



McAuliffe Manual School News | September 3, 2018

Principal's Message

Greetings McAuliffe Manual Families,

Our newsletter is packed with information related to our school and the district. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the information provided. Also, please check the "Important Dates" section for a reminder about some upcoming important meetings and events. Our PTSA picnic is now combined with the Innovation Zone Kick-Off event on September 25th - don't forget to RSVP using the link provided and we hope you can all join us! Have a great week MMMS families!



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 9/10

Mariachi practice,
4:00pm, rm 232

Wed, 9/12

TOP NEWS

Picture Day is Friday, September 14th

This is a dress-down day - students do not have to be in uniform, but must be within the [dress code](#). You can use the order form that was sent home with your student, or you can order online using our MMMS picture code (CG948580Y0). Get a free Shutterfly Photo Book if you order online. See [attached flyer](#) for details.

Highly Gifted & Talented Magnet Info Session

Have you noticed that your child

- Learns subjects quickly?
- Gets bored in class?
- Displays unusual intensity or feels emotions deeply?
- Has a strong sense of justice and injustice?
- Show exceptional curiosity?

Learn more about magnet sites and the magnet identification process at one of three upcoming information sessions, hosted at *Morey Middle School* (840 E. 14th Ave, Denver), tel:720-423-

Fri, 9/14

Picture Day

Tue, 9/25

Innovation Zone
Event & PTSA
picnic

Thur, 9/27

Late start and
teacher breakfast

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- Wednesday, September 5, 5-6 pm
- Thursday, September 13, 5-6 pm
- Thursday, September 20, 5-6 pm

ICAP and New CO State Graduation Requirements

The Colorado State Board of Education has made important changes to high school graduation requirements for the classes of 2021 and beyond, which provide many pathways to success for our students, so that each and every one of them graduates prepared for college and career.

To help get them there, our students are supported by our DPS school counselors, educators and staff, as they each develop Individualized Career and Academic Plans ([ICAPs](#)). ICAPs create a roadmap for our students to explore their passions and select coursework that will help them achieve their college and career aspirations. You can learn more and find resources at [this link](#). You can also visit the MMMS website for resources at [this link](#).

Dinner and conversation with other Black families and Dr. Joy Lawson Davis

presented by DPS Gifted & Talented and Greater Ed Colorado

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supporting your child's school achievement." Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP by calling 720-423-2056. September 27, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, at Vickers Boys and Girls Club (3333 Holly St, Denver).

DPS FACE University Event

Join us from 8 am - 2 pm, Saturday, Sept 22 at Manual High School. Food, childcare and interpretation are provided at no cost. Choose from a variety of topics to learn important and effective educational information, strategies and resources to help support your children's academic, social and emotional growth!

In addition to a variety of workshop topics, there will be three sessions designed to address multiple concerns and needs of African-American families to support them in successfully navigating our school and district system, including:

- What does "Parent Engagement" mean to us? (9:20-10:15 am) - We will define African-American Parent Engagement and how it helps our children succeed in school.
- How do you get what your child needs from the school? (10:25-11:30 am) - Understand and work with the system to address the needs of your child.

get your child off the couch and into something meaningful and productive; and support your child to graduation and beyond.

To register, go to face.dpsk12.org/faceuniversity, email FACE_Events@dpsk12.org, or call at 720-423-3135.



PE Uniforms and Locks

Our PE uniform policy notes that students are expected to dress in a way that contributes to a healthy social environment and an athletic

atmosphere. Students must wear the PE shirt (as pictured) and athletic bottoms of their choice, within dress code limits. The uniform shirt can be ordered from [here](#) for \$7.50. Returning students may also wear last year's gray PE shirt. Families in need may contact the school office for assistance in getting a PE shirt, (720) 423-6550.

Students are encouraged to leave their PE uniform and other athletic-related gear in their PE locker for the week (padlocks are not provided). Students are advised to develop a system to ensure clothes are washed each week and returned to school on Monday morning. Students in violation of dress

appreciate your support at home in helping your student adhere to this policy.

What's happening in class?

Citywide offers a variety of district-wide events for instrumental and vocal music students at all levels, beginning through advanced. The program hosts festivals each year, two-day events culminating in concerts and accommodating approximately 250 students from across the district. Important Dates in Elective Arts Programming. . .

Choir important dates

- Sept 20: Citywide Auditions (during class)
- Oct 27: Saturday sectional for Citywide - 9:00am to noon @ Thomas Jefferson HS
- Nov 2: Third Citywide Festival weekend - all day @ Thomas Jefferson HS
- Oct 18: Fall Arts Festival @5pm in the Manual Campus Library
- Dec 6: Winter Chorus Concert @6:30pm in the Manual Campus Auditorium
- May 2: Spring Chorus Concert @6:30pm in the Manual Campus Auditorium

Drama important dates

- Oct 18: Fall Arts Festival @5pm in the Manual Campus Library

- Mar 7-9: Spring Musical (TBA)
- Apr 26: Shakespeare Day (more details to come)

NE Denver Innovation Zone Community Kickoff Event and PTSA picnic

Please join us at the Kickoff Event/PTSA picnic on September 25th from 4:30 - 6:30pm at Swigert International School. We're launching the Innovation Zone and the MMMS PTSA!

Four schools in Northeast Denver: McAuliffe International, McAuliffe Manual, Northfield High School, and Swigert International School have come together to form Denver's newest Innovation Zone with the vision that all children in Northeast Denver will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. Our MMMS PTSA is new this year and we need members to help us kick off our great project ideas!

Come to the event to learn more about the Zone and about MMMS PTSA, connect with other community members, and enjoy food and fun. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/NDIZKickoff>.

Athletics Update

tentatively start Dec 15 and end around Feb 15.
Please email Mr. Couchman
at zachary_couchman@dpsk12.org if you or
anyone you know are interested.

We're starting a tennis team! Practice will be on
Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:05-5:05 on the
Manual campus tennis courts. Interested boys and
girls, please see Mr. Couchman for a sports
packet. We will start as soon as we receive enough
interested athletes, so come grab a packet and
let's have a blast! No experience needed, just a
good attitude.

Cross Country practices Monday, Wednesday, and
Thursday from 4:10-5:00pm (rain or shine) on the
track field. Most of our meets will be on
Tuesdays. All athletes need to have a physical on
file in order to participate.

DPS Home Visit Kickoff

Now through Sept 16, teachers around DPS will be
stepping out of the classroom to visit students and
their families during our Fall Home Visit
Kickoff. During these visits, teachers, families and
students have an opportunity come together to talk
and get to know each other outside the school
building. This allows for better supports and open
communication, increased access to tools and

success. Request a visit through your school and [learn more here.](#)

REMINDERS

Mariachi at Manual!

We are starting a Mariachi Band at Manual that is open to ALL McAuliffe Manual MS and Manual HS students, staff, and parents that are able and interested in attending our practices! Our first practice is Sept 10th, 4:05 - 5:15 pm in room 232.

The goal of our Mariachi Band is to develop our skills and perform at school and in the community. We have instruments for you to use and practice on! Our Mariachi Band will be open to the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Flute, Trumpet, Guitar (nylon string acoustic), Vihuela, Guitarron, and Vocalists. Flute, Trumpet, Violin and Viola players must have at least 1.5 years' playing experience. All others are welcome regardless of experience.

You can contact John Jonas with any questions: 303-827-9519 or john_jonas@dpsk12.org.

SOS (Signs of Suicide) Training

Parents and guardians are encouraged to come learn about signs of suicide and ways they can

beneficial resources and give them the opportunity to meet the McAuliffe Manual Mental Health Team.

All 6th grade students at MMMS will go through Signs of Suicide Training during the week of September 10th; please be on the lookout for permission slips being sent home next week. Parents are encouraged to join us for either SOS session: Sept 6th from 8-9am OR Sept 7th from 3-4pm. The training will be hosted by the School Psychologist and School Counselor.

8th Grade Shadowing and Open Houses

East High School has restructured its shadowing program to make it a more equitable process. Between now and September 15th at midnight, you can enter your 8th grader into a random lottery for shadowing slot. You will be notified via email on September 25th whether or not your student is scheduled to shadow at East. [Click here](#) to learn more and to enter your student into the lottery. We will also offer additional open houses for potential new families to learn more about the East experience.

- November 7th from 9:30-10:45 am
- December 5th from 9:30-10:45 am
- January 9th from 6:30-7:45 pm

questions or concerns, please contact [McKenna Scott](#), MMMS School Counselor. I will be working with 8th grade students this year to start creating plans for high school success!

DPS FUNDRAISERS

Cheer on the Colorado Avalanche

The Avs 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! \$5 of every ticket sold will benefit the DPS schools! [Click here](#) to purchase.

DPS Fundraising/Discount Tickets Available

Colorado Threads "back to school" promotion: Through September 12, use discount code DPSFALL15 for 15% your order at [Colorado Threads](#). Colorado Threads makes hand-crafted, sustainable active wear for enthusiastic wanderers and mountain top yogis.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts: Oklahoma! Tickets are \$35 (\$5 per ticket goes to DPS Foundation). [Purchase tickets here](#) and enter code DPSFUND.

Help build our school 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
- **Critical Needs** - Help connect MMMS families-in-need with community resources. 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, GED/ESL classes, legal assistance and more. Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org.

MMMS Quick Links

Principal Long: jessica_long@dpsk12.org

Main Phone: 720-423-6550

Attendance line: 720-423-6551

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

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](#)
