it, see details above in Principal's Message about accessing information shared at this event.



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## REMINDERS

### Paychecks

On Tuesday your students received their first “Scholar Dollar” paychecks. We use the paycheck system with students as a way to reinforce and support our academic and behavioral expectations. Students can earn “Scholar Dollars” by demonstrating each of our ten IB Learner Attributes and by showing organization and preparation. Students can also lose dollars. Students lose “Scholar Dollars” for the following negative behaviors: Off-Task, Disrespect/ Disobedience; Being out of uniform; Tardiness; Use of Profanity; Disrupting Class and Using Verbal Putdowns.

Each Monday, students gain a new balance of \$50. Last week our weekly average was \$67. If your student is bringing home a paycheck balance of \$40 or below, there is reason to be concerned. As this balance is indicating that your student is showing an inconsistent meeting of McAuliffe Manual expectations.

Students will bring home their weekly paychecks for your review. **We are asking that all families review and sign their student's paycheck every Tuesday.** Students are responsible for returning the signed paycheck the next day to their homeroom. Students that do not return their paycheck signed on Wednesdays, will be assigned work zone that afternoon. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your student's advisor or Ms. Lewis.

## **Athletics**

Athletic letters were sent home this week with information about the early fall season. Detailed practice times and try out information is now available for boys' soccer, boys' golf, girls' softball, co-ed cross country, and co-ed tennis. Our Assistant Principal, Natalie Lewis, is also our Athletic Director. Please reach out to her with any questions.

Athletics dates:

- Girls' Softball try-outs are Thursday, August 18th and Friday, August 19th at the McAuliffe International Smiley Campus
- Boys' Soccer and Cross Country practice begins August 22nd after school to 5:05pm
- Tennis try-outs are August 23rd and 25th at

- the McAuliffe International Smiley Campus
- Boys' Golf try-outs are August 23rd and 25th
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## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### University Prep Elementary School Openings

[University Prep Schools](#), a K-5 tuition-free charter in Northeast Denver, has openings. Enroll your child in the #1 elementary school in the community now! Our founding campus, University Prep-Arapahoe street's 3rd graders, outperformed the local community average on the PARCC by 27% in reading and 31% in math.

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## HELPFUL LINKS

**Principal Long:** [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto:jessica_long@dpsk12.org)

**Main:** 720-423-6550

**Attendance line:** 720-423-6551

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

**[McAuliffe Manual 2016-2017 Calendar](#)**

**App:** Available for free download on [Apple iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices

**Uniform orders:** [ThunderUniforms.com](http://ThunderUniforms.com)

**School supplies list** [here](#)

**[DPS School Lunch](#)**

During the 2016-2017 school year, McAuliffe Manual is located on the Smiley Campus at 2540 Holly St., Denver, CO 80207.



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