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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families:

We have a lot of exciting events coming in February and March so please see below for more details. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Book Fair Potluck on February 16th. This will be one of our first fundraisers and a great way to support our students. We've challenged all students to finish a book and take their first Accelerated Reader quiz by February 9th so students will be ready for new reads when the book fair comes along. Please talk with your students about what they're reading. All students should be reading 20 minutes a night.

Sincerely,

Principal Jessica Long



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 2/13-Thurs 2/16

Book Fair

Thurs 2/16

Potluck, 5:30pm

Mon 2/20

No School, Presidents'

Day

Wed 2/22

End of 2nd Trimester

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To celebrate our first book fair and to get to know each other a little better, we're excited to announce a community potluck on Thursday, February 16th at 5:30pm. To ensure that we have a variety of food, please bring a dish based upon your last name:

A-F - Appetizer/Salad

G-M - Main dish

N-Z - Desserts

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the book fair February 13th-16th. Please contact Cindy Spruce at Cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org to volunteer.

Arts Invite!

Our Winter Showcase is just around the corner, on Thursday, March 2nd. As we wrap up our second trimester of the school year, bring your friends and family to come celebrate and engage in the Arts at McAuliffe! The Visual Art Gallery opens at 5:30pm and the Choir, Band & Orchestra concert begins at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

YMCA Camp Trip Meeting - Mark Your Calendars!

We will have a YMCA parent information meeting and an open house on Thursday, April 20th at Manual High School from 6:00-7:30pm in the auditorium.

Chaperones Needed for YMCA Trips in May

We are beginning to plan our Outdoor Education trip for the end of the school year, and we need parent volunteers to chaperone. All 6th graders will go to the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park from

Thurs 3/2

Winter Showcase

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but all chaperones will need to attend a chaperone meeting prior to the trip. Please contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com if you would be willing to chaperone. We'll have more details on the camp in the coming months, so stayed tuned!

Goals for YMCA Trip

We are beginning to prep our scholars for our YMCA Mountain trip to take place in this spring. In order to ensure that all students qualify for the trip, we've set a behavioral \$65 week goal. We are hoping that all of our students can qualify. More information will follow about this goal and details for the experience.

Science

Scientists completed their first quiz in Life Science. Scorecards will be sent home this week. February will bring our second Life Science Quiz, Assessment and 3rd Science Fair! Check in on their progress at [Illuminate](#) or [IQWST](#) anytime.

Math

Ms. Strock's students have worked hard since returning from winter break with decimal operations, and have completed the unit test. Details will be sent home soon regarding mastery of this skill. We are now exploring integers and introducing negative integers to students. They will be using absolute value to calculate distance and to solve problems using the coordinate plane. It is always recommended that students spend time outside of school practicing math skills, problem-solving, and reasoning.

Spanish Speaking Liaison

We would like to remind our families that Silvia Hernandez is our Spanish Speaking Liaison. If you

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303-725-4389.

Sports Updates

This week is our last week for early winter sports. A huge shout out to our basketball coaches - we could not have done it without your strong effort and commitment! Swimming will begin next Tuesday, February 6th. Remember, girls' practice will be held on Tuesdays and boys' practice will be held on Thursdays. Practice will be from 4:30-6:00pm. If you are interested, please let me Ms. Lewis know. Please submit your physical form and \$50 participation fee to Ms. Almodovar in the front office. Co-ed floor hockey will begin soon. The season will run from February 13th-March 13th. We are so excited!

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.

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

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Spelling Club

On Thursday, January 26th, the McAuliffe Manual spelling club traveled to Wyatt Academy for their second spelling bee. Our students competed against almost thirty students from two other schools. Our very own Tae Hewitt came in third place, Brady Itzkowitz came in fifth place, and Gabriel Morehead came in eighth place.

Congratulations, MMMS Spellers!



Service Learning

On January 24th, Ms. Lewis's students (Denver University) went to the VOA mission and served lunch to the homeless community. This group of ladies and one gentleman treated all of the clients with dignity and respect and worked diligently.

They worked in the thrift shop sorting clothes, cleaned up the alley and parking lot, plated and served lunch trays for over 120 clients and then, cleaned everything up. They did an amazing job!

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REMINDERS

Yearbook

We are so excited to announce that McAuliffe Manual will have its first yearbook this year! The price is only \$13. Please make checks payable to Lifetouch. Or, shortly, you can order the yearbook on line at lifetouch.com using the school code 13001717. The deadline to order yearbooks will be mid-March, so don't delay. Thank you to Rosa Patron for spearheading this endeavor and all of your hard work!

Student Pictures for Yearbook

To remember the students and their first year at McAuliffe Manual, we need your pictures! Pictures of the students at school working with the staff, sporting events, and silly pictures. Please send your pictures to Rosa at R.D.Patron@gmail.com.

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. You can access the PowerPoint from the meeting and FAQ document that captured

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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.

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
- **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

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Uniforms – Reminders and Winter Layers

McAuliffe Manual uniform items for winter weather like long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts or a winter PE uniform are available to [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.

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

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- 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

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

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