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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Community,

It is hard to believe that our 2nd trimester has started this week. Our students have already grown so much since August and have navigated the transition from elementary school. We are a third of the way through the school year! Our teachers are working hard to have grades entered into the grade book this week with the hope of receiving your student's report card by mail the week of November 14th. While grades are an important way to communicate your student's progress, we really want to focus on student learning and growth. The grades your student receives on their first trimester report card is an indication of progress toward mastery of 6th grade standards at this point in the school year. We will also mail home the IB Attributes Growth Card that many of you received at conferences. We're



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 11/17

Late start at 10:15am

CSC Meeting -

6:00-7:00pm

Parent Involvement

Committee meeting

- 7:15pm

Mon 11/21 - Fri 11/25

Thanksgiving Break

hoping that both report cards will allow you to have a discussion with your student about how they think they are doing in their classes and in developing academic habits.

If you have a question or concern about your student's performance or need to follow-up from your student conference in October, please reach out to your student's advisor via email or phone.

Principal Jessica Long

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TOP NEWS

Spark Change Off To an Incredible Start!

In its FIRST week, the McAuliffe Manual Spark Change harvest raised \$151.18! Congratulations to Africa, Australia, and Europe for meeting the first week's goal. There are still a few weeks to go with a variety of incentives, so keep the donations coming. Go Thunder!

November Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Last month, a group of parents got together and provided a small brunch for the teachers and staff to say 'thank-you' for their hard work and dedication to our children. We would like to plan these breakfasts monthly on late start days and we need the help of all McAuliffe Manual parents! Our next Teacher/ Staff appreciation breakfast will be on Thursday, November 17th. Sign up [here](#) for the November breakfast.

Volunteer Needs

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- **Yearbook:** Do you love photography, scrapbooking, and spending time with kids? Then, here's an opportunity for you. Help us create McAuliffe Manual's first year book!
- **Book Fair:** We are looking for volunteers to create our first Book Fair.
- **McAuliffe Manual Foundation:** We are in search of an attorney to work pro-bono to create a non-profit McAuliffe Manual foundation 501(c)(3). The foundation will enable us to partner with Amazon Smile and other organizations to fundraise for the school.

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If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions, please contact Penny Alsabih, palsabih@gmail.com.

Sports Updates

We are excited to announce that our club flag football and volleyball teams will be participating in a 6th grade tournament this weekend. The tournament will take place at the Smiley campus from 9:00-12:00pm. Please look for more information to come from Ms. Shea (Volleyball) and Mr. Rankins (Flag Football). Go Thunder!

Our early winter sports will begin the week of November 28th. The season will include boys' and girls' basketball and swimming. We are excited to announce that our sports program will be transitioning over to Manual with the start of the winter season. We will have buses that pick students up from McAuliffe Manual and drop them off for practices at Manual. Practice will end at 5:15pm. There will be buses ready at Manual to transport students to the designated bus stops. Family and carpool pickups should be

arranged to pick students up from Manual. All students interested in participating should submit their \$25 participation fee to the McAuliffe Manual office. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Lewis.

Service Learning Update

Our Service Learning Program at McAuliffe Manual continues to grow! Last week, Purdue visited the Dahlia Campus of Well Being and learned some amazing things about gardening. This week, The University of Narino to assist as reading buddies at Hallet Academy. Next week, North Park University will be volunteering with the Volunteers of America Senior Buddies. Our scholars will be attending service learning trips each week until the end of January.

Easy No-Cost Fundraising

The King Sooper and Safeway/Albertson's gift cards are available for sale. Earn money toward your student's camp trip by purchasing groceries, gas, in-store Starbucks, lift-tickets, and sporting or event tickets. It's that easy! Please see Mrs. Valerie Cortez in the main office.

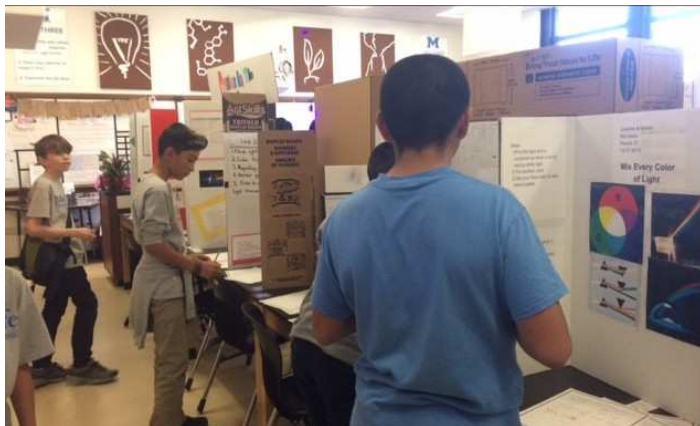
Information about our camp trip is repeated in the Reminders section below and can also be found on our new [Trips page](#) of our website.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Science Fair a Huge Success

Our first Science Fair was a huge success! The students studied different forms of light. The classroom was filled with energy as the students rated each other's projects. "It's fun, I would like to

do it again" commented Xavier Pasillas. Jack Young said "It was interesting to have every board on the same subject".



Fall Showcase

The hallways were filled with enthusiastic students as they showed their families their projects. They ranged from water colors to ceramics. The band played in the auditorium showcasing the students' talents. It was a wonderful evening to see the students thrive in their new surroundings.

REMINDERS

Two New Clubs!

We are excited to introduce National Geography Bee and Semantics clubs for our students! Check out our [Clubs page](#) for details and information about how to get involved.

YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch Camp Trip

Save the date! The McAuliffe Manual 6th grade class will travel to the Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park from May 24-26, 2017. We are waiting on final costs for the trip. The kids will get to enjoy archery, riding on a tubing hill, climbing on a

climbing wall, camp fires and recreation time. A great way to earn money for the trip is to use the Safeway and/or King Sooper gift cards. As we get closer to the trip, we will ask for parent chaperones.

Uniforms – Reminders and Winter Layers

If you have not already purchased McAuliffe Manual uniform items for winter weather like long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts or a winter PE uniform that is now available, please do so right away to allow time for delivery before the cold weather is upon us. [Order online here](#).

A couple of uniform reminders:

- Students are not allowed to wear their personal jackets or hoodies over their uniform shirts except traveling to and from school.
- Students may wear solid white, grey, or black long-sleeved t-shirts underneath their McAuliffe Manual t-shirts.

DPS Weather Delay Policy

Winter is right around the corner, and Denver Public Schools wants to remind families and educators to prepare for the cold temperatures. DPS is committed to informing families about school closures or delays as early as possible – with the goal to make the call by 5 a.m. In addition, DPS Transportation Services follows a [Weather Delay Schedule](#) for students who ride the school bus. Please click [here](#) for more information on school closure or delay procedures due to inclement weather. ***Please note – schools such as McAuliffe Manual that have a normal start time before 8:30am do not follow the delayed start schedule due to inclement weather.**

Flu Information for 2016-2017

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses and can cause mild to severe illness. Older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications including hospitalization or even death. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu.

What's new this flu season?

- Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.
- Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.
- Recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu vaccine, you can take everyday preventative actions like washing your hands and staying away from sick people. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others. Flu vaccines are available at most pharmacies, clinics and physician offices. Contact your doctor if you have questions about the flu vaccination. -

Kathy Lehman, School Nurse

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

2-1-1 Colorado Resources

2-1-1 Colorado is a free, confidential, multilingual service that refers callers to non-emergency health and human services. To volunteer or to make an in-kind or financial donation, visit the 211

Colorado [website](#), dial 211, or text 898-211 for more information.

- Rental / Utility Bills Assistance
- Housing / Emergency Shelter
- Food / Clothing Banks
- Mental Health Assistance
- Dealing With and Preventing Abuse
- GED / ESL Classes
- Suicide Intervention and Prevention
- Medical Clinics
- Rx Assistance
- Senior Services
- Youth Programs
- Support Groups
- Legal Assistance

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

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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