

# Welcome New McAuliffe Families!



We want to welcome you to McAuliffe International School and introduce you to the different ways to stay in touch with school news and events, what your student is doing, and how to reach out if you have questions.

## Important Contacts

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

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**Teachers:** Email addresses located on Faculty page of website; please allow 24 hours for a response

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## School Schedule and Calendar

Visit our website (under the Calendar tab) for details about the McAuliffe school calendar, our bell schedule, our Red Day/White Day school calendar, DPS bus schedules, lunch menu calendar, and more. Also find Upcoming Events on the right column of our website. Updates to our Athletics calendar are posted on our Athletics page.

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## School News and Information

### Weekly Email Newsletters

McAuliffe School News comes via email every Thursday morning and includes information about upcoming events, school activities, volunteer opportunities, and more. Our weekly newsletter is the single best resource for information about what's happening at McAuliffe, so be sure to read (or at least skim) every issue!

### McAuliffe Website

The McAuliffe website includes important information for both current and prospective McAuliffe families. This includes in-depth information about our academic program, activities, athletics, enrollment, faculty, school calendar, upcoming events, and much more.

### First Friday Coffee

Cindy Eastman, our Community Liaison, hosts a First Friday Coffee on the first Friday of each month from 8:00-9:00am. Come meet other parents and learn about how to get involved at McAuliffe!



## Campus Messenger

McAuliffe or the school district will occasionally need to send out messages via Campus Messenger. This may include a notification about registration, weather conditions, or other matters. Parents do not need to sign up for these notifications, but please inform the school office if your contact information changes.

## 'Friends of McAuliffe' Facebook page

Our Facebook page includes reminders about upcoming events and requests for parent volunteers. Find the link to our Facebook page in every issue of our email newsletter.

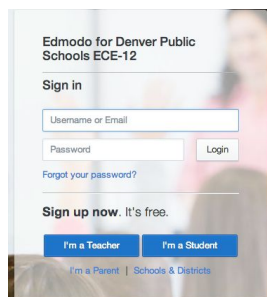
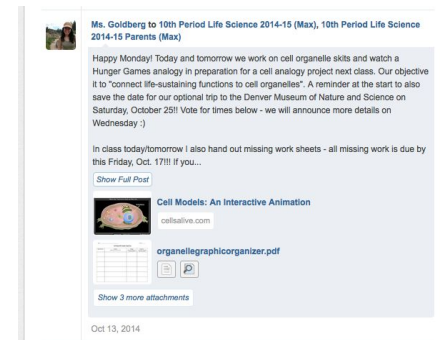
## Student Work and Information

### Students Planner and Binders

All students carry a planner with them throughout the school day and write down notes as needed regarding upcoming assignments, tests, or work that needs to be done outside of the school day. Students are also taught how to organize their binders for each class and will use this binder system to stay organized and current in their class work. Teachers check the binders on a bi-weekly basis to support students in managing their notes and assignments. To learn more about what your student is doing in each class, please have your student share his or her planner and the contents of their binder with you. For any assignments that are submitted digitally via Edmodo or Google Apps for Education, parents may ask their student to show them that work as well.

### Edmodo

Edmodo is an online communication tool for schools with a Facebook-like interface that has been implemented at the district level and helps teachers and students communicate and manage assignments. Once students have joined Edmodo and their class groups, Edmodo streams all relevant information and assignments to them into one convenient interface. McAuliffe helps all incoming students set up their Edmodo account, and students are taught how to join their class and school groups.



Parents can follow important updates from teachers about their student's classes by creating their parent account at [dpsk12.edmodo.com](http://dpsk12.edmodo.com) (use the Parent code listed on your student's Edmodo home page). Find more details about creating your parent account and customizing your notification settings on the Parent Communication page of our website. Once your parent account is set up, class information will come to you via email or text according to your settings.

### DPS Parent Portal

The DPS Parent Portal gives you access to current and confidential information about your child's school attendance, assignments, grades, test scores, and more, and is available in English, Spanish, and other languages. The online SchoolChoice process is also done using the Parent Portal. To create a new account or to log into your existing Parent Portal account, please go to [myportal.dpsk12.org](http://myportal.dpsk12.org).

