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McAuliffe Manual School News | February 23, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

Next week students will once a again assess themselves on how they are demonstrating our IB Learner Profile Attributes. This is an incredibly valuable process to allow students the chance to reflect on how they are learning and developing important habits for academic success. We believe the learner profile is critical in developing our students as great people who have learned how to learn which will allow them to be successful in high school and lead fulfilling lives. One example of this self-assessment is below. I encourage you to talk about this with your student this weekend.

### COMMUNICATORS

- Allowed others to speak without interrupting; listens to the perspectives of others
- Was able to find solutions during conflicts with others
- Expressed self with confidence



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Thurs 2/23

Late Start @ 10:15am  
CSC Meeting, 5:30pm  
PAC Meeting, 7:00pm

#### Fri 2/24

Thunder Dance,  
4:30pm

#### Wed 3/1

*Hidden Figures* Movie,  
10:00am

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- Collaborated effectively
- Adapted to different social and academic situations

1 = Almost Never 2 = Very Rarely 3 = Rarely 4 = Sometimes  
5 = Often 6 = Very Often 8 = Almost Always

You will see all of their self-assessment scores along with their teachers' assessment with their IB Growth Card provided at conferences in March. We look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,

*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Thunder Dance

We are so excited for our winter dance 'Dancing in the Dark,' this Friday, February 24th from 4:30-6:30pm. We will have the same DJ as our last dance, and all McAuliffe Manual students are welcome. If a student earns a refocus or any other disciplinary infraction this week, they will not be allowed to participate in the dance festivities. Transportation will **not** be provided. Please make the needed arrangements to ensure that all students are picked up promptly at 6:30pm.

We still need family volunteers to chaperone, and would greatly appreciate a donation of water and snacks for the students. If you have any questions or you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Lewis at [Natalie.Lewis@dpsk12.org](mailto:Natalie.Lewis@dpsk12.org).

**Thurs 3/2**

Winter Arts Showcase,  
5:30pm

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We are taking all McAuliffe Manual students to see *Hidden Figures* on Wednesday, March 1st. The cost of the movie is \$10, which includes a small kids combo meal. See Mrs. Almodovar if your student needs a scholarship. A permission slip was sent home earlier this week - please return the signed permission slip and money by this Friday, February 24th. In case you need the permission forms, here are [English](#) and [Spanish](#) copies.

### ARTS Invite! Winter Showcase - March 2nd

Our Winter Showcase is just around the corner on Thursday, March 2nd at 5:30pm. 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 Manual.



### Book Fair

Thank you Cindy Spruce for spearheading the Book Fair, and to everyone who volunteered their time to make our first book fair a success! And, a special thanks to everyone who donated a book to the teachers' wish lists. Every teacher's wish list was fulfilled!

### Math

Mrs. Strock's class wrapped up its unit around decimal computation, and are now starting our 'Expressions and Equations' unit (introduction to

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new concept and takes some time for brains to process variables (letters) and not just numbers. This unit is a foundation for the next 6 years of math! It is important to try to be in class EVERY day as it is easy to fall behind. If your student is struggling in this unit, please have them come to lunch tutoring or to work zone for extra support!

### **Science**

This week in Science, we'll wrap up our last lesson of Life Science and complete the Life Science Interim Assessment. Expect Illuminate scorecards by next week. Then we will be spending all of our time on Experimental Design to prepare for the Life Science Fair on March 3rd, Friday at 4:30pm. Families and friends are welcome to join us to celebrate our learning. Check out your students progress anytime at [IQWST](#) or [Illuminate](#).

### **Spark Change**

Our Spark Change Leaders did an incredible job conducting almost 25 interviews last Thursday and Friday. Now they have the tough task of determining which non-profit organizations they want to give service and/or grants to. Our Spark Change Service Learning Day is Friday, April 14th.

### **Chaperones Needed for Service Learning Day - Friday, April 14th**

Have you wanted to do community service with your child? The McAuliffe Manual community will be involved in a school-wide service learning day on Friday, April 14th. To make this wonderful experience possible for our students, we are in need of parent chaperones. The day will start with a check presentation assembly to our Spark Change non-profit recipients at 8:30 am. If you cannot participate the whole day, please consider

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project work. If you are available to help out on April 14th please email Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **Thunder Spring Athletics**

Thunder spring athletics is coming! Sign-up sheets will be posted. If your scholar is interested, please have them sign-up.

- **Boys Baseball** (Club) - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm @Smiley
- **Girls Soccer** - Practice Times TBD
- **Girls Golf** (Club) -Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm @ Common Grounds, April 4th-May 4th
- **Boys Lacrosse** (Club) - Practices 4:15-5:30pm, begins the week of March 14th \*weather permitting\*. Practice days TBD.
- **Girls Lacrosse** (Club) - Practices 4:15-5:30pm, begins the week of March 14th \*weather permitting\*. Practice days TBD.
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (Club) - Practices 4:15-5:30pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice days TBD.
- **Futsal** (Club) - Practices 4:05-5:00pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice days TBD.
- **Tennis** (Club) - Practices 4:15- 5:30pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice days TBD.

### **Jump Rope Skillz Camp**

On Saturday, February 25th there will be a jump rope skills camp from 9:00am-12:00pm at Swansea Elementary. The cost is \$5.00 per student. Bring a water bottle and wear athletic shoes and clothing. To reserve a spot, please complete and return the Parent Permission Form, DPS/PAL waiver and send payment (paper work

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need another copy.

### **Yearbook**

Remember to order your yearbook! Go to [Lifetouch.com](http://Lifetouch.com) and use code 13001717. The yearbooks are only \$13.

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## **REMINDERS**

### **Parent Teacher Conferences - Mark Your Calendars**

The parent teacher conferences have been moved from February 22nd and 23rd to March 8th and 9th. Signup forms for the conferences will go home with Tuesday's paycheck.

### **Math Tutoring**

Are you looking for math tutoring for your student? We have a parent interested in volunteering as a math tutor. Please contact Lexie Nimick at [Lexie\\_nimick@dpsk12.org](mailto:Lexie_nimick@dpsk12.org) if you're interested.

### **Science Tutoring**

Don't forget that Science tutoring is available to all students. Thank you to the tutors that have been volunteering their time to come in and provide additional support. Thank you to the students that know that they have to work hard to grow to meet their personal goals and take advantage of the opportunity of free tutoring. Also, a big thank you to Owen Marsh's mom for volunteering as Science tutor!

### **YMCA Camp Trip Meeting - Mark Your Calendars!**

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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 May 24th-26th. The cost for chaperones is FREE, but all chaperones will need to attend a chaperone meeting prior to the trip. Please contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### **Spanish Speaking Liaison**

We would like to remind our families that Silvia Hernandez is our Spanish Speaking Liaison. If you have any questions, she can be reached at 303-725-4389.

### **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

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- **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 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**

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,



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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.

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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.

- 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](mailto:jessica_long@dpsk12.org)

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**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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