



McAuliffe Manual School News | September 8, 2016

Principal's Message

As a middle schooler, your child is learning to take full responsibility for managing his or her school work. During the first week of school, all McAuliffe Manual students received a student planner to assist with this task. Students use their planners to track their assignments and to make note of important reminders. We encourage you to talk to your student about how they're using their student planner and to see if they are tracking their assignments and deadlines for their classes. This skill will be put to great use in high school and beyond!

I would also like to recommend that you set aside some time every few weeks to go through your student's academic binder and Interactive Student Notebooks (composition books). Choose an evening when you can sit down at the kitchen table with your student and he or she can show you the work they're doing for each of their classes. This will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 9/22

Late Start at 10:15

Thur 9/29

Picture Day/
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of your student and to learn more about the skills and knowledge that he or she is acquiring at McAuliffe Manual.

Principal Jessica Long



TOP NEWS

McAuliffe Spirit Wear for Sale

We will be selling spirit wear on Thursday after school. Cash or check made out to McAuliffe Manual Middle School is accepted. Right now we have McAuliffe Manual socks (\$15/pair) and will be adding more spirit wear options throughout the course of the school year.

Students are only allowed to wear their McAuliffe Manual sweatshirt over their school uniform shirts. Long sleeved shirts, other hoodies or sweaters are a violation of dress code. As cooler weather approaches please make sure to purchase appropriate uniform items for school. To reorder uniforms or make an additional purchase please visit our uniform site at <http://thunderuniforms.com/>.

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.

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REMINDERS

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.

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

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questions at lexie_nimick@dpsk12.org.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 August, DPS 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. 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

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

Uniform orders: 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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