



McAuliffe Manual School News | October 20, 2016

Principal's Message

Hello, McAuliffe Manual Community!

Over the last two weeks students have taken Interim Assessments in their Core Classes (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies). We are looking forward to reviewing those results with you at conferences next week. Interim Assessments allow for us to assess where students are in meeting 6th grade-level standards and expectations at this point in time. We use interim assessments to reflect on instructional practices and plan instruction over the next six weeks. Each teacher creates an action plan that targets learning needs for the whole class, small groups, and individuals. Students track their results on each Interim Assessment to monitor their own progress toward goals. Our next round of Interim Assessments take place in January. I will share overall results of our school data in our next newsletter.



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 10/20

Late Start at
10:15am

Fri 10/21

Fall Dance - 5:00-
7:00pm

**Mon 10/24-Tues
10/25**

Parent-Teacher
conferences, 4:15-
7:15pm

We look forward to seeing everyone next week at Parent-Teacher conferences! And we're excited for our first dance tomorrow night, October 21st! (See details about both below.)

Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

McAuliffe Manual's First School Dance! – October 21st

We're excited to host our first school dance tomorrow, Friday, October 21st from 5:00-7:00pm in the McAuliffe cafeteria! A permission form with information about the theme, attire, and other information when home with students this week and must be signed and turned in by tomorrow morning in order to attend the dance. [Here is a link to this permission form.](#)

There is still spots available to help with our dance, including donating food, chaperoning, and helping clean up. A Sign-Up Genius has been created and can be accessed by visiting: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948A8AC2FA46-mcauliffe>

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Oct. 24th and 25th

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to take place after school on October 24th and 25th (4:15-7:15pm). Two weeks prior to conferences advisors will send home sign-up forms for conferences. Families will sign up for 30-minute time slots to meet with their advisor. Conferences are mandatory for families and students to attend.

**Thur 10/27-Fri
10/28**
Fall Break

Fri 11/4
Last day of 1st
trimester

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During conferences, academic progress towards meeting our 6th grade promotion requirements and set character development goals based on our IB Learner Profile Attributes.

Spark Change Time!

McAuliffe Manual is pleased to offer Spark Change (formerly known as Penny Harvest), a school-based citizenship and leadership service-learning program. Students harvest coins from family and friends, use those funds to make micro-grants to nonprofit organizations, and participate in corresponding service projects. Unlike other coin harvesting programs, Spark Change gives students total autonomy to decide where the money should go. Through this character-building experience, students learn the importance of civic engagement, philanthropy and teamwork, and develop a greater understanding of their classmates, their school and their community. Congratulations to our 2016-2017 Spark Change Leaders! Thank you in advance for your support of McAuliffe Manual's 2016-17 Spark Change program, and stay tuned for updates and more information!

Service Learning at McAuliffe Manual

The McAuliffe Manual Service Learning program will begin November 1st. Students will visit local elementary schools as reading buddies, care for animals with Urban Farm, clean up yards for the VOA Senior Yard program in Park Hill and Whittier neighborhoods, and sort food at the Metro Caring warehouse. These experiences are rewarding for both the students and recipients, with many of them becoming motivated to do more in their communities. Parents, if you are involved with or know of any organizations in the surrounding neighborhoods that need volunteer help, please

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contact Laura Rogers at
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REMINDERS

Parent Access to Illuminate

Illuminate is our data warehouse system where students take the majority of their tests and quizzes. Illuminate allows teachers to capture data for a variety of assessments and share that information with students online. Illuminate Home Connection is a great place to see your student's assessment results and current progress in their courses. To access the data your student sees, sign in using their Illuminate Home Connection account (directions can be found [here](#)). For questions, please reach out to Rachel_Shea@dpsk12.org, our Data and Assessment Coordinator.

Athletics Update

Our Late Fall athletics program will begin next week. In order to ensure that we have space for each of our offerings, we decided to move forward and inform families through a quick newsletter announcement. The late fall season lasts from October 10th to November 11th. This year McAuliffe Manual will be participating in 6th grade only club offerings in flag football and girls volleyball. Co-ed field hockey will be a shared club with McAuliffe International. If students are interested in participating in club athletics, they must submit a physical form and \$50 club participation fee to the McAuliffe Manual office by Friday, October 15th. Practice for late fall athletics (except volleyball) will begin the week of October 10th. Practice schedules for each sport are below:

- Flag Football: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 4:10- 5:05
- Field Hockey: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4:10- 5:05
- Volleyball (Week of 10/17): Monday and Wednesday, 4:10- 5:05

Our very own Mr. Jamal Rankins will be coaching flag football, and Ms. Talia Brecher will be coaching field hockey. We will be sending information about our volleyball coach in the next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate in reaching out to Ms. Lewis at natalie_lewis@dpsk12.org with any questions. Go, Thunder!

Dress Code Reminder

We want to remind families about our dress code as cooler weather approaches. Students must be in a McAuliffe Manual issued t-shirt or sweatshirt with black or khaki pants, shorts, or skirt. Other hoodies or jackets are not a part of dress code and should be kept in students' lockers. If you need to purchase a long-sleeved shirt or sweatshirt for the winter, please order from our uniform store at <http://thunderuniforms.com/>.

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.



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