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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families:

As we get ready to go into Thanksgiving break I wanted to take pause and share a few reflections and express my gratitude. One of my favorite authors, Brene Brown, states, “there is no joy without gratitude.” I am so thankful for so many moments in starting our school. This week we had a staff vs. student kickball game and it was so fun to see so much spirit and to have a chance to be silly together – even though the teachers lost. We have also spent time talking about how we need to work hard as students – staying focused in class and completing work. As a community we value both having fun and working hard every day. This is just one moment of many – how students came together to discuss the recent election, the science fair, our Halloween Dance, the beginning of our Service Learning trips, the start of our Spark Change campaign, the volleyball and flag football tournament, and our community meetings –are all times that I am filled with joy and gratitude. Our



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 11/17

Late start at 10:15am

CSC Meeting, 6:00pm

Parent Activities

Committee Meet,
7:15pm, room 108

Mon 11/21 - Fri 11/25

Thanksgiving Break

Mon 11/28

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world and our hope for the future. I deeply appreciate the hard work of our teachers, students, and families in committing to McAuliffe Manual. Our successful start of the school year has completely depended on the support and hard work of the community.

Here are updates from our subject areas:

- **Math:** Students are taking their second unit assessment this week which will cover ratios, proportions, and percent.
- **Science:** Scientists are continuing Chemistry by investigating the 3 states of matter through experimentation, reading and writing! Their writing and discussion is particularly focused on growing their Claim-Evidence-Reasoning-Rebuttal skills. Check out our work anytime at denver.iqwst.com/webapp/#login with your student's IQWST ID and password.
- **Language Arts:** Students are finishing their activist essays and will begin their next unit. Our next unit of study will focus on the novel *Bud not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis.
- **Social Studies:** Students are wrapping up their political unit and have focused on Claim-Evidence-Reasoning (CER) skills.

Thank you! I wish you all a restful and joyful break.

Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

Spark Change Update

School Resumes

Fri 12/2

Coffee with Principal

Thurs 12/15

Late Start at 10:15am

Thurs 12/22-Tues 1/5

No School Winter Break

Thurs 1/5

School Resumes

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incredible hearts! They raised even more money last week - \$183.23. It shows that everything makes a difference, nickels, dimes, and yes, even pennies. Congratulations to Europe, Africa, and Asia for meeting last week's goal. Each week the Spark Change Leaders announce new incentives in home room. The week after Thanksgiving break will be our last week to collect donations. - *With gratitude, Ms. Hoff and the Spark Change Leaders*

Sports Updates

- **Girls Volleyball Tournament:** The girls volleyball team came out swinging. Quite impressive for their first year! They played three other local middle schools and won 2 games, tied 1 and lost 1. Thank you to Coach Rachel Shea for your time and commitment. They are going to be a force to recon with next year!
- **Football Tournament:** It was incredible to watch these boys play their hearts out. They played three other local middle schools and won 1, tied 1 and lost 2. A big thank you to Coaches Rankins & Williamson. Your hard work and dedication paid off. We can't wait till next year!
- **Cheerleading:** We are excited to announce that we will be starting a cheerleading team! Special thanks to Coach Isamar Urrunaga for helping to get this started! Sign-up sheets for cheerleading will be available during lunch this week. Cheerleading clinics will be November 28th, December 1st and December 5th. Cheerleading tryouts will take place on December 5th. Practice, clinics and tryouts will all be held at the Smiley campus from 4:10- 5:10pm.

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Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15pm.

- **Girls basketball** practice will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm starting Monday, November 28th.
- **Swimming:** We are in the final stages of our negotiations for exact times and dates for swimming and will provide more information when everything has been finalized.
- **Sports Contracts:** Last week students were surveyed on sports that they were interested in. Each of our interested scholars will go home this week with a participation contract which outlines academic and behavioral participation expectations. There is a \$50 participation fee for these sports and contracts should be returned signed by students and their guardians.

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!
- **Grant Writers:** We are looking for grant writers to help us obtain money for our school.
- **McAuliffe Manual Foundation:** We are looking for volunteers to help create a non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation to enable us to partner with organizations to fundraise for our school.

If you are interested in any of the volunteer

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Service Learning Update

The Northpark University advisory students worked with Volunteers of America and raked leaves for seniors in the neighborhood. The boys worked hard and had fun being outside. One of the seniors had attended Smiley himself for middle school and enjoyed meeting the students. A job well done by all!

Ainsley Alsabih said "it was fun, but hard work."
Joey Smith commented "it was nice to know that we were giving back to someone who needed it."



REMINDERS

Easy No-Cost Fundraising

The King Sooper and Safeway/Albertson's gift

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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.

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

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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.**

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

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- GED / ESL Classes
- Suicide Intervention and Prevention
- Medical Clinics
- Rx Assistance
- Senior Services
- Youth Programs
- Support Groups
- Legal Assistance

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](#)

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