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## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families:

The end of trimester 2 is February 17th. Similar to trimester 1, you will receive a trimester 2 report card, assessment data reports, and overall comments of your student's progress by the end of February. Trimester 2 grades will be a strong indication of student's progress and readiness for 7th grade. As a reminder, our promotion requirements for 7th grade require that students:

Demonstrate mastery of the majority of grade-level standards in all core classes (Language Arts, Science, Math, and Social Studies) with scores of 4 or higher.

- Note: Students below mastery in 2 or more classes could be recommended to repeat the grade and attend summer school. Students below mastery in 1 class will attend summer school.
- This includes demonstrating mastery (score 4



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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 1/19**

CSC Meet,  
5:30-7:30pm

**Thurs 1/26**

Late Start @ 10:15am

**Mon 2/13-Thurs 2/16**

Book Fair

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Assessments for Language Arts and Math by the end of the school year.

I highly encourage you to reach out to your student's teachers and advisor for information about the academic progress your student is making. Other ways that you can be checking in with progress include:

- Signing up for a parent account with our [Kickboard System](#) for tracking character and behavior habits (please call the main office at (720)423-6550 for your authorization code if you haven't setup an account yet).
- Checking in with your student's [Illuminate Account](#) for reviewing grades and standards master for classroom assessments.
- Checking in with your [Parent Portal](#) account on Infinite Campus to review classroom grades and assignments.

If you need help accessing any of the data platforms please reach out to our Data-Driven-Instruction Coordinator, Rachel Shea, at [rachel\\_shea@dpsk12.org](mailto:rachel_shea@dpsk12.org).

Sincerely,

*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Science Fair

Currently in Science, we have celebrated the completion of Chemistry with our Interim Assessment and Chemistry Fair. Students brought home assessment scorecards to be signed by



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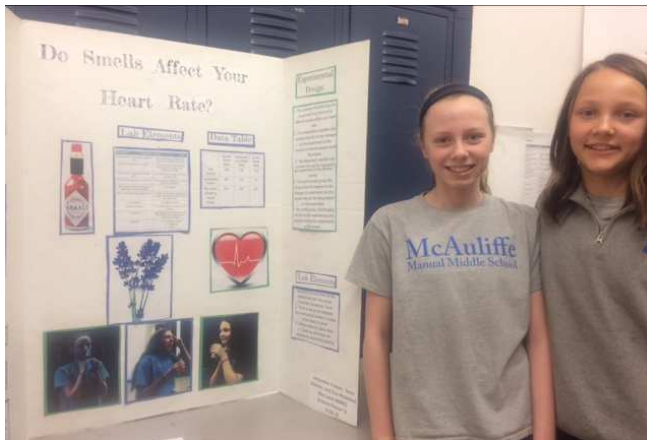
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be awarded this week. Thank you to all families that participated in our biggest science fair - it was a huge success! The best students from our two science fairs (physics and chemistry) will be going this Saturday to the DPS Science Fair to represent both McAuliffe schools as the youngest in the fair competing with the rest of the district. Wish them luck! Check out your student's progress in Science anytime on [IQWST](#) or [Illuminate](#).

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### Principal's Cabinet

Congratulations to Eleanor Blair, Joseline Carrera-Salinas, Sophia Fabian, Devron Toppin, Yaell Urrunaga, Eva Wedekind, and Ainsley Alsabih. These students will work with Principal Long to address issues in the community and how to make them better, along with the students needs and wants.

### Book Fair

We are excited to announce that McAuliffe Manual will have its first Book Fair February 13th-16th. We are in need of 4 volunteers to work after school as a cashier. Contact Cindy Spruce at [cindy\\_spruce@dpsk12.org](mailto:cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org) to volunteer.

### Sports Updates

We are excited to announce that we will offer floor

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run from February 13th through March 17th. Sign-up sheets will be posted the last week of January. Basketball will end on February 8th.

### **Sports Team Parent Needed**

We are looking for a volunteer who will be the point contact for the parents. Each sport will need a team parent volunteer. The volunteer would work with the coach and communicate to parents if buses are running late, water/snacks are needed, practice is cancelled, etc. Please let Penny Alsabih know if you are interested in volunteering at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **A Note From Our New Engineering Teacher**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Tom Miskelly and I am joining the McAuliffe Manual Middle School math and science team as an Engineering teacher. I come with over 20 years of experience in both industry and academia, teaching at the high school and college level.

My goal for our Engineering program is to finish up with Robotics and Automation and then move into a new unit called Design and Modeling. This new unit will allow the students to discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They are then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they have learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.

For our first Design and Modeling project, our students will need about 120 thin cardboard boxes

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recycling, please pull them out and drop them off in our main office. The more, the merrier. We will ensure they get used for educational purposes and then placed back in recycling.

Thank you very much!

Tom Miskelly

[thomas\\_miskelly@dpsk12.org](mailto:thomas_miskelly@dpsk12.org)

### **Denver Nuggets Game**

The Denver Nuggets Presents [The High School Basketball Prep Pro Series](#) Featuring Manual vs. Bishop Machebeuf. When you purchase tickets to the Nuggets vs Golden State Warriors game on Monday, Feb 13th [here](#), a portion of the ticket sale goes to the Manual basketball programs.

Additionally, Manual High School girls team plays Bishop Machebeuf at 1:15pm and the boys play at 3pm, all games are at the Pepsi Center. A ticket is good for all three games but it's okay if people can only come to the Nuggets game.

### **You Can Still Sign Up for Winter After-School Enrichments**

It's not too late to sign up for Winter Enrichments! Classes include Street Dance, YouthBiz StartUp, Coding Collection, 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.

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## **WEEK IN REVIEW**

### **Service Learning - Hallett Reading Buddies**

On January 10th, Ms. Hobbs (Iowa University)

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at Hallett Academy. The McAuliffe Manual students listened as the 2nd graders read to them. Our students really engaged with the 2nd graders and it made the experience memorable for everyone. After reading to each other, the 2nd graders drew pictures about their favorite stories.



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## REMINDERS

### **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 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.

You can access the PowerPoint from the meeting

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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](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### 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.

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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 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 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



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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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## **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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- Medical Clinics
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- 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](#)**

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