



McAuliffe Manual School News | October 27, 2016

## Principal's Message

Hello, McAuliffe Manual Community!

It's hard to believe in that the first trimester is coming to a close. First trimester ends and gradebooks close on Friday, November 4th. Our 2nd trimester begins on Monday, November 7th. You can review the assessment and grading policy on our website [here](#).

I want to thank all of you for making conferences a priority. Our goal is for 100% of our families to attend, and we are close to meeting our goal. We will conduct makeup conferences next week. Many of our students displayed our IB attribute of Reflective at conferences and took the opportunity to create action steps to support them in being successful middle school students by reflecting on:

- Where they need to be at the end of the year (ready for 7th grade)
- Where they are now



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Thur 11/3**  
Fall Showcase,  
5:30-7:30pm

**Fri 11/4**  
First Friday Coffee,  
8:30-10:00am

Last day of 1st

- What they need to do in order to close that gap

We will be supporting students in advisory next week to follow up on action steps from conferences. Goal setting and progress monitoring is a major focus for us as a school in the 2nd trimester.

We don't have school this week on Thursday and Friday – I hope everyone enjoys Fall Break and has an opportunity to rest.

*Principal Jessica Long*

trimester

No DPS bus transportation

**Thur 11/17**

Late start at 10:15am

CSC Meeting - 6:00-7:00pm

Parent Involvement Committee meeting - 7:15pm

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## TOP NEWS

### Fall Break

This is a reminder that Fall Break is Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28. School will resume on Monday.

### No Costumes at School on Halloween Day

Please note that Monday, October 31st is Halloween and students are expected to be in their McAuliffe Manual uniform. Costumes will not be allowed to be worn at school.

### Fall Showcase - November 3rd

Come join us in celebrating the Arts at McAuliffe Manual! Our Fall Showcase will be Thursday, Nov. 3rd from 5:30-7:30pm. 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!



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## No DPS Bus Transportation - Nov. 4th

Please note there will not be DPS bus transportation on November 4th.

## 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.

## Spark Change Campaign Kicks Off Monday, October 31st

It's almost here – the McAuliffe Manual Spark Change kickoff week! We hope you've been adding to your Spark Change coin jar on your counter, because next week will mark the official beginning of our 2016-17 Spark Change harvest. The Spark Change harvest will run from Monday, October 31st through Friday, December 2nd. Each week will feature a different incentive, all for the sake of raising funds to donate. Don't forget that 100% of Spark Change funds are donated directly to the

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non-profits our students choose. Thank you in advance for your support making this year's Spark Change harvest a big success!

### **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—see below for details. As we get closer to the trip, we will ask for parent chaperones.

### **Easy, No-Cost Fundraising for Camp Trip!**

We're partnering with King Soopers and Safeway/Albertsons to help families raise money for our camp trip at the end of the school year. Safeway returns 3% of your purchases back to McAuliffe Manual, and King Soopers returns 5% of your purchases back to McAuliffe Manual. There is no cost to you, and you can support the Thunder by doing your normal grocery shopping! This money will help pay for the end of the year student trip to Snow Mountain Ranch in May, 2017. We will track your contributions from the King Soopers and Safeway/Albertsons cards and apply it to the cost of the trip for your student.

To get started today:

- Purchase a \$5 reloadable gift card from Mrs. Valerie Almodovar Cortez in the main office
- Load the card at any King Sooper and/or Safeway/Albertsons' customer service counter or the register for any amount up to \$500 BEFORE purchasing your groceries.

You can use cash, check or credit cards to load your card.

- Use the card to pay for groceries, in-store Starbucks, gas, lift tickets, and sporting or event tickets.
- Continue to load the card to pay for groceries every time you shop at King Soopers and/or Safeway/Albertsons.
- Want to raise even more money? Just buy a gift card for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors to use so that a percentage of their grocery shopping will also be used toward the cost of the 6th grade camp trip.

### **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*

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **First School Dance!**

McAuliffe Manual's first dance was a huge success! The kids danced, ate, laughed and had a wonderful time building friendships and community. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers and chaperones for dedicating their time and energy to creating such an incredible event. And a big thank you to the individual(s) that donated the 20 pizzas. The kids loved them!

Want to help plan great events like this one? The Parent Involvement Committee could use your help! Join us November 17th at 7:15pm! Interested in volunteering, but unable to attend the meeting? Contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com) to learn about opportunities.

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## REMINDERS

### **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 contact Laura Rogers at [laura\\_rogers@dpsk12.org](mailto:laura_rogers@dpsk12.org).

### **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/>.

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## **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.

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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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