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## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Manual 6th graders and families:

Hellen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Hellen Keller's quote captures so well just how I feel as we close out our founding year. I so appreciate everyone's choice to make McAuliffe Manual your middle school - the support, feedback and time you have all given to make it a successful start. I hope to see you all at 3pm today for the award ceremony celebrating our hard work this year!

This is our last newsletter of the year. We will mail home third trimester report cards in June and send a summer mailing sometime in July with information about registration and 7th grade details.

I wish you all a wonderful summer full of family, friends, rest and fun. If you need ideas for summer



Home of the Thunder!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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

End of Year

Celebration

**Tue 5/22**

Locker Clean Out Day

**Tue 5/23 @ 1:15 pm**

Last Day of School

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

YMCA Trip

activities, summer camps, or other support, you can view this [DPS' online guide](#) or [view this flyer](#) for more information. Thank you again for a great 2016-2017 school year and we'll see you in August for 7th grade!

Sincerely,  
*Principal Jessica Long*

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## TOP NEWS

### Math Olympiads at MMMS

We would love to host a Math Olympiads program next year at McAuliffe Manual. If you are interested in facilitating this enrichment program (either before or after school), please reach out to Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com). For those of you not familiar with Math Olympiads, it is an international organization that promotes enthusiasm and a love of math. [Click here](#) to learn more about the organization.

### Anti-Bullying Program Comes to MMMS

McAuliffe Manual has been selected by the Colorado Department of Education to receive funding and training to prevent bullying and promote a positive school culture and climate. This exciting opportunity means that McAuliffe Manual will receive support and funding to become trained in evidence-based programming to promote a positive school climate and reduce incidents of bullying.

As part of this opportunity, students will be given the chance to complete a brief survey about their experiences at school. The questions on the

**Mon 7/31 @ 9-11 am &  
1-3 pm**

7th Grade Registration

**Tue 8/1 @ 9-11 am &  
1-3 pm**

6th Grade Registration

**Fri Aug 4th @ 9-11 am  
& 1-3 pm**

Make Up Registration

**Fri Aug 4th**

Help Teachers Move to  
Manual

**Sat Aug 5th**

Locker Day

**Mon Aug 7th**

6th Grade First Day of  
School

**Wed Aug 9th**

7th Grade First Day of  
School

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survey relate to peer relationships and school culture & climate.

#### *Participation risk*

There is minimal risk in participating in the survey. Some students, however, may feel uncomfortable answering questions about peer and teacher relationships. To minimize this discomfort, all survey questions are voluntary and the survey is completely anonymous. No personally identifiable information will be collected. All data will be compiled to provide averages, meaning none of the answers provided by any specific student will be able to be accessed.

#### *Participation benefits*

Participation in the survey will help inform a more effective bullying prevention program and thus improve student safety and well-being, as well as enhance students' social and emotional skills. Staff can use the information to provide additional school monitors in vulnerable areas.

If, for whatever reason, you would NOT like your child to participate in this survey, please reach out to Ms. Lewis @ [NATALIE\\_LEWIS@dpsk12.org](mailto:NATALIE_LEWIS@dpsk12.org).

#### **Locker Clean Out**

With the end of school right around the corner, it's time to plan for students cleaning out their lockers. Please consider donating reusable items by placing them in the bins located in the main office.

#### **Yearbook Distribution**

Pre-ordered yearbooks were distributed to students on May 15th. If your student did not order a yearbook and would still like one, the cost is \$20.

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They are now available for purchase through the last day of school.

### **I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!**

The last day of school (May 23rd) is almost here . . . Students will have lunch at 12:00 pm, then attend a yearbook party followed by ice cream. The *Kona Ice Cream* truck will be on-site @ 12:30 pm to help the students celebrate their last day of 6th grade! Students will be dismissed @ 1:15 pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your student on time as we will not have busing.

### **Summer Math**

All students will have access to their Buzzmath account through the summer. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that students structure some math into their summer. Your students can use their 7th grade book to choose assignments related to Rates/Ratios/Proportions and any activities in the Expressions and Equations chapters. We will also post a summer packet on EDMODO that students can print out or access online. If you need more suggestions, please contact Lisa Strock @ [lisa\\_strock@dpsk12.org](mailto:lisa_strock@dpsk12.org). Thank you!

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## **WEEK IN REVIEW**

### **Arts Showcase Recap**

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Spring Showcase last week. It was a great experience and show of support for our visual arts, musical and improv students. A big thanks to all MMMS artists for sharing your talents with the community. The students and staff are so thankful for the community's yearlong support

and encouragement of our students' creative expression! We hope to see you all at next year's arts celebrations!

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

The series brings to light important topics such as teen suicide, bullying, depression and sexual assault. Common Sense Media's age recommendation is 16+. Common Sense Media provides a [series summary](#) and [parental tips](#) for discussion with your children.

Students watching this series may need help processing what they have seen. 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.

### **Close Out Sports Fees And Borrowed Items**

In preparation for closing out the school year:

- Any student who participated in MMMS sports who has not yet paid the required \$50 participation fee will be charged.
- To ensure we can meet the emergency uniform needs of all students in the coming 2017-18 school year, we ask that all borrowed uniforms 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).

### **McAuliffe Summer Camps**

A variety of camps will be offered while DPS is still

in session (late May through early June). Camps will take place at the Smiley campus. Please visit the [summer camps page](#) for details. Scholarship information: [valerie\\_almodovarcortez@dpsk12.org](mailto:valerie_almodovarcortez@dpsk12.org). Camp registration: [brandi\\_wright@dpsk12.org](mailto:brandi_wright@dpsk12.org).

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

Donate your unwanted McAuliffe Manual shirts, sweatshirts, PE uniforms and uniform pants to the main office. Donated items will be cleaned and shared with McAuliffe Manual students in need. If you are interested in helping clean and organize uniforms for donation, please contact Penny Alsabih at [palsabih@gmail.com](mailto:palsabih@gmail.com).

### **Donate To Our Teacher Appreciation Picnic**

Some of our staff are hosting a teacher appreciation 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 an 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).

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## **REMINDERS**

### **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.

### **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](#).

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

We'll begin fundraising planning for next year at our June 22nd meeting. Please contact Lauren Boland @ [lboland1@comcast.net](mailto:lboland1@comcast.net) if you'd like to join us.

### **YMCA Schedule, Packing List and Deadlines**

- Click these links for the [packing list](#) and the [schedule](#).
- Medication forms (with the prescription) are due Fri, May 19th by 4pm.
- Lodging groups will be announced May 19th

### **Claim Student Medication by May 22nd**

Please pick up student medication on or before our last full day of school, May 22nd. Medications can NOT be sent home with students - an adult must pick up. Medications can NOT be stored at McAuliffe over the summer. Any remaining medications left at school will be destroyed as per state law.

### **Next Week Street Sweeping**

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

### **Help build our school community!**

- **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](#)**

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Denver, CO 80207.



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