



McAuliffe Manual School News | November 3, 2016

Principal's Message

Hello, McAuliffe Manual Community!

We had the opportunity this week to celebrate over 40 students who have demonstrated outstanding growth (more than 1 year already and some with more than 2 years) on their Math and Reading STAR tests over the course of the 1st trimester. We also celebrated our students who have had perfect attendance this school year. Students growing their math and reading skills as well as being here every day are essential for students' success in middle school. We are committed to the personal growth and achievement of each student and providing the opportunities they need to be successful. Our goal is for students to achieve 75th percentile growth by the end of the year – for many of them this means growing 3 or more grade levels by May. We are so excited to see students who have already started to accomplish this and look forward to seeing even more students achieve this by our next round of Interim Assessment & STAR testing in January. For



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 11/3

Fall Showcase,
5:30-7:30pm

Fri 11/4

First Friday Coffee,
8:30-10:00am

Last day of 1st
trimester

Mon 11/7

Start of trimester 2

more information about our assessment policies please visit our website [here](#) or for information about STAR testing visit the Renaissance Learning website [here](#). We're looking forward to a strong start of trimester 2 next week!

Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

Fall Showcase - Tonight, November 3rd

Today's the day for our Fall Showcase from 5:30-7:30pm! Join us in celebrating the Arts at McAuliffe Manual! The creative artistic expressions of the art students and joyous musical talents of the band, orchestra, and choir will be featured this trimester, as well as fun interactive activities for all in our shared communities. Hope to see you there!

Bus Service for Nov. 4th

Contrary to information in our last newsletter, we have confirmed that DPS will offer bus transportation on Friday, November 4th.

Uniforms – Reminders and Winter Layers

If you have not already purchased McAuliffe Manual uniform items for winter weather like long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts or a winter PE uniform that is now available, please do so right away to allow time for delivery before the cold weather is upon us. [Order online here](#).

A couple of uniform reminders:

- Students are not allowed to wear their personal jackets or hoodies over their uniform shirts except traveling to and from school.

Thur 11/17

Late start at
10:15am

CSC Meeting - 6:00-
7:00pm
Parent Involvement
Committee meeting
- 7:15pm

**Mon 11/21 - Fri
11/25**

Thanksgiving Break

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- Students may wear solid white, grey, or black long-sleeved t-shirts underneath their McAuliffe Manual t-shirts.

Spark Change Campaign

Our Spark Change campaign is in full swing! Students are collecting money from friends and family to make micro-grants to nonprofit organizations and participate in corresponding service projects. Don't forget to send in your contribution, no matter how small or large – it all makes a difference!

Club Sports

Late Fall sports, Flag Football, Girls Volleyball, and Field Hockey, are wrapping up next week by Friday, November 11th. Student sign-up sheets will be available during lunch next Wednesday, November 9th to sign up for Winter sports, boys and girls basketball and swimming. These sports will run from approximately November 27th through February 13th.

DPS Weather Delay Policy

Winter is right around the corner, and Denver Public Schools wants to remind families and educators to prepare for the cold temperatures. DPS is committed to informing families about school closures or delays as early as possible – with the goal to make the call by 5 a.m. In addition, DPS Transportation Services follows a [Weather Delay Schedule](#) for students who ride the school bus. Please click [here](#) for more information on school closure or delay procedures due to inclement weather. ***Please note – schools such as McAuliffe Manual that have a normal start time before 8:30am do not follow the delayed start schedule due to inclement weather.**

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Flu Information for 2016-2017

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses and can cause mild to severe illness. Older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications including hospitalization or even death. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu.

What's new this flu season?

- Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.
- Recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu vaccine, you can take everyday preventative actions like washing your hands and staying away from sick people. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others. Flu vaccines are available at most pharmacies, clinics and physician offices. Contact your doctor if you have questions about the flu vaccination. -

Kathy Lehman, School Nurse

Easy No-Cost Fundraising

The King Sooper and Safeway/Albertson's gift cards are available for sale. Earn money toward your student's camp trip by purchasing groceries, gas, in-store Starbucks, lift-tickets, and sporting or event tickets. It's that easy! Please see Mrs. Valerie Cortez in the main office.

Information about our camp trip is repeated in the Reminders section below and can also be found on

our new [Trips page](#) of our website.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Service Learning Trip

Our first Service Learning trip to the Dahlia Campus of Well Being was a success! Mrs. Strock's Advisory (Purdue University), worked in the therapy garden digging holes for planting new perennials, harvesting, and eating some of the beans, strawberries, celery, pepper and carrot plants. The Dahlia Campus leader, Carol, commented and was impressed that there were not any complaints since the ground was very hard and dry. A few of the students learned the hard way about taking a bite out of a hot pepper! Christopher Alix said "It was a really fun experience. I want to go back." And Gavin Edson said "I felt like I was helping the neighborhood. It felt good."

Our next Service Learning trip will be Tuesday, Nov 8th. Ms. Escobar's Advisory students will walk to Hallett Elementary to be reading buddies with the 2nd graders. Each student will read with small groups of second graders taking turns reading and listening to the students. We will also play some fun phonic and literacy games. This individualized attention really helps boost the children's confidence and engagement in literacy. Please remember to send a sack lunch with your student or let the cafeteria know so they can have them ready.



REMINDERS

YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch Camp Trip

Save the date! The McAuliffe Manual 6th grade class will travel to the Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park from May 24-26, 2017. We are waiting on final costs for the trip. The kids will get to enjoy archery, riding on a tubing hill, climbing on a climbing wall, camp fires and recreation time. A great way to earn money for the trip is to use the Safeway and/or King Sooper gift cards. As we get closer to the trip, we will ask for parent chaperones.

Two New Clubs!

Introducing two new Clubs that our students can take part in—see below for details about how to get involved. This information appears on our [Clubs page](#) for future reference.

- **National Geography Bee**

Are you curious about the world and learning more about other countries? This club will meet Thursdays during Advisory from 9:05—

9:45am. You can sign up in the office or ask your advisor to add your name to the enrichments list on the Google drive.

- **Semantics**

Do you love words? Then you're going to love McAuliffe Manual's new Semantics club! This club will meet Wednesdays during Advisory from 9:05–9:45am. You can sign up in the office or ask your advisor to add your name to the enrichments list on the Google drive.

From the School Nurse

We have had a few cases of head lice at school this fall, and I have had even more questions about them! A few facts: Head lice cannot jump or fly. They move by crawling, and are most often spread by direct head-head contact. It is also possible, but not common, to spread lice by sharing personal items like combs, hats or towels. Head lice are not related to cleanliness and can occur in all socioeconomic groups.

When checking your child's head for lice, you may see eggs, called nits, attached to the hair shaft. Nits are white or yellow, tiny, and shaped like a grain of rice. Lice may be "nymphs", baby lice, or adult. The adult lice are tan to gray in color and about the size of a sesame seed. If live lice are found, your child should be treated with a lice shampoo. It is especially important to follow the product directions closely, and use the provided "nit comb" to remove eggs. If you do find head lice in your child's hair, I really appreciate a call from you to notify me. Although neither the school district or health department recommend mass screenings at schools, I want to be able to follow trends and

follow up with families as needed. Please read the link [here](#) (Spanish [here](#)) for a more thorough discussion of Head Lice from the National Association of School Nurses. - *Kathleen Lehman, RN, BSN*

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

2-1-1 Colorado Resources

2-1-1 Colorado is a free, confidential, multilingual service that refers callers to non-emergency health and human services. To volunteer or to make an in-kind or financial donation, visit the 211 Colorado [website](#), dial 211, or text 898-211 for more information.

- Rental / Utility Bills Assistance
- Housing / Emergency Shelter
- Food / Clothing Banks
- Mental Health Assistance
- Dealing With and Preventing Abuse
- GED / ESL Classes
- Suicide Intervention and Prevention
- Medical Clinics
- Rx Assistance
- Senior Services
- Youth Programs
- Support Groups
- Legal Assistance

DPS Bond and Mill Levy

This fall, the Denver Public Schools Board of Education is putting an initiative on the ballot seeking voter approval of bond and mill levy proposals to increase funding for our schools. We are sharing this letter ([English](#) / [Spanish](#)) to

address common questions about what this might mean for your family and your community.

HELPFUL LINKS

Principal Long: 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

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.

