



McAuliffe School News | August 4, 2016

## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! We are excited to begin our work with your students this coming week. Please remember that the transition from summer to school may be challenging for kids. In order to assist your student with this transition, please be sure to establish routines and healthy habits as soon as possible. Early bed times, no screen time after 8:00pm, healthy breakfasts, and good hydration will go a long ways towards helping your student start the year successfully.

It is likely that by the end of the first week your student is going to be tired and possibly a little cranky or emotional when they get home from school. Please know that this is perfectly normal. Your student's mind and body will need time to adjust to the routines and expectations of school again, and these changes will create some anxiety and weariness. Your student will be perfectly adjusted by Labor Day – I promise! :)

Don't forget to join us if you can on Saturday,



Home of the Sun Devils

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Thur 8/4

Late registration:  
8:30-11:00am and  
1:00-3:00pm

#### Sat. 8/6

Locker Setup and  
Celebration, 9:00am

#### Mon 8/8-Tues 8/9

6th Grade  
Orientation

#### Wed 8/10

August 6th for our start-of-school celebration with Councilman Herndon and locker setup (see details below).

Principal Kurt Dennis

*Editor's note: Because some email applications may truncate part of our newsletter, for optimal reading you may want to select the 'view in browser' option.*

First Day of School  
for 7th and 8th

### 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

## TOP NEWS

### Start of School Celebration + Locker Setup - Sat. August 6th

Please plan on joining City Councilman Chris Herndon and the McAuliffe Community for a bike ride from the Stapleton Town Center to the Smiley Campus on Saturday, August 6th at 9:00am. Between 9:00am and 12:00pm, students and families can get their printed schedules, set up lockers, play games, listen to music, eat great food and interact with local community organizations. This event has become one of McAuliffe's most popular and fun traditions, so please plan on attending. Thank you Councilman Herndon for all of your support!

Note: Students do not need to bring their Edukit/school supplies to locker setup unless they would like to store items ahead of time for the first day of school. Also, any students who are not able to attend this event will have time to set up their locker once school starts.

### Schedules

Student schedules are now visible in the

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**Student/Parent Portal**. Please know that as we try to balance class sizes, there might be slight changes to students' schedules between now and the start of the school year. Locker information will be posted to schedules in early August and we will provide students with a paper copy of their final schedule at Councilman Chris Herndon's kick-off celebration on August 6th.

### **Late Registration - August 4th**

If you missed registration on one of our May or June dates, we will have late registration available today, Thursday, August 4th from 8:30-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm.

### **Ready for the First Day of School?**

Find more information on our website at the links below about getting ready for the first day of school, including:

- **School supplies**  
Update: 8th grade students will also need a 3-section spiral notebook for social studies
- **Uniforms**
- **Summer reading assignments**

### **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. (Note: In response to a related parent question, students do not have to match their McAuliffe uniform t-shirt color with the Red/White day; students may wear any color McAuliffe t-shirt on any school day.)

### **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.

### **S.H.I.N.E. Crew Helping 6th Graders**

Some of our older students at McAuliffe who have applied and been chosen to be on our S.H.I.N.E. Crew will be assisting 6th grade students during and after Orientation to help them get acquainted with McAuliffe and make a smooth transition to middle school. On Monday, August 8th, you will see our S.H.I.N.E. Crew wearing bright yellow t-shirts welcoming our new 6th graders, helping them access their lockers if they have any problems, and pointing them in the right direction to find their classes. S.H.I.N.E. Crew leaders will also help mentor and support our 6th graders during the school year. Thanks to these kids for their help, and thanks to Ms. Sara Lemmon for coordinating their efforts.

### **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.

### **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.

### **2017 – Summer Trip to Costa Rica**

Ms. Gonzales just got back from checking in on Global Travel Alliance in Costa Rica and the fantastic experiences students will be able to take part in for their trip in summer of 2017. **The next information meeting will be August 15th at 5:30 in Room 110.** If you aren't able to come, please contact Ms. Gonzales. If you want more information, read [this handout](#) or contact Ms. Gonzales at [adriana\\_gonzales@dpsk12.org](mailto:adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org). Enrollment after October 1st is subject to availability. To learn more about the trip and sign up, visit our Trips page [here](#).



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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **New Sidewalk Access Points**

Over the summer, Denver Public Works put in new sidewalks on 25th and 26th Street, with access points from Ivy, Ivanhoe and Jasmine streets to McAuliffe sidewalks.

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## REMINDERS

### **Math Team - Sign Up for Notifications!**

Please visit the new McAuliffe Math Team website at [www.McAuliffeMath.org](http://www.McAuliffeMath.org) to sign up for notifications and to add the Math Team calendar to your schedule. (Morning practices won't start until September, but it never hurts to get our ducks in a row!) The McAuliffe Math Team has a tradition of excellence and fun, so encourage your student to join us!

### **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.

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## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DPS Lunch Information**

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

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

**Calendar and Bell**

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

**McAuliffe app:** Available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices!

**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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