



## McAuliffe International School

McAuliffe School News | August 18, 2016

### Principal's Message

Thanks to all who were able to join us at Back-to-School Night yesterday! We hope visiting each classroom and meeting your child's teachers gives you a good feel for what he or she will be learning this year in addition to understanding the expectations at McAuliffe. Please be sure to make good use of the [Communications document](#) that we shared with you so that you are aware of what your student is doing at school and you can keep track of their progress.

The transition to middle school is an adjustment not just for students but also for parents. While parents may be accustomed to volunteering in the classroom or being at their student's elementary school on a daily basis, there are other ways to be involved in middle school. If you weren't able to sign up for volunteer opportunities last night and are interested in being involved at McAuliffe, please keep an eye out for these opportunities in our weekly newsletters to support and feel connected to our school.



Home of the Sun Devils

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Fri 8/19**

Cross Country Info Meeting, 5:30pm

**Mon 8/22**

Summer reading assignments due

**Wed 8/24**

Broadway and the Arts trip meeting, 5:00pm

**Tues 8/30**

Thank you all for your support of your student and McAuliffe!

*Principal Kurt Dennis*

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## TOP NEWS

*Check out details about upcoming meetings for trips and cross country team below in Coming Events!*

### **Parent Volunteers for Library**

The library is looking for parent volunteers to help out during Advisory on weekdays. The shift would be from 9:00-10:00, and volunteers would be working alongside staff members to help students. Please email school librarian amy\_delpo@dpsk12.org if you are interested.

### **Mars Experience Virtual Reality Bus Comes to McAuliffe - Permission Slips for 8th Grade Students Due August 26th**

McAuliffe and McAuliffe Manual have the great fortune of being the only schools in Denver to work with Lockheed Martin to offer a Mars Experience Bus virtual reality experience for our students on Tuesday, August 30th. Due to limited space, we are offering this opportunity for our 8th grade students only; more details of this experience and a Lockheed Martin permission slip will be sent home with students via their Math teachers this week. Parents must sign and send back this permission slip by Friday, August 26th in order for their student to ride the bus.

Mars Bus  
Experience

**Wed 8/31**

Washington DC trip  
meeting, 5:30pm

**Mon 9/5**

No school - Labor  
Day

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See more details about this incredible opportunity [here](#). The Generation Beyond program is described as follows: "The first people who will visit Mars are sitting in a school today. In fact, the first astronauts will arrive before today's kindergarteners graduate college. To help inspire these students, Lockheed Martin created a one-of-a-kind virtual reality experience. The Mars Experience Bus is the first immersive VR vehicle ever built and it replicates the Martian landscape. Riders experience a virtual drive along the surface of the Red Planet."

### **Bike Storage and Safety**

We want to remind students to lock their bikes up on the bike racks available and to be sure to put the lock through the bike frame and the bike rack. If you have a quick release front wheel, then the lock should go through the front wheel, frame and bike rack. If the racks are full, students may use the tennis court fence to secure their bike. Please remind your student to stay in the bike lanes or on the right hand side of the road and to use your hand signals to alert drivers, other cyclists and pedestrians of their intent. For busier streets, use the cross walks to get across the street.

### **Fall Sports**

If you missed information about athletics signups, tryouts and start dates during August, please check our [Athletics page](#) on our website.

### **Setting Up Your Edmodo Parent Account**

As teachers mentioned yesterday at Back-to-School Night, they're working to get all students connected to their classroom groups on Edmodo to communicate about assignments, projects, tests, and other class information. Students join an

Edmodo group for each of their classes as well as all-school groups that share information about programs, athletics, and other news.

**Parents do not need the Edmodo code for each class their child is in – the only code parents need when they set up their account is the 'parent code' that is visible on their student's Edmodo home page.** Once the parent account is set up, a parent will receive messages from teachers via email or text (according to their account settings). If you do not already have a parent account set up on Edmodo or if you have not already connected to your student(s) using the unique 'parent code' visible in your student's Edmodo page, please find more details on our website [here](#), and scroll down to the Edmodo section.

### **First Friday Coffee**

Save the date for our first 'First Friday Coffee' of the year on September 2nd at 8:00am in the library. Hosted by Activities Coordinator Sherry Beardshear and held on the first Friday of each month (except holidays), this is a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, hear from different staff members, and socialize with other parents. More information to come about this first get-together.

### **GT Enrichments and Clubs**

We have grade-specific Gifted & Talented (GT) offerings for GT-identified students, including Night of the Notables, Independent Project, and In-Depth Object Study. Approximately 50% of our student body is identified as GT, so we also provide a broad range of [Clubs](#) – including Destination Imagination, Good Readers, Spelling Bee,

Geography Bee, Math Club and more – that is open to all students, plus a wonderful array of [After-School Enrichments](#). For GT-identified students, please also visit our [GT page](#) for information about university talent search opportunities and Advanced Learning Plans.

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## COMING EVENTS

### **Cross Country Meeting – August 19th**

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.

### **Broadway and the Arts Student Trip Meeting – August 24th**

Please come to a parent meeting on Wednesday, August 24th at 5:00pm in room 223 to learn more about our fun, educational, and fabulous trip to New York City. This 6 day, 5 night trip is full of incredible activities: 3 Broadway shows, an acting class, tour of the Met, the Natural History Museum, the 9-11 Memorial...and so much more! We look forward to seeing you there! The dates for the trip are May 30th to Sunday, June 4th, 2017. - *Ms. Al and Ms. Carabetta*

### **Washington DC Trip Meeting – August 31st**

There will be one FINAL trip meeting for enrolling students on this year's Washington DC trip. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31st at 5:30pm in room 312. We already have 55 8th

grade students enrolled for our May 2017 trip!  
Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore this incredible city. Please visit our [trip website](#) for more information and to sign up by September 6th at the current price. Let us know if you have any questions by emailing Sarah\_Frederick@dpsk12.org. We look forward to having your 8th grader join us on this trip!

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **New Benches and Tree in South Courtyard!**

Our South Courtyard re-opened this week! A big shout-out to Saunders Construction for helping us demo the old shed and to DesignScapes for adding seating and trees!



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## REMINDERS

**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](mailto:amber_holthus@dpsk12.org).

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## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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](mailto:asksamgarylibrary@denverlibrary.org) to register.

### **Endorphin Youth Weightlifting**

Endorphin is offering an 8-week (2 days/week) coaching intensive program geared to introduce pre-teens and teens to weightlifting guided by an experienced, certified coach. Students learn proper movement patterns, gain athletic

skill, increase strength and power, make refinements in balance and coordination, and also, build mental fortitude. Click [here](#) to enroll (use your child's name when creating an account). Contact Neil Allman at [neil@myendorphin.com](mailto:neil@myendorphin.com) / 720-955-3677.

#### TIMES, DATES, LOCATION:

Fall – Monday/Wednesday 8-Week Session for Ages 11-17, cost \$250

4:15-5:30pm @ 4605 Quebec St (ask about carpool from school)

September 26 - November 16

Fall – Tuesday/Thursday 8-Week Session for Ages 11-17, cost \$250

5:30-6:45pm @ 4605 Quebec St

September 27- November 17

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## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Thanks to Saunders Construction for their help demolishing the old shed in our South Courtyard and to DesignScapes for creating additional seating and adding our new tree!

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## HELPFUL LINKS

**Website:** <http://mcauliffe.dpsk12.org/>

**Calendar and Bell**

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

**McAuliffe app:** Available



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**Order school uniforms:** [McAuliffe store page](#)

on [www.saiteamsports.com](http://www.saiteamsports.com)

**McAuliffe Facebook**

**page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/702585036483556/>

**DPS Parent Portal:** [myportal.dpsk12.org](http://myportal.dpsk12.org)

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