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## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

This is our last newsletter before winter break. We'll be looking forward to seeing everyone again in the new year. I wish you all a wonderful and safe Holiday season. Thank you all so much for your support in launching the school this fall! We discussed the idea of finishing strong at community meeting this week and many students have taken it to heart –students are working hard this week in their classes. During December we have had a series of dares for students. I encourage you to ask your student about them to see what they have learned from the experience.

- **Week 1:** We dare you to make a new friend with someone who didn't go to your elementary school
- **Week 2:** We dare you to take an academic risk
- **Week 3:** We dare you to complete a random act of kindness for someone in our



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Thurs 12/15**

Late Start at 10:15am  
Parent Community Meeting, 4:00-5:30pm

#### **Thurs 12/22-Tues 1/5**

No School Winter Break

#### **Thurs 1/5**

School Resumes

#### **Thurs 1/5-Fri 1/6**

No DPS Bus

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I also want to remind you about our “State of Thunder” community meeting today at 4:00pm in the library. The meeting will give parents a chance to come together with school leadership to hear about the progress of the school so far, share concerns and hopes for the future, review the School Performance Framework (SPF) and title 1 funding, and review a plan for the remainder of the school year and preparation for 7th grade, including our move to Manual.

We strongly encourage everyone to attend. We will also post notes and next steps from the meeting on our website. This will be the first of several parent meetings that we will host throughout the remainder of the school year. We welcome you to send questions in advance that you would want addressed at the meeting by Tuesday, December 13th. Please complete this [google form](#) to submit your questions or call the school’s main office.

I hope to see you there.

*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Upcoming Events

- **Late Start** - Thursday, December 15th @ 10:15am.
- **6th Grade Team Building** - Thursday, December 15th with Ovation Company.
- **1st Annual State of Thunder Community Meeting** for all parents - Thursday,

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library.

- **Lost and Found Donation** - Lost and Found items will be donated on Thursday, December 15th at 4:00pm.
- **Ugly Sweater Contest Day** - December 21st. All students are welcome to participate by wearing their “ugliest” winter sweater. Students who participate can also wear jeans to school on the 21st. We can’t wait to share pictures of our ugly sweaters!
- **Winter Break** - There will be no school beginning Thursday, December 22nd through Wednesday, January 4th. School resumes Thursday, January 5th.
- **No DPS Bus Transportation January 5th-6th** - There will not be any DPS bus transportation on Thursday, January 5th and Friday, January 6th.

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### Scholar Dollars for Thunder Socks

Please don't forget to remind your students to earn as many Scholar Dollars they can this week. We are in the final stretch of the Thunder Sock Challenge. Students that have paychecks that add to \$175 dollars on Tuesday will earn a pair of MMMS swag thunder socks! Go Thunder!

### Science News

- Chemistry Quiz scorecards will be sent home this week requiring signatures on how your student is progressing through Chemistry so far. Students that achieved their personal goals for scoring on their quizzes will bring home Distinguished Chemist Certificates! Shout out to Eymi, Jack Young and Chris Alix for tying for the highest scores in the grade

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- Chemistry Fair is coming up in January, so your student will be planning his/her own Chemistry experiment as homework over break.
- Check in on your student's quiz at illuminate or your student's work in IQWST at anytime! Learning.

### School Committees

Below is a list and description of school committees. Please contact the appropriate person if you are interested in participating.

- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC)** - Collaboration on school structures, budget, culture, and staffing. Please contact Penny Alsabih if interested in joining at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Parent Activities Committee (PAC)** - Create, organize, and schedule student activities. Please contact Penny Alsabih if interested in joining at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Critical Needs** - Helps our families in need. Please contact Penny Alsabih if interested in joining at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Book Fair** - Organizes annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce if interested in joining at [cindy\\_spruce@dpsk12.org](mailto:cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org)
- **Teacher Appreciation** - Organizes and brings food for teachers. Contact Jeff Pettingill at [jpettingill11@yahoo.com](mailto:jpettingill11@yahoo.com) if interested in joining.
- **Yearbook** - Creates annual yearbook for school. Contact Rosa Patron if interested in joining at [r.d.patron@gmail.com](mailto:r.d.patron@gmail.com). We also need pictures of the students at school or school activities. Please forward them to

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- We are excited to announce that Silvia Hernandez is McAuliffe Manual's Spanish Speaking Ambassador. Silvia can be reached at 303-725-4389.

### McAuliffe Manual Giving Tree

Please join the Critical Needs Committee in spreading some holiday cheer to McAuliffe Manual families in need this holiday season! Visit the ["McAuliffe Giving Tree"](#) to see how you can help grant a holiday wish or two.



Please return all gifts to the office no later than Friday, December 16th, wrapped or in a gift bag with a tag denoting the letter code from Sign-up Genius. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ezrine at [kimezrine@yahoo.com](mailto:kimezrine@yahoo.com).

### Spirit Wear and Dress Code

Students have worked hard in designing and selecting items for our 1st ever Spirit Wear effort. An order form was sent home with this week and is due back to the school on Wednesday, December 14th. You can also purchase them on our uniform store [website](#). Our vendor is hoping to have all items delivered by December 21st. Students have designed hoodies, zip-up hoodies, and a cardigan to add to our uniform options. Students are allowed to wear any of the spirit wear items as a part of their uniform with a couple of notes:

- Students must be in a McAuliffe Manual issued top with their black or khaki bottoms to be in dress code.

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t-shirt with the cardigan to be in dress code.

- Students still need to be in gym uniform for the days they have gym class. There are two options for gym uniforms:
  - McAuliffe Manual issued blue gym shorts and gym t-shirt
  - Manual issued gym joggers and hoodie
- Students are not allowed to wear the beanie (or any hats) or their hoods up during the school day.

Please email our assistant principal, Natalie Lewis, at [natalie\\_lewis@dpsk12.org](mailto:natalie_lewis@dpsk12.org) with any questions about dress code or spirit wear.

### Volunteer Needs

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- **Fundraising:** We are looking for volunteers to help raise money for our school.
- **Grant Writing:** We are looking for grant writers to help us obtain money for the school.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Penny Alsabih, the Student Activities Coordinator at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Spelling Bee

Last week Semantics students attended a spelling bee at Skinner Middle School. There were between 30 and 40 participants in this bee, with spellers from McAuliffe International, McAuliffe Manual, Polaris at Ebert, and Skinner Middle School. Our

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Cripe, Gabriel Morehead, and Madeleine Whitney also competed. Our next spelling bee is on January 26th at Wyatt Academy.

### **Service Learning**

Ms. Nimick's Advisory (UNC) went to the Volunteers of America Mission to serve lunch. The students greeted the homeless when they walked in, served lunch, and waited tables. It was quite the treat for the homeless to sit at the tables and be served. They were very grateful for the kindness that the McAuliffe Manual students showed to them. The students then wiped down tables, vacuumed, and cleaned up the eating area.

Marcus, the Mission's Project Manager, then spoke with the students about what their perception was before and after their experience. The students also learned that the largest percentage of the homeless population is children. The mission serves 3 meals a day, 6 days a week. The Mission was also kind enough to give us vouchers for our critical needs families to come back and have Christmas dinner. Joe Reichmuth said that "serving people was fun, because you got to see them smile". Carlos Navarro said "it changed my heart".

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## **REMINDERS**

### **Altius Quartet Performance**

On December 19th McAuliffe Manual students will receive a performance in the auditorium by the Altius Quartet. The Altius Quartet, Fellowship Quartet-In-Residence at CU Boulder, offers students the opportunity release their inner DJ in a unique "Shuffle" program. From a wide-ranging menu of pieces — from Mozart and Beethoven to

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choose what they want the quartet to play. As they go, they learn about a wide variety of composers and musical styles. For more information on the The Altius Quartet, visit their [website](#).

### **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.

### **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.

### **YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch Camp Trip**

Save the date! The McAuliffe Manual 6th grade class will travel to the Snow Mountain Ranch near



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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.

### **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.**

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## **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.

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- Housing / Emergency Shelter

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- 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

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## HELPFUL LINKS

**Principal Long:** [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto: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](http://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.

