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McAuliffe Manual School News | January 12, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Community,

It's great to see us back in the swing of things! It's been a powerful week of students starting to dig into new units, and preparing for the science fair and interim assessments. We have some important meetings coming up for our Collaborative School Committee (CSC) this month in regards for planning for next year. These include:

- A visit to Manual High School on Jan. 12th
- Our monthly meeting on Jan. 19th at 5:30 pm. Topics on the agenda include:
 - Finalizing the 17-18 School Year Calendar
 - Drafting the 17-18 Bell Schedule
 - Beginning the 17-18 Budget Process
 - Planning next steps from the State of Thunder Community Meeting in December



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 1/12

PAC Meet, 7:15-8:15pm

Mon 1/16

No School, MLK Day

Thurs 1/19CSC Meet,
5:30-7:30pm

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meetings or call Principal Jessica Long to share thoughts and feedback.

Thanks!

Principal Jessica Long



TOP NEWS

Sign Up for Winter After-School Enrichments

If you're interested in enrolling your student in one of our Winter After-School Enrichments, please register today! Classes include Street Dance, Group Guitar Lessons, YouthBiz StartUp, Coding Collection, Sticky Fingers Cooking, Video Buzz, and Fashion Design & Sewing. Classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be cancelled. Please see our [Enrichments page](#) for more information and how to sign up.

Student Pick-up and Drop-Off Reminder

For the safety of students and staff, please do not use the employee parking lot on 26th Street for student pick-up or drop-off. Students should be picked-up or dropped-off on Holly Street or on 26th Street (beyond the bus loading zones). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Thunder Community Meeting Follow-up

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to the State of Thunder Community Meeting we had before break. This meeting gave parents a

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- 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.

You can access the PowerPoint from the meeting and FAQ document that captured notes from the meeting [here](#). This was the first of several parent meetings that we will host throughout the remainder of the school year. Please reach out to Principal Jessica Long with any questions or concerns.

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.

REMINDERS

School Committees

Below is a list and description of school committees. Please contact the appropriate person

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- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC)** - Collaboration on school structures, budget, culture, and staffing. Please contact Penny Alsabih if interested in joining at 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
- **Critical Needs** - Helps our families in need. Please contact Penny Alsabih if interested in joining at palsabih@gmail.com
- **Book Fair** - Organizes annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce if interested in joining at cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org
- **Teacher Appreciation** - Organizes and brings food for teachers. Contact Jeff Pettingill at 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. We also need pictures of the students at school or school activities. Please forward them to Rosa for the yearbook.
- We are excited to announce that Silvia Hernandez is McAuliffe Manual's Spanish Speaking Ambassador. Silvia can be reached at 303-725-4389.

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

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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 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.

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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

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