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McAuliffe Manual School News | May 11, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th graders and families:

It's hard to believe that we only have 8 days of school left in our founding year! We have a lot fun things happening for students over the course of the next week to celebrate the closure of 6th grade!

- Tonight, May 11th – Visual Arts Showcase
- Monday, May 15th – Yearbooks delivered to students in homerooms. If you'd still like to purchase a yearbook, there are a few available for \$20. Yearbooks will be available to purchase during homeroom starting Tuesday.
- Thursday, May 18th – Awards Ceremony. The program starts at 3pm and will be a lot of fun. We have a large number of awards to give and we're excited to see you there! In honor of the awards ceremony, students will participate in a dress down day called "Dress



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thur 5/11 @ 5:30 pm**  
Arts Showcase

**Thur 5/18 @ 3:00 pm**  
End of Year  
Celebration

**Tue 5/23 @ 1:15 pm**  
Last Day of School

**Wed 5/24 @ 8:30 am**  
YMCA Trip

to Impress.” Similar to the day we had in April, we’re asking students to come to school dressed in their best professional dress clothes to celebrate their hard work this year.

- Monday, May 22nd – Locker Clean Out Day. All lockers must be emptied and cleaned. Please send your student with an extra backpack or bag to accommodate. This would be a great day to donate any unused, extra school supplies or uniforms to the main office.
- Tuesday, May 23rd – Last Day of School! Students will spend the day in advisory and with the community bringing closure to the year. Lunch will be served at 12 pm, followed by a yearbook party. We will have a *Kona Ice Cream* truck at the party and you’re welcome to join us. It should all get started at 12:30 pm. Dismissal is at 1:15 pm. Please make arrangements to pick your student up on time. Staff have meetings in the afternoon to wrap-up the year and prepare for our move.

We’re hoping that you can join us for our events. Please reach out if you have any questions at all and be looking for a summer mailing in July with the details for the start of 2017-2018.

Sincerely,  
*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Arts Showcase Tonight!

Bring your friends and family to come celebrate

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and engage in the arts at McAuliffe! The visual art gallery and improv performance will open the showcase at 5:30pm, followed by the choir, band and orchestra concerts starting at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **No Bus Transportation May 24th Or 26th**

Since school officially ends on Tuesday, May 23rd, there will be no bus transportation to school on May 24 or from school on May 26th. Please make arrangements to bring your student to and from school for the YMCA trip departure and pickup.

### **Math Update**

Students are wrapping up the year by working hard on their Statistical Question Project. They have designed statistical questions that aim to measure particular habits of the McAuliffe Community. After analyzing their data, students will make recommendations based on their findings. Students will also be taking their last STAR math test this week.

### **YMCA Paperwork Due Tomorrow**

We've extended the paperwork deadline to tomorrow, Friday, May 12th. We only have a few spaces left and want to make sure we include the students that qualify and want to go. What could be better than s'mores? Get ready for some fun!!

### **YMCA Raffle Prizes Awarded**

Thank you to those families who were able to contribute to the YMCA scholarship fund! Your donations helped pay the camp fees for students in need. Gift card prizes were awarded to two families! Stay tuned for more fundraising events in the fall.

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**Celebrate With Us Next Thursday**

Can you believe the school year is almost over? The entire family is invited to celebrate with our students and staff on Thursday, May 18th @ 3pm. We will celebrate the students growth and hard work this year. Hope to see you there!

**Friends Of Manual Breakfast Tomorrow**

You are invited to the 10th Annual Friends of Manual Breakfast at Manual High School. Friends of Manual is a non-profit group dedicated to supporting the academic achievement and overall high school experience of students at Manual.

- Friday, May 12, 2017 from 7:30am - 9am (doors open at 7am)
- Manual High School Thunderdome (1700 E. 28th Ave, Denver)
- The event is FREE to attend, donations to the nonprofit are appreciated. Funds raised will help provide much needed support to the teachers and students at Manual
- Seating will be first come, first serve; Only sponsors will receive designated tables
- [Click here for more details and to register](#)

**Donate To Our Teacher Appreciation Picnic**

Some of our staff are hosting a teacher appreciation celebration. This will be a picnic in the park at the end of May. If you'd like to make a cash or check donation to help fund the celebration, there will be a donation envelope in the front office. Checks can be made out to Cindy Young. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy @ [cynthia\\_young@dpsk12.org](mailto:cynthia_young@dpsk12.org).

**Close Out Sports Fees And Borrowed Items**

Please remember that the participation fee for

sports is \$50. Any student that has not paid for the required participation fee will be charged the fee. In addition, there have been a few students that have borrowed uniform items. In order to ensure that we can meet the emergency uniform needs of all of our students in the coming 2017-18 school year, we will need ALL borrowed uniforms to be washed and returned to the school. If there are any questions or concerns around these two items, please reach out to Ms. Lewis  
@ [NATALIE LEWIS@dpsk12.org](mailto:NATALIE_LEWIS@dpsk12.org).

### **MMMS First Theatrical Performance A Huge Success!**

We are so so proud of our 6th grade actors. After months of hard work, they put together an amazing show - including a student choreographed dance off!! Thank you MMMS community for your support. What an incredible audience you make!

## **WEEK IN REVIEW**

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### **Fundraising Meeting June 22nd**

The Fundraising committee will meet on June 22nd to begin planning our *Big Idea*! If you'd like to have some fun, meet MMMS parents and help grow our new middle school, then please contact Lauren

Boland at [lboland1@comcast.net](mailto:lboland1@comcast.net). Can't make June 2nd? Not to worry, just email Lauren to get connected to our *Big Idea!*

### **Parental Advisory - 13 Reasons Why Netflix Series**

It has been brought to our attention that many teenagers, including some of our McAuliffe Manual students, are watching a Netflix series called *13 Reasons Why*. Students watching the series may need to process what they have seen with school staff and with their peers.

The series brings to light important topics such as teen suicide, bullying, depression and sexual assault. Common Sense Media's age recommendation is 16+. Below is a series' summary from Common Sense Media.

*Parents need to know that 13 Reasons Why is an intense, dark Netflix drama based on the popular young adult novel Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher and is definitely not a light watch for younger kids. If your child has already viewed the series, please consider having a discussion [using these tips for parents](#).*

Please contact our assistant principal with additional concerns or questions:  
[natalie\\_lewis@dpsk12.org](mailto:natalie_lewis@dpsk12.org)

Immediate, free, counseling is always available at National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, 1-800-273-TALK.

### **McAuliffe Summer Camps - Register Soon!**

We are partnering with McAuliffe International School to offer a variety of camps this summer

while DPS is still in session (late May through early June). All camps will take place at McAuliffe. Check out the [summer camps page](#) for a list of camps and more information.

- Limited scholarships available, please email [valerie\\_almodovarcortez@dpsk12.org](mailto:valerie_almodovarcortez@dpsk12.org)
- To register for camp, please see email [brandi\\_wright@dpsk12.org](mailto:brandi_wright@dpsk12.org)

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## REMINDERS

### **YMCA Camp Items - Donation Drive**

If you would like to donate camp items to students in need, please bring items to the main office. Mrs. Almodovar will have a bin for collection. A list of the items students will need for the YMCA camp trip can be found [here](#).

### **McAuliffe Manual Uniform Round-Up, May 1- 23**

Bring your used McAuliffe Manual shirts, sweatshirts, PE uniforms, and uniform pants to the main office beginning May 1st and continuing through the end of the school year. The uniforms will be cleaned, organized and shared with McAuliffe Manual students in need. We thank you for your support of our critical needs program!

If you love laundry and are interested in helping clean and organize uniforms for this project, please contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **Medication Reminder**

Please remember to pick up student medication on or before our last day of school, May 22nd. Per state law:

- Schools may not send medication home with students - an adult must pick up medication.
- Medication cannot be stored at McAuliffe over the summer. Any medication not picked up before the last day of school will be destroyed.

If your student is attending YMCA camp, school medication will accompany them. Camp medications must be picked up on the day students return home from camp (May 26th).

### **YMCA Camp Schedule & Packing List**

- Click these links for the [packing list](#) and the [schedule](#).
- If your student takes daily medication. please complete a new medication form and return it to the school with the prescription before Friday, May 19th @ 4pm.
- We are assigning lodging groups and will post this information before May 19th.

If you have any questions, please contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **Street Sweeping Schedule**

Check street signs before you park:

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

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

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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
- 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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## HELPFUL LINKS

**Principal Long:** [jessica\\_long@dpsk12.org](mailto: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](http://ThunderUniforms.com)

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

**[DPS School Lunch](#)**

McAuliffe Manual is located at 2540 Holly St,  
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