



McAuliffe Manual School News | September 14, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual students and families,

As our school continues to grow larger and more vibrant, one of the challenges we face together is to remain a community. It was great to see a number of you at Back-to-School Night. For those of you who weren't available to join us, you can review the content of the meeting [here](#). Don't hesitate to reach out to your student's advisor to follow up.

It is vital that we continue to provide families diverse opportunities to connect with the school and I would like to highlight a few here:



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thu 9/21 @ 10:30  
am**  
Late Start

month and is a great opportunity to partner with the school. The CSC works with the principal to discuss and review next steps about our innovation plan, IB authorization status, school budget and safety.

In October, I will begin hosting our First Friday's Family Coffees, beginning at 7:45 am, just as the students are starting their school day. These monthly meetings are not only a forum for you to connect with our school leadership team, but also an opportunity for you to connect with other families and learn about the special events and activities we have planned for students.

Our students have been very focused on community this week and getting to know each other better. This is the foundation of creating a positive school climate. This week we hosted the Ovation Company who worked with our 6th graders on Monday and our 7th graders on Wednesday. Ovation's key message is "Be Nice." Students spent the day completing a variety of activities, engaging in storytelling and building new friendships. Both days were powerful. I encourage you to ask your student about their experience.

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## TOP NEWS

### Do You Believe Your Student Is Highly Gifted?

The district uses a variety of ways to identify gifted students. If your student is new to the district in 7th grade, or if you believe that your son/daughter is gifted, please complete the HGT application on the [GT website](#). This site will also give you information about how we use our school data. **October 6 is the FIRM deadline for submission.** If you have any questions about your child, the application or the identification process, please email McAuliffe Manual's GT Coordinator, [Aimee Justice-Lundt](#).

### Bolt Bags Are Here!

Every Friday afternoon, McAuliffe Manual students can take a bag of food for themselves or give the bag to a community member – a neighbor or someone you know who may need something extra. Pay it forward McAuliffe students and help us spread good health and nutrition this year!

This program is sponsored by Food for Thought, which provides students of participating schools with sacks filled with enough food to help feed a family of four for the weekend. For more

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### **Come Cheer On Our Thunder Fall Teams!**

Cross Country meet schedule; all begin at 4pm

- Sept 19th at Harvey Park
- Sept 26th at Bible Park
- Oct 3rd at Bear Valley
- Oct 10th Championships at Bear Valley

Soccer game schedule; all begin at 4pm

- Sept 14th at Bruce Randolph
- Sept 25th at Cranmer Park (vs. Hill)
- Sept 28th at Manual (vs. Roberts)

### **Free Swim Lessons at Manual High School**

The YMCA will be offering free swim lessons at our Manual High School pool on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Lessons are open to students and their siblings, ages 9-12. Please email [Kelly](#) if you are interested.

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## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Teacher Home Visits Through September 17th**

DPS wants to further connect with its students outside of the classroom and build stronger relationships with their families who are key to

the [DPS Family and Community Engagement website](#).

### **2017-18 Superintendent Parent Forums**

DPS Superintendent Parent Forums are a great way for families to connect with and hear from Tom Boasberg, our DPS Superintendent. If you wish to attend one of these events, please preregister [here](#).

- September 20th, 9:30-11:30 am at National Western Complex (4655 Humboldt St, CO 80216)
- November 1st at Crowne Plaza Hotel (15500 E 40th Ave., Denver, CO 80239)
- December 13th at New Hope Baptist Church (3701 Colorado Blvd., Denver CO 80205)
- February 8th at Temple Emanuel (51 Grape St., Denver, CO 80220)
- May 3rd at PPA Event Center (2105 Decatur St., Denver, CO 80211)

### **Discounted Tickets Support DPS Schools**

Want to find discounted tickets for your next sporting or theater event? For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#). A portion of every ticket sold through benefits DPS schools.

Current special offers include discounted tickets to

and CO Rockies, Avalanche & Rapids.

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## REMINDERS

### **New After-School Enrichment Programs!**

We are excited to offer two new enrichment programs:

[\*Destination Imagination\*](#) is preparing Colorado kids to be innovators of the future by combining the arts, sciences and technology with creativity, teamwork and problem solving.

Interested students should complete this [google form](#).

*Mathletics* is a district organized math competition based on MathCounts, "a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging bee-style contests."

Check out the [Mathletics website](#) for more details.

Interested students should email [Aimee Justice-Lundt](#), McAuliffe Manual's GT educator.

Aimee is coordinating both of these new enrichments. In order to offer these exciting opportunities to our students, we need adult

community. Please consider managing/co-managing a team!

### **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**

Our first teacher appreciation breakfast will take place on Sept 21 - our first late start morning. Our committee is looking for parents to help provide food, beverages, paper products, etc. for the teachers. Please email [Jeff Pettingill](#) to be added to the donation sign-up.

### **Fall Fundraiser Needs Planning Volunteers**

If you would like to help with planning and executing some fun tasks in preparation for our fall fundraiser, please contact [Lauren Boland](#).

Also, help us direct fundraising efforts by clicking on the link below to take our a brief survey. The survey is open to families and staff. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQD9RM9>

### **7th Grade Health Screening**

In accordance with Colorado state statute C.R.S. 22-1-116 s, vision and hearing screenings will take place on Monday and Tuesday Sept 18 & 19. Information was sent home earlier this week. Please note, DPS has started a pilot program this year to also perform dental screening as well as

the health test.

### Street Sweeping

- Williams (East side) – 2nd Tuesday
- Williams (West side) – 2nd Wednesday
- High (East side) – 2nd Wednesday
- High (West side) – 2nd Tuesday
- 28th and 27th Ave (North side) – 2nd Thursday
- 28th and 27th Ave (South side) – 2nd Friday

### Help build our school community!

- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC)** - Collaborate on school structures, budget, culture and staffing. Contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Parent Activities Committee (PAC)** - Create, organize and schedule student activities. Contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Critical Needs** - Help connect MMMS families-in-need with community resources. Contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Book Fair** - Organize annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce at [cindy\\_spruce@dpsk12.org](mailto:cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org)

at [jpettingill11@yahoo.com](mailto:jpettingill11@yahoo.com)

- **Yearbook** - Create annual yearbook for school. Contact Rosa Patron at [r.d.patron@gmail.com](mailto:r.d.patron@gmail.com)
- **Fundraising** - Develop, organize and execute fundraising programs to benefit our MMMS community. Contact Lauren Boland at [lauren\\_boland@dpsk12.org](mailto:lauren_boland@dpsk12.org)
- Silvia Hernandez, our MMS **Spanish-Speaking Ambassador**, is available to connect with Spanish-speaking families. She can be reached at 303-725-4389.

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## 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, GED/ESL classes, legal assistance and more. Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org).

### **MMMS Quick Links**

*Principal Long:* [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto:jessica_long@dpsk12.org)

*Main Phone:* 720-423-6550

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*School Calendar:* [McAuliffe Manual 2016-2017](#)

*Mobile App:* Free download for [Apple](#)

[iOS](#) and [Android](#)

*Uniforms:* [ThunderUniforms.com](#)

*School Supplies:* [2017-18 list](#)

*School Lunch:* [DPS food services](#)

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