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McAuliffe Manual School News | December 8, 2016

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

We'd like to invite you to a community meeting on Thursday, December 15th at 4:00 pm 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, 12/13. Please complete this [google form](#) to submit your



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 12/13

CSC Meeting,
5:00-7:00pm

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

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are welcome to stay after school in our work zone during the meeting where they can quietly study, work on their typing skills, or read their independent reading book.

We hope to see you there!
Principal Jessica Long

School Resumes

Thurs 1/5-Fri 1/6

No DPS Bus

Transportation

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TOP NEWS

Upcoming Events

- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting** will be Tuesday, December 13th from 5:00-7:00pm in room 108.
- **Late Start** - Thursday, December 15th @ 10:15am.
- **1st Annual State of Thunder Community Meeting** for all parents - Thursday, December 15th from 4:00-5:30pm in the library.
- **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!

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



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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.
- Students must wear a McAuliffe Manual 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 with any questions about dress code or spirit wear.

Athletics Updates

We are very excited to announce that McAuliffe Manual will be hosting cheerleading tryouts on Thursday, December 8th after school in room 103. We have had a dedicated group of ladies working hard to show their Thunder spirit! For all those students participating in winter sports, please remember to return your contract and participation fee to the MMMS office. We are sorry to announce that we were not able to secure pool space at Manual during this season. However, we are looking to offer swimming at a later season this year. If your daughter or son is interested in basketball, they are more than able to switch to

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updates for the upcoming swimming season.

Thanks again for your continued support!

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. Thanks so much for helping to make the holiday season brighter for these students and their families!

Lost and Found Donation – December 15th

Reminder, Thursday, December 15th at 4:00pm the Lost and Found items will be donated. The bins are located in the main office.



Volunteer Needs

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas:

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writers to help us obtain money for the school.

- **McAuliffe Manual Foundation:** We are in search of individuals and an attorney to work pro-bono to create a non-profit McAuliffe Manual Foundation 501c3. The foundation will enable us to partner with Amazon Smile and other organizations to fundraise for the school.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Penny Alsabih, the Student Activities Coordinator at palsabih@gmail.com.

No DPS Bus Transportation January 5th-6th

There will not be any DPS bus transportation on Thursday, January 5th and Friday, January 6th. Please make arrangements to transport your child to and from school on these days. Contact the office if you need help arranging transportation at 720-423-6550 or email valerie_almodovarcortez@dpsk12.org.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Spark Change Exceeded our Goal!

We are extremely proud to inform everyone that not only did the McAuliffe Manual students meet their goal, they exceeded it! We hit 152% of our goal, collecting a total amount of \$838.70. During Thursday's corn hole and bottle flip games we raised \$40 over the lunch hour. In the last week alone we raised \$318.85. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone and everyone who donated. Each and every penny you gave made a difference. Now the students will

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want to give the money to. Congratulations to the students for making our first year an incredible success. Go Thunder!

Service Learning Update

Today Mr. Best's Advisory (Lehigh University) students were reading buddies to the 2nd graders at Hallett Academy. The second graders listened intently as the McAuliffe Manual students read to them in small groups. Then the Hallett students read to our students. Our students also helped the second graders dissect their story determining the characters, beginning, middle, and end of each story. It was adorable to watch the second graders enthusiastically talk about their books. It was a wonderful opportunity to see all the students grow from the experience. Quinn Higgins said, "It felt good helping people," and Dilan Gaytan added that "it felt good to read and help change lives".

REMINDERS

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.

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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 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.

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

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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
 - 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

Main: 720-423-6550

Attendance line: 720-423-6551

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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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