



McAuliffe Manual School News | September 1, 2016

Principal's Message

We have had another great week of school. It's hard to believe that it's September already. We had a fantastic day yesterday enjoying the Lockheed Martin Mars Experience Bus. We were featured on 9 News, and you can see the video [here](#) and on our website. Students spent time exploring space travel side-by-side with engineers. Lockheed's engineers were very excited to share their passions and ideas with students and you could tell that the engineers did so because of their belief that the first people to go to Mars are now in middle school. Lockheed's goals of going to Mars was very inspirational to students and to staff.

The morning provided a great opportunity to talk with students about their hopes for their future and how a commitment to their education now in middle school and going to college will help them achieve their dreams. We spent the day in advisory yesterday looking at our Learner Profile Reports to set goals for the year. We concluded the day with a



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 9/5

Labor Day - No school

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very fun advisory Olympics competition. It's powerful to see students build relationships with their peers and teachers that I know will help create powerful learning environments in our classrooms.

Principal Jessica Long



TOP NEWS

Labor Day - Monday, September 5th

This is a reminder that Monday, September 5th is Labor Day and there is no school.

Need to Order School Pictures?

If you have not already ordered school pictures, please order online at mylifetouch.com and using school code CG946580Y0. Sign up for our new MyFamily Rewards loyalty program and receive a free high-res download with your first order. If you miss ordering online soon after picture day, LifeTouch will close online orders temporarily while they process proofs and you will need to wait until you receive your student's picture proof. The proof sheet contains a portrait ID and access code to order.

Traffic

We ask for your cooperation in keeping our students safe at arrival and dismissal. For those of you dropping off or picking students up, please keep in mind a few safety points:

- That all students should be dropped off and picked up on the south side (east bound) of the street on 26th. The north side of the street is a bike lane and we need to keep it clear from traffic and parked cars. We have

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several students who ride their bike to campus and we want to make sure that they have access to the bike lane.

- Keep speeds down and look out for pedestrians and bike riders as you drive around campus.
- Keep the entrance of the school on 26th clear for the buses to drop off and pick up students.

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We would really appreciate some parent volunteers who can help out for a few days with traffic and placing traffic signs for our campus. Please reach out to the Principal (jessica_long@dpsk12.org) if you are interested or with any questions.

IB Learner Profiles

Learner Profile Reports were sent home with students on Tuesday. As a candidate school for the IB MYP program, we are focusing heavily in 6th grade on supporting students “learn how to learn.” One of the first steps is for students to get to know themselves as learner’s. Based on the work from the [Learning Genome Project](#) we have had students answer a robust set of questions to identify their multiple intelligences, learning style, and brain dominance personality type. These data points as well as teacher observations and some pre-testing in math and language arts helps make up a student’s learner profile. Our staff uses the information from a student’s learner profile to consider personalized learning needs, classroom space, learning design, and assessment. Math and Literacy Small Group Instruction will begin in classes the week of September 6th. We will utilize each students’ learner profile to best meet the needs of students. Please contact our Small Group Instruction Coordinator, Lexie Nimick, with any

WEEK IN REVIEW

Mars Bus Experience

Thanks to our students for their participation in this amazing Mars Bus Experience event!



REMINDERS

Lunch Applications

You should have received lunch applications in the mail. We highly encourage that all families complete the application – we want to 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!

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Lead Testing in DPS

Denver Public Schools and Denver Water are

partnering in a proactive effort to sample drinking water in all DPS buildings to ensure it meets Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines for schools. In recent months, there have been a number of news stories about high lead levels in school drinking water. Lead isn't present in the water Denver Water sends to our schools, but lead can get into water as it moves through lead-containing plumbing and fixtures. While we do not have evidence at this time that our schools have elevated levels of lead in their water supply, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

This week, on Aug. 23, we began our effort to sample the water in drinking fountains, kitchen food prep sinks, lounge sinks and any other fixtures used for drinking water in all DPS school facilities. Gathering samples for testing is taking place before the start of the school day. We plan to complete sampling of all elementary schools by the end of October and all remaining schools by the end of the year. Analysis of the water samples will not be available for some weeks after that. [View this link](#) for more information.

HELPFUL LINKS

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[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](#)

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