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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

We had a wonderful experience as a school community in seeing the film *Hidden Figures* this week. I encourage you to speak with your student this week about their reflections from the film – I'm confident this will lead to rich and meaningful dialogue.

I wanted to share with you a reminder that the only beverages allowed in classes is water. We have noticed that students are coming to school with soda and coffee drinks in the morning which is a distraction to the learning environment. We ask that you support us and ensure any beverages or snacks are finished before school. Students are allowed to bring water bottles with them to class. Snacks should be kept for lunch.

Sincerely,

Principal Jessica Long



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 3/2

Winter Arts Showcase,
5:30pm

Fri 3/3

Parent Coffee, 8:30am

Wed 3/8 - Thurs 3/9

Parent Teacher
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Winter Showcase Tonight - March 2nd

Our Winter Showcase is tonight 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.



Spring After-School Enrichments

Spring After-School Enrichments begin next week, so sign up now! Visit our [Enrichments page](#) to see all our offerings. Classes include Fencing, Hurling, Mini-Movie Making, YouthBiz Out of the Box, Improvisation, Minecraft Mods 2 & Code Combat, and Fashion Design & Sewing. Register directly with the Enrichments instructor. Classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be cancelled.

Thunder Dance

Thanks to all of our Thunder families that volunteered and assisted with last week's dance. We are truly grateful and appreciate your support!

Thank You - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast this week. We cannot begin to tell you how much they appreciated it! There are only two more before the end of the year. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff Pettingill at

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Spring Sports Sign-ups

Our student interest sign-ups are available with Ms. Lewis during lunch in the office. Our spring sports offerings are: Lacrosse, Boys Baseball; Girls Soccer; Club Girls and Boys Lacrosse; and Club Tennis. Please sign-up showing your interests. We will be joining McAuliffe International for our club offerings this season.

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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 helping from 9:00am-2:00pm during the service project work. If you are available to help out on April 14th please email Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com.

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 Snow Mountain Ranch 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 camp in the coming months, so stayed tuned!

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We are in need of pictures of the students taken during McAuliffe Manual sports events. Please also send pictures of the students at school working with the staff, and silly pictures. Please send your pictures to Rosa at R.D.Patron@gmail.com.

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.

Mumps Alert for Families

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has shared with us that there have been several cases of the Mumps virus reported in the state over the past few weeks. In order to minimize the spread of mumps in schools, the agency has asked us to provide information to our families.

We are sharing with you a cover letter in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) for families along with a Mumps Alert letter in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) from the CDPHE. Please share this valuable information with your school community.

Ashley Elementary Community Project

A classroom teacher from Ashley Elementary, with whom we do reading buddies, has invited McAuliffe Manual to participate in an amazing community project! The 2nd grade classroom of Ms. Ladd is collecting boxes of crayons to send to students in a classroom in Africa that they are partnered with. They developed this relationship through a partnership with Ivory Ella to encourage their students to be global citizens and think of how they can help others. Please bring in your donations of

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The drive will be for the next few weeks, culminating in a presentation and celebration at Ashley on March 14th with the CEO of Ivory Ella and news media coverage. You can see the entire project [here](#).

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 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!

Left-Over Toy Donations for Nonprofits

After the winter holiday season, we have left over toy donations. We would like to donate the toys to a local charity or organization - if you know of or have any ideas of an organization to which we should donate the items, please reach out to Ms. Lewis. We would like to donate the items before spring break.

WEEK IN REVIEW

National Geographic Bee State Finals

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

Service Learning

On February 21st the McAuliffe Manual students were reading buddies to both the first and second graders at Ashley Elementary. The McAuliffe Manual students took turns reading to the students and being read to. The students continue to do a great job taking the elementary students under their wing.



REMINDERS

Yearbook

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

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

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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.

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

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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, 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

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Colorado [website](#), dial 211, or text 898-211 for more information.

- Rental / Utility Bills Assistance
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- 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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