



McAuliffe Manual School News | October 28
, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual Families and Community,

We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy some extra time with your children during fall break last weekend! The end of our first trimester is quickly approaching. You can check your students grades and missing assignments on Parent Portal at <https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>. Save the date for our first trimester report card conferences the evening of Wednesday, November 14th and the morning of Thursday, November 15th. Sign-up information will be going home with students in



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

**Mon, 10/29 @
6:30pm**
Opioid Epidemic
Session

Please note that we do not allow students to wear costumes to school on Halloween. Also, as a favor to our wonderful staff, please try to have your student home and in bed by a reasonable hour on Halloween and please try to limit the amount of candy that your student consumes prior to coming to school on Thursday morning. We would prefer that candy be kept at home if possible.

Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

Snack Donations Requested

We are now serving snacks around 11:30 each day in classrooms. We will be ordering them from Costco for delivery on Fridays. We are in need of:

- 1-2 volunteers every Friday afternoon to distribute snacks into teacher bins for the following week.
- Money donations to help offset the cost. While we appreciate food donations, it is less coordination to order in bulk from the warehouse each week to ensure we have

8:30am

First Friday Coffee
with Dir of Student
Experience

Tue, 11/13 @ 5:30 pm -7:00 pm

CSC meeting in the
library

Thur, 11/15

Late Start and
Teacher Breakfast

Fri, 11/16

8th grade
Congressional
Hearings and early
release

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students. Any donation amount is helpful, thank you!

District Superintendent Search

The engagement stage of the search was conducted from early September until mid-October, and gathered feedback from more than 2,000 people in large- and small-group meetings, and netted nearly 3,000 responses to an online survey. The report of this community response is available at [this link](#).

PTSA Meeting to Form Committee

Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on Nov 13th at 6:30 pm in the library. We'll be formalizing committees and committee leaders. If you are interested in heading up a certain committee, please contact Allison Melun (allisonmelun@gmail.com) before the meeting. Grab another MMMS parent and join us for a great meeting.

8th Grade Continuation Information

As stated in our handbook, 8th graders must meet graduation requirements in order to participate in Continuation. We are hopeful the continuation requirements will help students with their confidence in being high school ready.

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- Grades: Students must earn a 4 or higher in core classes and 3 or higher in elective classes.
- Behavior: Students must meet classroom and MMMS expectations that align with the IB Attributes. Repeat behavior incidents (more than 2) will result in a student being ineligible for attending the continuation ceremony or celebrations. Eighth Grade Continuation Information

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You can [click here](#) to access the letter, video and more information about continuation and how to access support for your student.

DPS Safety Meetings

DPS Department of Safety is hosting community meetings to discuss school safety: lockdowns, lockouts, shelter-in-place, Safe2Tell, access control policies, situational awareness, traffic safety and much more. [Click here](#) for more details.

Rising 6th Graders - Tours & Open Houses

Open houses and tours will be available at McAuliffe Manual starting in December. Sign up links will be available on the website starting November 1st. Both open houses and tours will have a short presentation and student led tours. Tours will be limited to 30 pre-registrants, and there

questions please contact [Cindy Young](#). We look forward to meeting with you and sharing all the great things about McAuliffe Manual Middle School!

Open House: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
December 6th & January 17th

Tour: 8:30 – 10:00 am

December 5th

December 12th

January 9th

January 16th

January 23rd

January 30th

February 6th

February 13th

COUNSELING CORNER

Important Dates for School Choice

DPS School Choice information can be found at <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/frequently-asked-questions-faq/>

- SchoolChoice opens: Jan 15th

- SchoolChoice closes: Feb 15th @ 4 pm
- Notifications are sent: Late March 2019
- Round 2 of SchoolChoice: To be determined

High School Open Houses and Shadowing

Many high schools are hosting open houses and shadow opportunities for 8th graders in search of their next step.

- North High School: Information Night on Wed, 11/28, 6:30-8:00pm; No RSVP required. Student Shadowing on Tuesdays from 9:45am-2:50pm, Sept–Feb. [Click here](#) to request a date.
School Tours, available upon request, are held Tuesdays at 1:30 pm from Sep–Feb. Contact Rebecca Caldwell [via email](#) or phone at 720-424-1495.
- DCIS: [Click here](#) to see more details about their upcoming events for 8th graders and their families.
- South High School Showcase - Wed, Nov 14th, 6:00-8:00pm at 1700 East Louisiana Avenue.
- DSST schools - Use [this link](#) to choose a school and learn more about shadowing and open houses/family tours.

Houses are scheduled for Nov 7th & Dec 5th (student tour 9am–12 pm; Open House 6:30pm–7:30pm). To schedule, please email Jason_nungaray@dpsk12.org

REMINDERS

Donation Request

We could use some coats and pants for McAuliffe Manual students. New or gently used pants or coats can be dropped off in the office. All sizes are welcome, but we are in particular need of boys 11/12 pants (gray or black please) and heavy duty black or blue fleece jackets in youth L or XL.

Congressional Hearing for Social Studies

8th graders will participate in simulation Congressional Hearing on Friday, Nov16th, 8:00am - 1:15 pm. Students will be released early for the day following the event. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join (observing the event or acting as a judge) - if you are interested click [this link](#).

DPS FUNDRAISERS

- Discount tickets to see two shows: Corduroy at DCPA October 5 through December 9 - and - A Christmas Carol November 21 through December 5!!
Visit denvercenter.org and choose a show date and time, then enter discount code DPSFUND into promo code box and click GO. Select quantity of seats, click DPSFUND, then click Add to Order and check out.
- The CO Avalanche play the St. Louis Blues at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30! Tickets start at \$25 with no additional taxes or fees! Also, all ticket buyers will be entered to win on-ice experiences! [Click here](#) to purchase.

JOIN OUR 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

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,

MMMS Quick Links

Principal Long: jessica_long@dpsk12.org

Main Phone: 720-423-6550

Attendance line: 720-423-6551

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

Academic Support (success center and work zone)

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](#)