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## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

Thanks to all of you who participated in conferences this week. As a reminder, conferences are mandatory for all families to attend. Advisors will be following up with you to reschedule if necessary.

We worked hard as a team in preparing for spring conferences. After the last round of conferences, we got some feedback that there was too much data and not enough actionable feedback provided. Thank you for your feedback – it is so important to us as a school, especially a new school, and allows us to improve in our work. We have adapted how we prepare for the conferences and hopefully you found the meetings to be much more meaningful. This time around, we have focused conferences on major areas of strength and opportunities for growth for each student.

I wanted to extend an invitation for you to join us for the April Parent Coffee. These events are a great time to connect with me to ask questions, provide feedback and learn more about initiatives at school. As I mentioned, we really value feedback



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Thu 3/9

Parent Teacher  
Conferences

#### Fri 3/10

Life Science Fair @  
4:15pm

#### Tue 3/14

Ashley Elementary  
Community Project

#### Thu 3/16

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the coffee as possible. Our next Parent Coffee will be at 7:30 am on Thursday, April 6th. If you can't make the event, but still want to connect, please don't hesitate to call me or email me: (720)423-6555 or [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto:jessica_long@dpsk12.org).

Sincerely,  
*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Spring Athletics Is Here!

Please encourage your student to come out and play a spring sport. Sign-up sheets have been posted at school and we need more interest in order to make teams this season!

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

@Smiley

**Girls Soccer**–Practice Times/Days TBD

**Girls Golf** (club)–Tue/Thu, 4:00-6:00pm @Common Grounds, begins Apr 4

**Boys Lacrosse** (club)– Mon/Wed, 4:15-5:30pm, begins Mar 14\*

**Girls Lacrosse** (club)– Practice days TBD, 4:15-5:30pm, begins Mar 14th\*

**Ultimate Frisbee** (club)– Practice days TBD, 4:15-5:30pm, begins Apr 3

**Futsal** (club)–Practice days TBD, 4:05-5:00pm, begins Apr 3

**Tennis** (club)–Practice days TBD, 4:15- 5:30pm, begins Apr 3

\* weather permitting

### Service Learning Recap

On March 7th our students went to Stedman

CSC meeting @  
5:30pm

#### Thu 3/23

Late start @ 10:15am

#### Fri 3/24

Lost & Found items  
donated

#### Mon 3/27 - Fri 3/31

Spring Break, school  
closed

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graders. They did a great job listening, guiding and reading to the students. It's always inspiring to watch the younger students look up to our middle-schoolers.



### Chaperones Needed . . .

*Service Learning Day: April 14*

*YMCA Trip: May 24-26*

We need parent chaperones to make these wonderful experiences possible for our students. Please contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

*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.

*YMCA Trip:* All 6th graders are invited to attend Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA camp from May 24th-26th. Parent chaperones attend camp for FREE, but are required to attend a chaperone meeting prior to the trip. We'll have more details on

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### **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](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **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.

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

### **Crayons Wanted!**

Mrs. Ladd's 2nd grade class at Ashley Elementary (our very own McAuliffe Manual reading buddies) has invited our school community to participate in an amazing project! Mrs. Ladd's class is collecting boxes of crayons to send to students in Africa.

These two groups of students developed their relationship through a partnership with *Ivory Ella*. Intended to encourage global-mindedness, the partnership teaches students to think about ways they can help others around the world.

*Monday, March 13th, is the last day to bring in your crayon donations!* The drive will culminate in a presentation and celebration at Ashley Elementary on Tuesday, March 14th. The *Ivory Ella* CEO will be in attendance, as well as news media coverage. You can see the entire project [here](#).

### **Peter Pan Performance - Mark Your Calendars!**

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The McAuliffe Manual students will perform Peter Pan on Tuesday, May 9th @ 6pm. Click here to [purchase tickets](#).



### **Submit Your Student Pictures For Yearbook**

To commemorate the students' first year at McAuliffe Manual, our Yearbook committee needs your pictures . . . students working with school staff, attending sporting events or any silly pictures. Please send your photo files to Rosa at [R.D.Patron@gmail.com](mailto:R.D.Patron@gmail.com).

### **Science Update - Life Science Fair, Friday 3/10**

This week begins our final unit, Earth Science! Based off student feedback, we'll be using less of IQWST and more in-class activities. Check out how we're exploring the way water shapes rock through numerous national parks - your students have copies of our lesson's work in their binders as well as notes in their ISNs.

Come celebrate your student's experimental

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10th at 4:15pm.

### Arts Winter Showcase - Thank You!

It's hard to believe they are only 6th graders! Our students performed and exhibited their amazing talents this past week at the MMMS Arts Winter Showcase. Special thanks to Ms. Cardenas for facilitating a wonderful event and to Ms. Hodges for working with the students to create our wonderful improv group. They were hilarious! We will never look at goldfish the same way.



### Movie Thank You!

Thank you to Mrs. Long for taking the 6th graders and the staff to see *Hidden Figures* - an inspiring story about perseverance and determination!

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## 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

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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.

### **Spring After-School Enrichments**

Spring After-School Enrichments began this week. To learn more, visit our [Enrichments page](#). Please contact the Enrichment instructors directly if your student is interested in joining.

### **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!

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## **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



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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](mailto:Lexie_nimick@dpsk12.org).

### **Yearbook**

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

### **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**

If you would like to donate items to the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts, please email Jeff Pettingill at [jpettingill11@yahoo.com](mailto:jpettingill11@yahoo.com). There are only two more scheduled for this year: 3/23 & 4/27.

### **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](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Parent Activities Committee (PAC)** - Create, organize and schedule student activities. Contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com)
- **Critical Needs** - Help connect MMMS families-in-need with community resources. Contact Penny Alsabih at



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- **Book Fair** - Organize annual book fair. Contact Cindy Spruce at [cindy\\_spruce@dpsk12.org](mailto:cindy_spruce@dpsk12.org)
- **Teacher Appreciation** - Donate food items for teachers' breakfast. Contact Jeff Pettingill at [jpettingill11@yahoo.com](mailto:jpettingill11@yahoo.com)
- **Yearbook** - Create annual yearbook for school. Contact Rosa Patron at [r.d.patron@gmail.com](mailto:r.d.patron@gmail.com)
- **Fundraising** - Develop, organize and execute fundraising programs to benefit our MMMS community. Contact Lauren Boland at [lboland1@comcast.net](mailto: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

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groceries, gas, in-store Starbucks, lift-tickets and sporting or event tickets. See Valerie Almodovar in the main office. Click [here](#) to learn more!

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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
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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
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## HELPFUL LINKS

**Principal Long:** [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto:jessica_long@dpsk12.org)

**Main:** 720-423-6550

**Attendance line:** 720-423-6551

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**School supplies list** [here](#)

[DPS School Lunch](#)

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