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Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th Graders and Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and joyful Spring Break. This week we have begun to discuss the future with our students and dreaming of what they'll be doing when they graduate high school in 2023. Students wrote a letter to their future self – I encourage you to ask them about it.

Our focus on 2023 has also heightened our focus on preparing all students for 7th grade. At Tuesday's community meeting we had two seniors and one college freshmen join us to talk with students about their college and career plans as well as what they wish someone would have told them about middle school. All three of them spoke about the importance of being themselves and staying focused on academics. It was a powerful meeting and message for all our students.

Next week we begin CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) testing. We will be testing on the mornings of April 11-13 and April 18-20. We ask for your support by ensuring that students are here at school on time and get a good night's rest the night before the tests. Please let me know if



Home of the Thunder!

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 4/14

Service Learning Day

Thur 4/20

YMCA Mandatory
Meeting @ 6pm

Fri 4/26

CSC @ 5:30pm

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Sincerely,
Principal Jessica Long



TOP NEWS

CMAS English Language Arts (ELA) next week

McAuliffe Manual students will be taking the CMAS English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment next week from April 11-13th. In order to preserve the integrity of the testing environment and allow our young scholars the ability to show all that they have learned this year, we will have a closed campus during our testing times. This means that students will not be permitted late entry into their classrooms and will not be permitted early release. Pulling students during testing time not only interrupts your child's learning, but also interrupts the entire class.

Please respect our scholars and their testing efforts by observing this closed campus policy. We ask that you continue the wonderful work you are doing with your children at home to prepare them for success and to be the leaders of tomorrow.

We Need Your Help - April 14th

We still need more parent chaperones to make Service Learning Day possible. On Friday, April 14th, our McAuliffe Manual community will have a wonderful opportunity to 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.

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help: palsabih@gmail.com

Service Learning Day – What to Wear and Bring

Our 1st Service Learning Day is Friday, April 14th! Students should report to their Gray Day advisory at 7:45 am. Students will attend the Spark Change check presentation ceremony, then leaving on buses or staying on campus to work on a variety of service projects. You can view the [service learning project list here](#) to see all the amazing opportunities we have lined up.

Students only need to bring a pencil to write with - no backpacks. Students must wear a McAuliffe Manual shirt, but can wear jeans and should wear closed-toe footwear. Please have your student dress appropriately for the type of service work they will be doing – for example, long pants, socks and sneakers for working at a ranch or cat shelter. Students also need to bring a sack lunch; for students who are not able to bring their lunch, a sack lunch will be provided. For questions, please email Penny Alsabih at palsabih@gmail.com.

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

[Click this link](#) to access English and Spanish permission slips for download and printing at home. Please return the completed forms to Mrs. Almodovar by Friday, April 21st with your payment.

Meet Us at Manual!

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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.

Fly Off to Neverland

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



Service Learning Update

Nearly every McAuliffe Manual student has participated in our weekly service learning trips. We have been active throughout the Denver community in many different areas. We visited local elementary schools (Ashley Elementary, Hallett Academy and Stedman Elementary) to be reading buddies with Kinder, 1st and 2nd graders.

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Mission downtown serving lunch to the homeless, and they visited the Dahlia Campus for Health and Wellbeing, working in their therapy garden.

The McAuliffe Manual students have been great representatives of our school and have demonstrated the caring, knowledge, thinker and communicator IB principals. Due to CMAS testing, we have no trips planned for April.

WEEK IN REVIEW

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!

Math Update

Students have taken their 2nd math interim. Progress will be sent home sometime this week. We are now working on Geometry concepts, studying the area and volume of polygons.

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

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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
- **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.

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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
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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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