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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

Just a few more days until Spring Break. Students are working hard wrapping up their units and projects before we leave. It's been particularly fun to watch students as they study brain science and learn how their brains grow and change throughout life, especially during adolescence. I encourage you to ask your students about what they have learned!

I'd also like to share a new video we made about our school - it highlights stories about our students that make our teachers want to teach at McAuliffe Manual. I hope you enjoy it as much as we do! You can access the video on our home page or by [clicking here](#). Please share it on your social media and with your network!

Sincerely,

Principal Jessica Long



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 3/16

CSC meeting @
5:30pm

Thu 3/23

Late start @ 10:15am

Fri 3/24

artsC performance @
2pm

Fri 3/24

Lost & Found items

TOP NEWS

Updated Spring Athletics Information!

Please encourage your student to come out and play a spring sport. Interested students should stop in the front office to pay the \$50 club sports fee. Start dates are different for each sport, and are noted below.

Boys Baseball (club)—Tue/Wed, 4:00-5:00pm

@Smiley with Coach Scott Williamson

Girls Soccer—Mon/Fri, 4:00-5:00pm with Coach Jamal Rankins

Girls Golf (club)—Tue/Thu, 4:00-6:00pm @Common Grounds, Apr 4 - May 4

Boys Lacrosse (club)—Mon/Wed, 4:15-5:30pm, Mar 13

Girls Lacrosse (club)—Mon/Wed/Thu, optional clinic days on Fri, 4:15-5:30pm, Mar 13

Ultimate Frisbee (club)—Tues/Thu, 4:15-5:30pm, Mar 7

Futsal (club)—Mon/Wed, 4:05-5:00pm, Apr 3

Tennis (club)—Mon/Wed, 4:15- 5:30pm, Apr 3

Chaperones Needed for Service Learning Day

On Friday, April 14th, our McAuliffe Manual community will participate in a school-wide service learning day. The day will begin with a check presentation assembly to our Spark Change non-profit recipients at 8:30 am. The service project will run from 9:00am-2:00pm. We need parent chaperones to make this wonderful experience possible for our students. Please contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com.

artsC to Perform at McAuliffe Manual

artsC Foundation is a performance group that

donated

Mon 3/27 - Fri 3/31

Spring Break, school closed

Thur 4/6

Parent Coffee @

7:30am

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conducts workshops in middle schools to raise awareness, enable conversations and diversify the thought process surrounding social issues. They will perform at MMMS on Friday, March 24th @ 2pm. The performance usually covers issues about bullying, body image and gender identification. Students and teachers will complete a survey to provide artsC Foundation with information on which topics to address.

Let's Celebrate - Miller Activity Complex

Mark your calendars for April 26th! To celebrate the end of testing, we are taking the students to the Miller Activity Complex. The day will be filled with playing at the indoor fields, jumping on trampolines and swimming in the pool. The cost of the trip is \$20/student. Stay tuned for more details. To learn more about MAC, [click here](#).

DPS Choral Showcase - March 17th

Vocal music students will travel to North High School this Friday, March 17th to attend the Denver Public Schools Choral Showcase event. Students will perform, work with a guest conductor, and learn a new piece, together with other middle and high school students. Parents of vocal music students, please ask your student for more information, and be sure to sign and return permission slips before March 17th.

YMCA Camp Parent Meeting And Open House

Mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, April 20th for our YMCA parent information meeting, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Manual High School auditorium. Staff will also host a tour of the Manual campus.

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YMCA camp information can also be found on our new [Trips page](#) of the MMMS website.

Peter Pan Performance - May 9th

Please join us for our first theater performance. The McAuliffe Manual students will perform Peter Pan on Tuesday, May 9th @ 6pm. Click here to [purchase tickets](#).

School Store

Do you want to help decide what items we add to our new school store . . .shirts, hats and supplies? Help us identify items that our scholars will be most interested in. If you would like to participate, contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com.

We Need Your Student Photos

Now's the time! If you have pictures, please send your photo files to Rosa at R.D.Patron@gmail.com. Thanks for sharing!

WEEK IN REVIEW

Mumps Alert

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has shared information with DPS regarding several Mumps virus cases recently reported in Colorado. In order to minimize the spread of Mumps in our schools, the agency has asked us to provide this information to our families. Please review the DPS cover letter ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) and the CDPHE issuance ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)).

Left-Over Toy Donations For Nonprofits

We have left-over toy donations from the holiday season. We would like to donate these to a local charity. If you have a recommendation for an organization to which we should donate the items, please contact [Ms. Lewis](#).

2017-18 Draft Calendar

Please see the attached [2017-18 draft calendar](#). Note, this is a draft and is subject to change. We hope this is useful when making summer plans.

National Geographic Bee - State Finals

Congratulations to Owen Marsh who qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Friday, March 31st. Go Owen!

REMINDERS

YMCA Camp Student Requirements

Our end-of-year, YMCA camp takes place in less than 3 months! The student excursion is a 3-day, 2-night fun overnight trip. There will be many

activities - tubing, recreation time and nights around the campfire. As a reminder, in order for students to qualify to attend camp, they need to earn an average of \$65 per week on their paychex. Please encourage your student to earn scholar dollars so that they can join us in Winter Park May 24-26.

Math Tutoring

Are you looking for math tutoring for your student? We have a parent volunteer to help you. Please contact Lexie Nimick at Lexie_nimick@dpsk12.org.

Yearbook

Remember to order your yearbook! Go to Lifetouch.com and use code 13001717. The yearbooks are only \$13.

School Committees

We need volunteers to help build our school community. Please see the committee descriptions below and contact the person listed if you are interested in participating.

- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC)** - Collaborate on school structures, budget, culture and staffing. Contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com
- **Parent Activities Committee (PAC)** - Create, organize and schedule student activities. Contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com
- **Critical Needs** - Help connect MMMS families-in-need with community resources. Contact Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com
- **Book Fair** - Organize annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce at cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org

- **Teacher Appreciation** - Donate food items for teachers' breakfast. Contact Jeff Pettingill at jpettingill11@yahoo.com
- **Yearbook** - Create annual yearbook for school. Contact Rosa Patron at r.d.patron@gmail.com
- **Fundraising** - Develop, organize and execute fundraising programs to benefit our MMMS community. Contact Lauren Boland at lboland1@comcast.net
- Silvia Hernandez, our MMS **Spanish-Speaking Ambassador**, is available to connect with Spanish-speaking families. She can be reached at 303-725-4389.

Uniform Ordering And Reminders

MMMS uniform items (including long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and winter PE uniform) are available to [order online here](#).

Reminders:

- Students are not allowed to wear their personal jackets or hoodies over their uniform shirts on school grounds.
- Students may wear long-sleeved t-shirts (solid white, grey or black only) underneath their MMMS t-shirt.

Earn YMCA Camp Money

It's easy! King Sooper's and Safeway/Albertson's gift cards are available for sale in the MMMS main office. Use these pre-paid gift cards to earn money toward your student's YMCA camp trip - purchase groceries, gas, in-store Starbucks, lift-tickets and sporting or event tickets. See Valerie Almodovar in the main office. Click [here](#) to learn more!

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

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](#)

[DPS School Lunch](#)

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