



McAuliffe Manual School News | September 15, 2016

Principal's Message

We are continuing to focus on supporting students transition to middle school. One of the ways we provide this support is by focusing each month on a set of goals with students. Our Student Goals for September are:

- I have built relationships with staff.
- I can annotate texts.
- I immediately get started on task when directed.
- I use all of my designated time, to complete my work independently.

It is important that students develop strong independent work habits to be successful in middle school and learn to advocate for themselves when they need help. This is especially important in our small group model where students may be working on different assignments during class. Strong work habits will ensure that everyone gets what they need during small group instruction. I encourage you to discuss the goals at home with your student



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 9/22

Late Start at 10:15

Thur 9/29

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to assess their progress in meeting the goals. To learn more about small group instruction see the Learner Profile news item below.

Have a great weekend!

Principal Jessica Long



TOP NEWS

Late Start - Thursday, Sept. 22nd

This is a reminder that we have a late start at 10:15am on Thursday, September 22nd.

After-School Enrichments Start Next Week!

During community meeting on Tuesday, students were introduced to our Fall After-School Enrichments. Please see our [Enrichments Page](#) for details! Families register directly with the Enrichments instructor, and each class has a minimum number of students needed to run as well as a maximum number capacity. If your child is interested in one of these classes, please don't delay registering with the instructor; classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be cancelled. For questions about our After-School Enrichments program, please contact sherry_beadshear@dpsk12.org.

Learner Profiles and Small Group Instruction

Small groups have launched. Please contact our Small Group Instruction Coordinator, Lexie Nimick, with any questions at lexie_nimick@dpsk12.org. Small groups were formed based on each student's learner profile. Learner Profile Reports were sent home with students last week. As a candidate school for the IB MYP program, we

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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. You can see a sample learner profile [here](#) and the definitions for each part of the profile [here](#).

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Emergency Response and Crisis Management

The safety of your child and all children in our schools as well as the safety of the school staff and support personnel is very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures. Please review [this letter](#) with information about each type of drill we will conduct throughout the course of this school year.

REMINDERS

Lost & Found

Lost & Found, which is located in our school office, is typically donated or disposed of on the last day of each month. Lost & Found will be donated Friday, September 30th at 3:00pm. Please mark items such as backpacks, binders, sweatshirts and

jackets with your child's name. Expensive items such as jewelry and digital electronics are stored separately by Mrs. Almodovar in the office and are not donated at the end of each month but are kept until the end of the school year.

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.

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

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

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School supplies list [here](#)

[DPS School Lunch](#)

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