



McAuliffe School News | July 28, 2016

Principal's Message

Greetings! I hope that you all are doing well and having a great summer. We are excited to be starting a new school year, and I wanted to share some information with you as we approach the start of school.

We look forward to welcoming our new 6th grade class starting on Monday, August 8th and seeing our new and returning 7th and 8th graders on Wednesday, August 10th. Sixth grade students are encouraged to arrive outside of McAuliffe's main doors a few minutes early on August 8th so they can meet up with their friends and be ready for the start of 6th grade Orientation. DPS bus service is available during this first week of school.

Be sure to join us if you can on Saturday, August 6th for our start of school celebration with Councilman Herndon and locker setup (see details below).

Principal Kurt Dennis



Home of the Sun Devils

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat. 8/6

Locker Setup and Celebration, 9:00am

Mon 8/8-Tues 8/9

6th Grade Orientation

Wed 8/10

First Day of School for 7th and 8th

Tues 8/16

Picture Day

TOP NEWS

Welcome New Families!

You are receiving this email newsletter as a parent or guardian of a McAuliffe student. All families who are new to McAuliffe have been automatically added to our subscriber list according to our registration records. For anyone who is not receiving our newsletter, please use the Subscribe form in the lower right column on the [home page of our website](#) to join this list.

Schedules

Student schedules are now visible in the [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.

Councilman Herndon's Kick-Off 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 the morning of August 6th (start time TBD). 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!

Wed 8/17

Back-to-School

Night, 5:30-8:30pm

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Late Registration - August 4th

If you missed registration on one of our May or June dates, we will have late registration available on Thursday, August 4th from 8:30-11:00am and 1:00-3:00pm. Student fees this year are \$125 total (cash or check), which covers your student's technology, locker, planner, ID, novels for language arts, class consumables, lab materials for science, and supplies for the arts and engineering. If you are not able to pay for student fees, please indicate this on your registration form and we will cover your cost with a scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Principal Kurt Dennis at kurt_dennis@dpsk12.org.

Ready for the Start of School?

- **School Supplies**

If you did not order your EduKit by the July 24th deadline, you may purchase school supplies at a local store. [Here is a list](#) of supplies your student will need. **Update to this list:** 8th grade students will also need a three-section spiral notebook for social studies.

- **Uniforms**

If you have not yet ordered your student's school uniform, please visit our vendor's McAuliffe uniform [store page](#). Please note that orders are batched for production on the 1st and 15th of each month; please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery to your shipping address. If you are not able to purchase a school uniform before the start of school, please contact our Community Liaison Cindy Eastman at cindy_eastman@dpsk12.org.

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.

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.

New for 2016-2017

We wanted to share some information about the following changes for 2016-2017. View more details about each change in our Top News post [here](#).

- **Breakfast**

This year, we will be serving breakfast to students in the cafeteria before school starts. Students that would like to eat breakfast are welcome to enter the building at the south entrance starting at 7:30am and proceed to the cafeteria. If your student arrives too late to eat in the cafeteria, he or she may get breakfast at the Grab-and-Go kiosk and take it to his or her first period class.

- **Late Start This Year**

McAuliffe will no longer have early release days on the last Friday of the month. Instead we will have a late start day at 10:30am on the Thursdays indicated on the [school calendar](#). DPS bus service will be provided on these days with students arriving at school around 10:15am. We will have an activity and supervision in the auditorium for those

students that need to arrive at 8:00am.

- **Welcome New Staff and Staff Changes**

We are excited to introduce **Gus Johnson** as a new assistant principal at McAuliffe. He will be leading our 7th grade students and staff.

* We're also excited to introduce **Katherine Howes** as our new 7th grade counselor. She speaks Spanish and will be providing mental health services for our 7th grade students.

* **Alicia Biggs** will be moving into a leadership role as an administrator-in-training. Ms. Biggs was formerly a student advisor at McAuliffe, but will now be leading our 8th grade students and staff alongside Mr. Dennis. * New staff member **Dr.**

Benjamin Marcial is a school psychologist and will be providing mental health services for our 8th grade students. * Four-year

McAuliffe teacher and coach **Matt Koscove** will be the new Athletic Director overseeing all sports that are part of the DPS Athletic League, while Physical Education teacher **Kendra Collings** will be the new athletic director in charge of club sports and intramurals.

- **Houses Model**

We're very excited to be launching our Houses Model for our incoming sixth grade students. Carla Frenzel is returning for her third year of leadership at McAuliffe and will be the Head of School for 6th grade students and staff. Becky Swenson returns for her second year as a counselor at McAuliffe and will be providing mental health services for our incoming sixth graders. Both will serve these new students and their families for all three years of their middle school experience.

- **McAuliffe Manual**

We will be sharing the Smiley Campus with McAuliffe Manual Middle School and their 140 incoming sixth graders this school year; McAuliffe Manual will move to their permanent home in the Manual High School campus the following year.

Reminder: Summer Reading Assignments

Has your student completed their summer reading assignment? Find information about summer reading assignments on the McAuliffe Library website at www.mcauliffelibrary.com and linked below by grade.

[6th Grade Summer Reading Homework](#)

[7th Grade Summer Reading Homework](#)

[8th Grade Summer Reading Homework](#)

Math Team - Sign Up for Notifications!

Please visit the new McAuliffe Math Team website at 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!

Activities and Athletics

After school clubs, enrichments, and athletics will start after the first few weeks of school, most likely the last week of August. We will be sharing more information about the fall athletic season and other after school clubs after school starts.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Campus Enhancements this Summer

We've been busy sprucing up our beautiful campus this summer, including fresh paint for the hallways on the main floor, new McAuliffe signs and banners, and removal of the brick storage shed from our south courtyard to make room for a new tree and additional bench seating. Our Engineering classrooms have also moved out of the basement and into their new locations in each grade-level area of the building.

REMINDERS

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.

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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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

McAuliffe Facebook

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

DPS Parent Portal: myportal.dpsk12.org

