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McAuliffe Manual School News | February 9, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families:

February is off to a great start. Our Principal's Cabinet presented at Tuesday's community meeting and shared with students their purpose: A cabinet of students that helps the principal make decisions for the school with the best interest of students in mind. So far they have helped with generating the role of students in our hiring process for teachers. They hope to also focus this Spring on planning field trips and activities. They have also worked with teachers over the last few weeks on revising our school policy for backpacks. Currently backpacks are not allowed in classes and the principal's cabinet has worked with staff to start allowing backpacks in most of the classrooms. The new policy will go into effect February 8th and you can review the entire policy [here](#).

We have also updated the current school year calendar and have planned a draft for the



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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updated [2016-17 school calendar](#). Please note that trimester 2 parent-teacher conferences have been moved back to March. [Attached](#) is the initial draft of the 2017-18 McAuliffe Manual school calendar. Please know that this is the initial draft, but we hope this is helpful for families in planning summer travels. Late-start days, early-release days, and days that won't have buses are still being finalized.

Sincerely,

Principal Jessica Long

TOP NEWS

Book Fair Potluck - February 16th, 5:30pm

The potluck is next week. Have you decided what you're bringing? Can't wait to see everyone! To ensure that we have a variety of food, please bring a dish based upon your last name:

A-F - Appetizers/Salad/Side Dish

G-M - Main dish

N-Z - Desserts

School Dance, February 24th

We will have a dance on February 24th and are in need of volunteers for this fun activity! If you are interested, please reach out to Ms. Lewis at Natalie.lewis@dpsk12.org.

Arts Winter Showcase - Mark Your Calendar

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

Fri 2/24

School Dance

Thurs 3/2

Winter Showcase

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at 5:30pm and the Choir, Band & Orchestra concert begins at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Spark Change

The students have chosen their issues and we are beginning to schedule our interviews. The student will conduct the interviews and determine which organizations they want to donate their money and/or time to. The day of service has been scheduled for April 14th.

Yearbook

You can now order yearbooks on-line. Go to Lifetouch.com and use code 13001717. The yearbooks are only \$13.

Sports Updates

- **Swimming** - Families, please remember that your students are only eligible to participate in our swimming program if they have a complete physical form from their doctor stating that they are healthy enough to participate. You can get a copy of the form on our [website](#). Swimmers, please bring the following gear for your first day of practice: towel, swimsuit (one-piece for girls, please), cap and goggles (recommended), and a water bottle. Girls with long hair should also bring hair ties. Parents, please pick up your kiddo at 6:00pm at Manual High School - use the door that connects to the big gym, the Thunderdome, by the soccer field.
- **Boys and girls basketball** have their final games this week. Both teams will be playing at Bruce Randolph at 5:30pm. We are so proud of our students representing McAuliffe

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- **Floor Hockey** - This week there is a mandatory district-wide meeting regarding floor hockey. After this meeting, more details will come to families about practice days and times. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this time.

Sports Team Parent Needed

We are still 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.

Geography Bee

We had our McAuliffe Manual championship last week. Thirteen students who have been regularly attending Geo Bee practices each week faced off in a 7-round competition. Every student had an excellent performance and should be very proud with their impressive performance. The final round featured the top 5 scorers answering difficult questions. At the end of it all, Owen Marsh was crowned the first MMMS champion. Owen may be competing in the State Championship at the University of Denver in March.

Geography Class

We are finishing up our unit on the greatest accomplishments of the Mayans. Students examined primary sources that explained the Mayan calendar, numeral system, and architecture. They ended the unit by creating a persuasive speech about how the Mayan Empire

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Aztecs.

Math

Ms. Strock's students are working hard on understanding negative numbers and where they should be placed on a number line. Our assessment for this short unit will be around February 15th. Ask your student for examples of negative numbers they may see in their everyday lives! If your student is not completing their daily math work in class, it becomes homework and is due the next day. If students fail to complete the assignments, it becomes a work zone where they can get assistance after school.

Science

In Life Science, we're continuing our investigation of the interactions between organisms in different ecosystems. In particular, we've been working on solving "The Great Lake Trout Mystery" and conducted our first dissection to analyze the external and internal structures and functions of preserved specimens of the Lake Trout and the Sea Lamprey. To check out our work, login to [IQWST](#) with your student's IQWST ID and password. This week brings our second and final quiz of Life Science before our final assessment and Life Science Fair. Students will be bringing home study guides to review for the quiz at the end of the week. Scorecards will be sent home next week to update parents on their student's current mastery of Life Science standards and skills. Check in on your student's assessment data anytime on [illuminate](#) with your student's DPS ID number and birthday.

Science Tutoring

Science Tutoring at lunch is on its second week

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in to receive tutoring. Thank you to the tutors that volunteer 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!

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 if you're interested.

REMINDERS

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 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 if you would be willing to chaperone. We'll have more details on the

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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.

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.

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 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.

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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 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

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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.

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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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

School supplies list [here](#)

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