



McAuliffe School News | August 11, 2016

Principal's Message

Thank you so much for helping us to get the school year off to a great start! Seeing our new 6th graders in comparison to the 8th graders reminds us of how much they grow during middle school!

Please be sure to check out our Coming Events section below to keep track of important dates, including Picture Day on August 16th and Back-to-School Night on August 17th. Please also read our full newsletter to stay on top of all school news and information.

As we get settled into the new school year, please check out the many ways your student can get involved at McAuliffe outside of their classes. Between DPS and Club sports, intramurals, our wide range of clubs, and our after-school enrichments, there is truly something for everyone.

See you all at Back-to-School Night next week!

Principal Kurt Dennis



Home of the Sun Devils

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 8/15

Costa Rica trip info meeting, 5:30pm

Tues 8/16

Picture Day

Wed 8/17

Back-to-School Night, 5:30-8:30pm

Fri 8/19

Cross Country Info Meeting, 5:30pm

TOP NEWS

How to Unsubscribe from Newsletter

If your student graduated from McAuliffe last year and you no longer need to receive our newsletter, please use the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of our newsletter so you do not receive future issues.

Summer Reading Due Date Changed to Aug. 22

The summer reading assignment due date has been changed to August 22nd to allow all students time to complete their reading and book talk organizer. Please find links to this assignment for each grade level in our Top News post [here](#).

Cross Country Parent Meeting

There will be an informational parent meeting for Cross Country runners on Friday, August 19th at 5:30 in the auditorium. If you haven't turned in a physical form signed by a doctor and/or your \$25.00 sports fee, you can bring it to the meeting. Coach Pablo will be going over parent/athlete expectations, and you will get to meet all of the coaches.

Picking Up Students Early

If you need to pick up your student before the end of the day, please do so before 3:45pm. We are not able to release students from class during the last 15 minutes of the day. Also, parents need to come into the school office to sign their student out if they need to pick up during the school day.

GT Programs and School Clubs

McAuliffe will again be offering a wide range of academic enrichment opportunities – some for GT-identified students and many that are open to all

Mon 8/22

Summer reading assignments due

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students – so we encourage all students to get involved! Watch for more information soon about meeting times. All year-round academic enrichments will start in September unless indicated otherwise; find more information on our website about [GT](#) and the range of [clubs](#), but watch for updates about what days and times these clubs will meet this year. Edmodo will be used again this year as the primary communication tool for enrichment opportunities, ALP surveys and general information – watch for an email from GT Coordinator Becky Middleton with the GT Edmodo code. If you have any questions please contact me at becky_middleton@dpsk12.org.

Bus Schedule Summaries

DPS Transportation has mailed bus information home to families that pertains to your student and route. See summaries of bus route information below. Please be aware that DPS Transportation will update these bus schedules slightly multiple times throughout the year (especially at the beginning of the school year), and we will post those updates on our [Calendars + Bell Schedule page](#).

- [Morning Bus Schedule](#)
- [Afternoon Bus Schedule](#)
- [Late Start Morning Bus Schedule](#)

Garden Club

We are looking for a small group of students interested in caring for the McAuliffe garden. We will meet on Thursdays from 4:05 - 4:30 during the growing season (beginning next Thursday, August 18) to harvest, pull weeds, plant, etc. Any interested students should come to an

informational meeting in room 204 next Thursday, August 18 at 4:05. We will then head out to the garden. Parents can pick students up on 25th Avenue near the tennis courts at 4:30 (students who are walking will head home at that time). Questions can be sent to Ms. Holthus-Pera at amber_holthus@dpsk12.org.

Trouble with Lockers?

If your student is having trouble with his or her locker, please have them fill out their information in a locker notebook in the office so we can address the issue.

Fall Sports Information

We will have sign-ups on August 8-12 and August 15-19 for all fall sports during the grade level lunches. August 17th will be the last day to sign up for Softball and Boys Soccer. Tryouts for Girls Softball and Boys Soccer will take place on August 17, 18, 19 at 4:15pm in the fields on campus. Students need to wear appropriate athletic clothing (PE gear is acceptable). Cross Country does not have tryouts. Our first Cross Country practice will be August 22nd at 4:15pm; runners will meet on the outside basketball courts. Health, emergency and parent permission can be turned in (see forms [here](#), also posted on our [Athletics page](#)). The athletic team fee (\$25) for Cross Country can also be turned in. Athletic team fees for Boys Soccer and Girls Softball will be paid after the final day of cuts on August 19th.

Club Sports and Intramural

- We will have sign-ups available for Boys Golf and Tennis at lunch the first two weeks of school along with the DPS PREP league sports. The only team with tryouts is tennis.

However, there are both competitive and non-competitive teams.

- Tennis Competitive Team will have tryouts August 23rd & 24th, with practice starting on August 25th. If a student does not make the tennis team he/she may play club tennis.
- Stay tuned on Futsal, Ultimate Frisbee, and Rugby – we will post more information soon.

IB Corner

Every month Stephanie Gronholz, our IB Coordinator, highlights one of the IB learner profile traits and other information about IB.

- **IB Learner Profile Trait: Open-Minded**
Our IB Learner Profile trait for the month of August is Open-Minded, which means “we critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.” In this month of “firsts,” emphasize the importance of this trait with your child. When have you had to practice open-mindedness at work? How have you grown from being open to new experiences, such as parenting a middle schooler?
- **"One Reason Why"**
This month’s 'reason why' the MYP encourages you to become a creative, critical, and reflective learner is that “It encourages international-mindedness: The MYP helps you critically appreciate your own culture and personal history, as well as the values and traditions of others.” McAuliffe embraces our students’ diverse experiences and wants to create a community that learns

from one another. We want students to be proud of who they are and willing to grow as the result of developing new perspectives.

COMING EVENTS

Costa Rica Trip - Meeting August 15th

Ms. Gonzales is hosting an information meeting on August 15th at 5:30pm in Room 110 about our summer 2017 student trip to Costa Rica. Read [this handout](#) or contact Ms. Gonzales at adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org for more information. Enrollment after October 1st is subject to availability. To learn more about the trip and sign up, visit our Trips page [here](#).

Picture Day - August 16th

Picture Day is on Tuesday, August 16th. Students should wear appropriate attire for having their picture taken and do not need to wear their normal McAuliffe uniform. To order your student's picture, view instructions [here](#). Re-takes/Makeup Picture day is tentatively scheduled for September 23rd (subject to change).

Back-to-School Night - August 17th

Save the date for our Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:30-8:30pm. More details to come.

WEEK IN REVIEW

First Day of School!

We enjoyed welcoming our new 6th grade class to McAuliffe for their first day of school on Monday. A

big thanks to our S.H.I.N.E. Crew for helping our new students make a smooth transition!



Thanks for Joining Our Celebration!

Thanks to all who were able to come to our start-of-school celebration and locker setup on Saturday! And a big thanks to City Councilman Chris Herndon for biking with families to school and supporting McAuliffe with this celebration.



REMINDERS

2016-2017 Red/White Day Calendar

View our 2016-2017 Red/White Day calendar

[here](#) (subject to change, so stay tuned for possible future updates). Students alternate between Red days and White days for their class schedule, taking math and language arts every day and alternating all other classes.

Building Access, Traffic, and Bus Location

This year students will be able to enter and exit from the south entrance and the main entrance. Parents should do their best to avoid Holly Street between 25th and 26th Avenues during drop off and pick up. To avoid car traffic near the school, it may be more convenient to drop off and pick up a block or two away from school. DPS buses for McAuliffe will drop off and pick up along 25th on the south side of McAuliffe.

Student Trips

Find details on [our website](#) about three optional student trips this year to New York City, Costa Rica, and our 8th grade trip to Washington DC. This page also includes the date range of our 6th and 7th grade Outdoor Education Camps in late May.

Bus Transportation

The DPS transportation department has finalized bus routes and times. If your family is eligible for transportation services next school year, you will receive a letter in the mail by the end of July with your bus stop and times. If you have any questions you can contact the transportation department directly at (720) 423-4699 or (720) 423-4600.

Teen Pop Trivia Night - August 18 at Sam

Gary Library

Join us for [Teen Pop Trivia Night](#) at Sam Gary Library on August 18th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Books! Movies! Television! Videogames! Anime! Fandom! Etc! You've been consuming pop culture all your life. Now come to the library and put your knowledge to the test. Compete for fabulous prizes and everlasting glory! You bring the brains and we'll provide the pizza and soda. Open to students in grades 6 to 12. Call 720-865-0325 x4 or email asksamgarylibrary@denverlibrary.org to register.

DPS Lunch Information

Want to know more about weekly school menus, nutritional information, and pricing? Click [here](#).

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Calendar and Bell

Schedule: <http://mcauliffe.dpsk12.org/about-mis/calendars-bell-schedule/>

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DPS Parent Portal: myportal.dpsk12.org



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