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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th graders and families:

Our service day on Friday was a huge success and very inspiring. One of my favorite quotes is, "Be the change you want to see in the world," by Mahatma Gandhi. Our students have really embraced this idea, and are often heard saying, "We are the change." We were really able to see this on Friday – our students shined!

It was impressive to see them take on issues in our community that they care about; issues like animal welfare, child welfare and cancer. After working on their service projects, students spent time expressing gratitude and reflecting on the day. It was my favorite part to watch. It was such a powerful day watching the students lead so beautifully.

Councilman Albus Brooks kicked off the event by speaking with students about his own life



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 4/20 @ 6:00 pm

Rising 7th Graders
Meeting @ Manual

Wed 4/26 @ 8:30 am

Miller Activity Complex

Tue 5/5 @ 7:30 am

Parent Coffee

Tue 5/9 @ 6:00 pm

Peter Pan Performance

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their purpose and passion in life. A representative from one of the organizations we partnered with shared how he wished he had the opportunity to do that much earlier in his life. All of the organizations were deeply moved by our students energy and their hard work.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a huge success. A powerful tradition was born on Friday and one that I know I will look forward to for years to come.

Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long

**Thur 5/18 @ 3:00 pm**

End of Year Celebration

Tues 5/23 @ 1:15 pm

Last Day of School

Wed 5/24 @ 8:30 am

YMCA Trip

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Celebrate College Day!

Friday, April 21st is College Day in Colorado. Students and staff will celebrate by wearing a college shirt (in place of students' uniform shirt). Uniform bottoms are still required. If students have earned a yellow "Thunder Ticket" this week, they may redeem it on Friday and wear jeans or other bottoms of their choice with their college shirt. All Thunder Tickets must be redeemed by Wednesday, April 26th.

Service Learning Day – THANK YOU!!

A huge THANK YOU to the students, teachers, chaperones, fellows, Ms. Long, Ms. Lewis, and especially Ms. Hoff. We could not have accomplished our first-ever Service Learning Day without each of you! It was a wonderful experience for ALL to give back and make a difference in our community.

A blanket made by our students from the Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance service project group was given to a patient on Friday. The patient was so grateful and really appreciated that our students took the time to do something so kind. Thank you also to Jason Wedekind for creating the check artwork and to Juliet Biagi for taking photographs to memorialize our big day!

If you have any pictures of our Service Learning Day, please send them to Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com. We would like to add them to our website.

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Rising 7th Graders Camp Presentation Meeting Tonight at 6pm!

Don't forget, tonight is our rising 7th graders and end-of-year YMCA camp meeting. We'll share more detailed information about camp departure times, packing lists and what to look forward to at camp.

We're hosting a raffle with prizes to build the YMCA tuition fund for students in need. Please stop by the check-in table to purchase raffle tickets. Cash or check only.

Please bring your signed forms and payment to the meeting. Checks should be made payable to MMMS. YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch Camp information can also be found on the MMMS website [Trips page](#).

Miller Activity Complex - Payment Deadline and What to Bring

Next Wednesday, April 26th is our end-of-testing celebration at the Miller Activity Complex. 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.

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This [Friday, April 21st](#), is the deadline to bring in your signed permission slip and money. The cost of the trip is \$20/student.

[Click this link](#) to access English and Spanish permission slips for download and printing at home. Please return the completed forms and payment to Mrs. Almodovar in the front office.

Students will need to bring a sack lunch, bathing suit & towel, sunscreen, and socks for the trampolines. Optional items include a lock for a locker and a small amount of change for the vending machines. If students need a sack lunch from the cafeteria, please have them see Mrs. Almodovar in the main office. Students should also wear closed-toed shoes for the fields.

To learn more about MAC, [click here](#).

Spark Change and Day of Service A Huge Success

Last Friday, we were thrilled to host Councilman Albus Brooks as our keynote speaker at our first-ever Spark Change Grant Award Ceremony and Service Day. Through the Spark Change program, the McAuliffe Manual community donated over \$800 to local charities! Additionally, students traveled or performed service on site to 9 nonprofit organizations.

Check out our [website](#) for photos from our Service Day!

Does your student enjoy service learning? Early next school year, we'll post information about how your student can apply to become a Spark Change

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Math Update

Be on the lookout for your student's spring interim test scores, as well as their Expressions and Equations final test grade. These will be sent home the week of April 24th. They must be SIGNED and RETURNED to Ms. Strock.

YMCA Chaperones Still Needed

We are still in need of chaperones for our end-of-year trip to YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch, May 24-26. Parent chaperones attend camp for FREE.

Chaperones are required to attend a prep meeting prior to the trip. Please contact Penny Alsabih if you are interested in volunteering: palsabih@gmail.com.

Fundraising Project Needs Volunteers

Our Fundraising committee has a project on deck and we need volunteers to help this idea come to life. If you are interested in having fun while helping grow our new middle school, please contact Lauren Boland at lboland1@comcast.net for more information. Our first project meeting will take place over the summer.

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Hoops for Peace

Join us on Friday, April 21st at 4:30 pm for a basketball game between Manual High School students and officers from the Denver Police Department. DPD hosts Hoops for Peace in order to build positive relationships between community members and DPD. Teams will be a mix of students and officers, and the game will take place at Manual HS Thunderdome. The event is free and we encourage community members to come watch and support. You can [visit our Facebook page](#) to learn more.

“All children, except one, grow up.”

Our first theater performance is almost here! McAuliffe Manual students will perform Peter Pan on Tuesday, May 9th @ 6pm. Click here to [purchase tickets](#)

REMINDERS

Submit Your Photos

We would love to have your student and school event photos to add to our website to show off the McAuliffe Manual community! Please send your photo files to Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com.

Street Sweeping Begins This Month

Just a reminder, street sweeping has begun. Be careful to check street signs before you park.

- Holly Street (West side) – 4th Tuesday
- Holly Street (East side) – 4th Wednesday
- 25th Street (South side) – 4th Thursday

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.

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

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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.

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

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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](#)

[DPS School Lunch](#)

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