

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - November 3, 2016

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

It's hard to believe but tomorrow marks the end of our first trimester. We are already a third of the way through the school year! Our teachers are working hard to have grades entered by the end of next week with the hope that you will receive your student's report card by mail the week of November 14th. Please know that while grades are an important way to communicate your student's progress, we really want our students to focus on learning and their academic growth. The grades that your student receives are an indication of their progress to this point in the school year, and should serve as an opportunity for you to discuss with your student how they feel that they are doing academically in their classes. As always, if you have questions or concerns about your student's performance in school, please feel free to reach out directly to his or her teachers directly via email.



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

### IMPORTANT DATES

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**Thurs 11/3**

Fall Showcase, 5:30-7:30pm

**Fri 11/4**

First Friday Coffee, 8:00am

**Sat 11/6**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Tues 11/8**

McAuliffe Student Election

**Thurs 11/10**

6th Grade Direct Giving Party, Kaplan Residence, 6:00-8:00pm

**Fri 11/11**

8th Grade Congressional Hearings  
Library Advisory Board Meeting, 4:00-5:00pm

**Sun 11/13**

Kenya Trip Silent Auction, McAuliffe, 2:00-4:00pm

**Tues 11/15**

2018 Washington DC Trip Meeting, 5:30pm  
LEAD Workshop, 6:00-7:30pm

**Wed 11/16**

7th Grade Direct Giving Party, Cheluna Brewery, 5:00-7:00pm  
Social Committee – Winter Dance Planning Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm

**Thurs 11/17**

Late Start @ 10:30am

**Mon 11/21 - Fri 11/25**

Thanksgiving Break

**Wed 11/30**

2017 Costa Rica Trip Meeting, 9:30-10:30am

**Thurs 12/1**

LEAD Student Workshop, 6:00-7:30pm

**Mon 12/12 - Thurs 12/15**

8th Grade Drama Presentations of Mary Poppins Junior

**Fri 12/16**

6th Grade Winter Dance

**Wed 12/21**

7th &amp; 8th Grade Winter Dance

**Thurs 12/22 - Tues 1/3**

Winter Break

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## TOP NEWS

**Fall Showcase is Tonight!**

We hope you can join us tonight for our Fall Showcase from 5:30-7:30pm. Come support the arts program by browsing the wonderful artistic creations of the Art Students, the splendid photography of the Journalism Students, and joyous musical talents of the Band, Orchestra, and Choir. There will be fun interactive activities for all and a special 'Guess Who?' game. Yearbooks will be sold at the Fall Showcase for \$20 each.

**First Friday Coffee - November 4th**

Please join us for our monthly First Friday Coffee on November 4th at 8:00am in the library. Hosted by Activities Coordinator Sherry Beardshear, this is a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, hear from different staff members and students, and socialize with other parents. Tomorrow, our coffee will begin with a short presentation from our school counselors, Becky Swenson and Katherine Howes who will provide insight into the services and curriculum. Additionally, parents will hear from our student Spark Change leaders on our up-coming harvest. Hope to see you there!

**Assessment Policy Available on Our Website**

Our assessment policy has been updated and is available on the McAuliffe [website](#). You can refer to this [policy](#) for questions on the IB assessment philosophy and general information on grading.

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### **Chess Club on Wednesdays**

Just a reminder that Chess Club meets on Wednesdays from 4:05-5:00pm in room 205. Come join us to show off your mental acuity! The club is open to all grades and experience levels, and the cost is \$25. See Mrs. Pittman in the main office for a scholarship if needed. For questions, please email Omar Barrios at [omar\\_barriosmarquez@dpsk12.org](mailto:omar_barriosmarquez@dpsk12.org).

### **National History Day Club For 8th Graders**

Any 8th graders who are interested in joining the National History Day club should join us in the library on November 14th after school. We are fortunate to have Barbara Allen as the club's facilitator this year. Mrs. Allen is a retired teacher from DSA who has been using NHD in her classroom since 1989. Please join us on November 14th for more information (even if you aren't sure you will be putting together an entry for NHD).

### **Volunteer Judges Needed For 8th Grade Congressional Hearings**

On Friday, Nov. 11th, McAuliffe 8th graders will be participating in the 3rd Annual Congressional Hearings. We still need at least FIVE judges to oversee our proceedings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Frederick at [Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org). Your commitment would be from 7:00-10:45am. Hope you can join the fun!

### **REAL Giving - Make a Difference For a Family in Need This Thanksgiving!**

The 7th Annual REALGiving Campaign is underway to provide King Soopers gift cards for families in need at Thanksgiving. Last year, our community raised over \$7900 to assist 110 families and local school food pantries. This year, the need has increased to support over 150 families at our neighborhood schools. We are asking for your donation to help us purchase King Soopers gift cards for these families. To make your tax-deductible donation, click [here](#). For more information, visit the REAL Giving [Facebook page](#).



### **You Are Invited! Kenya Trip Silent Auction - November 13th**

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce an upcoming service learning trip that seven McAuliffe educators will be going on in



June, 2017. Because we passionately believe that all children deserve a right to an



education and because as International Baccalaureate teachers, we believe in making a meaningful contribution to the world through service learning, we will be traveling to DePaul Catholic Primary School on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. We will practice the same ten IB Learner Profile traits we instill in students, as we seek to learn and grow from this unique experience.

To support this amazing experience, there will be a silent auction fundraiser on Sunday, November 13th from 2:00-4:00pm. Enjoy appetizers and refreshments as you browse a variety of auction items. The event will start off with a brief slide show to showcase the work we will be doing and how it directly helps McAuliffe's global community.

If you prefer to make a donation, click [here](#). Click the DONATE NOW button, donate to the Kenya Mission Trip (in drop down box) and include McAuliffe International Staff Members in the section at the bottom. Asante Sana!

### **The Lead Fall Workshop Series at McAuliffe**

The LEAD (Learning and Educating About Disabilities) Foundation will be at McAuliffe for TWO more workshops this fall. Please join us on November 15th for information on ADHD & Executive Functions. Learn about the symptoms and types of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, strategies for managing attention, best practices, and common types of medication. Attendees evaluate their own executive functions and identify strengths, weaknesses and improvement strategies. Sign up [here](#).

And please join us AGAIN on December 1st as we welcome the LEAD Student Panel. LEAD students from Cheyenne Mountain High School will share how self-advocacy and the knowledge of the neurology of their disability have helped them to be more successful and overcome adversity. This is a great event for students to attend with their families. Sign up [here](#).

### **GT/ALP Update**

At this time, if your student has not written their academic and affective goals for the year, appropriate goals will be written for them. If your student has written both goal sets, you should have already received their ALP in the mail.

Contact Becky Middleton at [becky\\_middleton@dpsk12.org](mailto:becky_middleton@dpsk12.org) with any questions.

### IB Corner for November

- **This month's IB Learner Profile trait is Caring.** As caring learners, “we show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.” Discuss at the dinner table or in the car how your family can show more compassion for one another. What service project might you like to take on as a family? How can you make a difference in your local and global communities during this month of gratitude? Be sure to talk your child about Spark Change.
  - **This month's reason why** the IB MYP encourages you to become a creative, critical and reflective learner is that it encourages you to explore global challenges: “The MYP helps you increase your understanding of the world by exploring globally significant ideas and issues.”
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## COMING EVENTS

### Direct Giving Event Next Week!

We are halfway through our Direct Giving season, and have raised \$49,000! Our goal is to raise \$150,000 this year, so please join us as one of our community fundraising events or donate [online](#) today. Please RSVP to these adults-only events – it helps us get the proper headcount for our hosts. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far - we make it McAuliffe!

- **6th Grade Direct Giving Party #2:** Appetizers & Drinks at Kristin and Eric Kaplan's house, Thurs., Nov. 10th, 6:00-8:00pm. Evite: <http://evite.me/PpeC4HgM69>
- **7th Grade Direct Giving Party:** At Cheluna Brewery at The Stanley Marketplace. Wed., Nov. 16th, 5:00-7:00pm Evite: <http://evite.me/qbQdE3XGxf>

### McAuliffe Student Election - November 8th

On election day, students will have the opportunity to cast their vote during their social studies class. Students will be voting confidentially using a Google form,

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and results will be shared the following day. Key themes of discussion during social studies class will be the difference between a republic and a direct democracy, as well as the different levels of government that we have in the US. As always, social studies teachers will keep the conversations balanced and include perspectives from both sides of the aisle.

### **Library Advisory Board Meeting - November 11th**

The first Library Advisory Board meeting will be Fri., Nov. 11th, from 4:00-5:00pm in the McAuliffe Library.

### **6th grade CLUB Volleyball and Football Tournament - November 12th**

McAuliffe will be hosting 5 other area Middle Schools for a friendly 6th grade tournament on Saturday, Nov., 12th from 9:00 am–12:00 pm. We will be running 30 minute games of volleyball in both gyms and 30 minute games of football on two fields. Come on out and support your 6th grade Sun Devils!

### **2018 Washington DC Trip Meeting - November 15th**

On Nov. 15th, there will be an informational meeting for the May 2018 Washington DC trip at 5:30pm in room 312. Email Sarah Frederick if you have any questions at [Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org).

### **Social Committee – Winter Dance Planning Meeting – November 16th**

The next planning meeting for the 'Winter Wonderland' dance will be at McAuliffe on Wed., November 16th from 5:30-6:30pm. Email Jackie Michaelsen at [jamichaelsen14@gmail.com](mailto:jamichaelsen14@gmail.com) for more information.

- Additionally, a student social committee has been formed by Mr. Dennis. This committee will be meeting every Thursday through December 15th from 4:00-4:45pm.

### **Costa Rica Trip Meeting – November 30th**

Students traveling to Costa Rica in 2017 - we will be having our first breakfast meeting on Wed., Nov. 30th during 3rd period Reading Zone. Room TBA. See you there! - *Ms. Gonzales*

### **8th Grade Presentation of Mary Poppins Jr – December 12th-15th**

McAuliffe is partnering with Disney Theatricals and iTheatrics to bring you the 8th Grade performance of the musical Mary Poppins Junior. Based on the books



by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, these premier performances will be December 12th-15th at 6:30pm each night. Tickets are \$5 for General Admission and \$20 for Spotlight Circle reserved seating and are available for purchase [here](#).



## WEEK IN REVIEW

### 7th Graders Visit Colorado History Museum

7th graders had a great trip to the the Colorado History Museum on Tuesday, Nov. 1st!



### Prep League Updates

Flag Football and Volleyball are off and running!

- The **Girls Volleyball** team won their first match on October 31st against Place Bridge 2-0 and their record for their season is 1-2.
- The **Flag Football** team won their 3rd straight game on October 31st with a 13-8 win over Place Bridge improving their record to 3-0 on the season.

### Club Sports Update

- The **Ultimate Frisbee** team was defeated in another tough game against



ISD. They will compete again this Friday at 4:00pm on our home turf - come on out and support your Sundevils!

- The **Field Hockey** and **Flag Rugby** teams continue to enjoy great weather and are learning a lot. If you are interested in either of these sports, the coaches encourage you to check them out! Field Hockey meets Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 4:10-5:05pm and Flag Rugby meets Mon. and Wed. from 4:15-5:30pm.
- Upcoming Club Sports - another round of **Futsal**! Practices will start the week of November 28th and run through December 19th. If the weather is nice, we'll be using our NEW Futsal court!

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## REMINDERS

### **Support McAuliffe Through Amazon Smile**

Attention shoppers - the holidays are right around the corner! When shopping on Amazon, please support McAuliffe by using [AmazonSmile](#) - McAuliffe receives 0.5% of all purchases you make! This is a simple way for you to support our school at no extra cost to you, with the same low prices, selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. Simply visit [AmazonSmile](#) and select 'McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation' as your designated organization.

### **Rotary Club Essay Contest**

McAuliffe students are participating in the Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a narrative essay about their personal experiences with one of our IB Learner Profile Traits. Please see [attached link](#) for contest rules and [online entry form](#). This is an awesome opportunity for your child to express themselves through the lense of IB.

### **Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**

Go to [www.missundevils.com](http://www.missundevils.com) to read the latest school and world news written by the Journalism students.

### **Order Your McAuliffe Yearbook!**

Order your 2016-2017 McAuliffe yearbook online now at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Yearbooks are \$20, but the price will go up to \$25 on

January 13th. You may also purchase a yearbook with cash or check in Room 313 during all lunch periods on RED DAYS ONLY from Mrs. Walsh. Find information about submitting yearbook photos on our [Yearbook page](#).

### **DPS Weather Delay Policy**

Winter is right around the corner, and Denver Public Schools wants to remind families and educators to prepare for the cold temperatures. DPS is committed to informing families about school closures or delays as early as possible – with the goal to make the call by 5 a.m. In addition, DPS Transportation Services follows a [Weather Delay Schedule](#) for students who ride the school bus. Please click [here](#) for more information on school closure or delay procedures due to inclement weather. **\*Please note – schools such as McAuliffe that have a normal start time before 8:30 a.m. do not follow the delayed start schedule due to inclement weather.**

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## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **George Washington at MIS – November 10th**

George Washington High School will be at MIS to speak with students about all that GWHS has to offer. If students are interested in learning more about the GW IB program, athletics, clubs, class sizes, schedules, college prep, concurrent enrollment, diversity etc., they should plan to sign up for and attend the presentation on November 10th from 9:25-9:45am in the auditorium. Students, sign up [here](#).

### **South High School Showcase Evening - November 17th**

South High School is holding a Showcase Evening for current 8th grade students and parents on Thurs., Nov. 17th from 6:00-8:00pm. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Karen Duell, Family/Community Liaison, at [Karen\\_Duell@dpsk12.org](mailto:Karen_Duell@dpsk12.org) or 720-423-6271.

### **Shadowing and Open House Events at Area High Schools**

Parents of 8th grade students: Be sure to visit the website of each high school your student is interested in for the most current information about shadowing and Open House dates. Below are links to area high schools:

[Denver Center for International Studies \(DCIS\)](#)

[East High School](#)

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[Northfield High School](#)

[George Washington High School](#)

### **DPS Bond and Mill Levy**

This fall, the Denver Public Schools Board of Education is putting an initiative on the ballot seeking voter approval of bond and mill levy proposals to increase funding for our schools. We are sharing [this letter](#) to address common questions about what this might mean for your family and your community.

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## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

**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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