

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - December 8, 2016

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

It is that time of year when we begin to plan for the future of our school. The most important factor in ensuring that your student continues to receive a great education at McAuliffe is finding the best possible teachers to work at our school. We recently posted our available teaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year on the Denver Public Schools website. If you know of a great teacher that is looking to move to Denver and would be a good fit at McAuliffe, please have them contact me directly at kurt_dennis@dpsk12.org.



Thank you for your continued support!

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 12/12 - Thurs 12/15

8th Grade Drama Presentations of Mary Poppins Jr.

Wed 12/14

Social Committee Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm

Thurs 12/15

Late Start @10:30am

Fri 12/16

6th Grade Winter Dance, 7:00-9:00pm

Wed 12/21

7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance, 7:00-9:00pm

Thurs 12/22 - Tues 1/3

Winter Break

TOP NEWS

McAuliffe Giving Tree

Please join the Critical Needs Committee in spreading some holiday cheer to McAuliffe families in need this holiday season! Visit the ["McAuliffe Giving Tree"](#) to see how you can help grant a holiday wish or two.



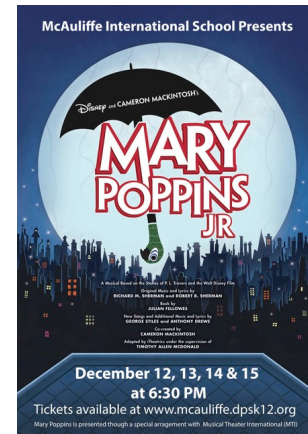
Please return all gifts to the office no later than Friday, Dec. 16th, wrapped or in a gift bag with a tag denoting the letter code from Sign-up Genius. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ezrine at kimezrine@yahoo.com. Thanks so much for helping to make the holiday season brighter for these students and their families!

Winter Wonderland Dances

The winter dances are quickly approaching! The 6th grade dance will be Friday, Dec. 16th, and the 7th and 8th grade dance will be Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Each dance will be from 7:00-9:00pm and a \$5 admission will be charged per student. Tickets will be sold during lunch, and will also be available at the door the night of each dance. Please see Mr. Dennis for scholarship support. Appropriate semi-formal dress is recommended.

8th Grade Performance of Mary Poppins Jr – December 12th-15th

Join us next week for the 8th grade presentation of the musical Mary Poppins Junior. The 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](#).



Volunteers Needed For Mary Poppins Jr

The theatre department is in need of volunteers for the upcoming 8th grade production of Mary Poppins Jr. If you are available to assist on December 12th, 13th, 14th, or 15th, we would greatly appreciate the assistance. Please click [here](#) for a list of opportunities and to sign up. ~ *Mindy Loughhead*

Chess Club

Due to the many after-school activities taking place, Chess club is on hold starting this week until we return from winter break. Chess club will resume on January 11th in room 205 from 4:00-5:00pm.

8th Grade Journalism Class Broadcast News

Please click [here](#) to watch the news report from the 8th graders. They wrote, filmed, edited, and directed the whole video themselves. Great job kids!

8th Grade: MYP Community Projects

This week, 8th grade students learned about McAuliffe's implementation of the MYP Community Project. The Project is a requirement for students in their final year at IB World Schools, but it's so much more than something your child has to do as an 8th grader at McAuliffe. It's our students' chance to explore their rights and responsibilities in the various communities they encounter every day. Independently or in a group of up to 3, they will work on the project for approximately 15 hours outside of class and present their findings at an event on Friday, March 17th from 8:00-9:20am. Parents, please mark your calendars for this celebratory event, and start brainstorming ideas with your children!.

McAuliffe Math Team Updates

The McAuliffe Math Team is off to a great start! In addition to scoring three perfect scores in our first Math Olympiad competition of the year, we also achieved the top scores in DPS in the first round of Mathletics! We have two 8th graders who travelled to CU Boulder recently to compete in the UNC Math competition. Both students made it through to the final round, which takes place

in January. We've got more competitions coming up this year, including sending 10 students on to the district-wide Mathletics competition this week and the exciting MathCounts events. A special thanks to our Math Team families for supporting these hard-working and committed students!

Club Sports

- Club sports is offering Futsal through December 19th on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:05-5:00pm on the outdoor Futsal Court. If the courts are not able to be used due to weather, practice will be cancelled.
- Also if you are interested in coaching or assisting in any of our spring club sports, please contact Kendra Collings at kendra_collings@dpsk12.org. We plan to offer the following sports: Tennis, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Golf, Flag Rugby (co-ed), Futsal (co-ed) and Ultimate Frisbee (co-ed).

2nd Annual Luminary Event – Deadline Extended

The deadline to order Holiday Luminaries has been extended to Sunday, December 11th! Join us in support of the 2nd annual "[Light The Way for Denver Students Luminaria](#)" charity event which supports students at McAuliffe, Park Hill and Stedman Elementary, as well as Denver's YESS Institute. For more information and to purchase your luminary supplies, click [here](#). Thank you to local Realtor Chris Merman and Spinelli's Market for their support of our neighborhood kids!



Deck the Halls With an Arrangement From Poppy & Pine

Visit Poppy & Pine's [website](#) to order centerpieces, poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, and more for the holidays. Include "McAuliffe" in the Notes section and Poppy & Pine will donate 10% back to McAuliffe.

Direct Giving/Colorado Gives Day Update

Thank you to everyone who supported McAuliffe yesterday on Colorado Gives Day. We raised an impressive \$18,000 in ONE day for our students and programs! We are thankful for the tremendous community support during the Direct Giving campaign this year. We have raised \$115,000 to date! Thank you, Sun Devils!



COMING EVENTS

Social Committee – Winter Dance Planning Meeting – Dec. 14th

The last and final planning meeting for the 'Winter Wonderland' dance will be at McAuliffe on Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 5:30-6:30pm. Email Jackie Michaelsen at jamichaelsen14@gmail.com for more information or if you have any white twinkle lights or other winter themed decorations that you would be willing to lend to the committee.

The student social committee will continue to meet every Thursday from 4:00-4:45pm through Dec. 15th.

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

The 8th gr. performances of the musical Mary Poppins, Jr. will be December 12th-15th at 6:30pm each night. Tickets can be purchased in advance [here](#) or the night of the performance.

ACCESS Testing

ACCESS testing will occur from January 9th-31st. Parents will be notified if their child needs to participate in ACCESS testing.

WEEK IN REVIEW

CityWide Honors Orchestra

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and were selected for the 2016-2017 CityWide Honors Orchestra! They will be performing with the Beginning and Advanced Ensembles on January 20-21st at Kennedy High School. CityWide Honors Orchestra members are: Gretchen Bannister, Zeyta DeHerrera, Kate Doggett, Zavier Galaviz, Gianna Grant, Nava Klopper, Isabel Kuhl, Will Kuntner, Bailey Nickols, Emma Pare', Alexxys Pittman, Elaina Phiel, Bella Putnam, Mariah Rosensweig, Lily Thompson, Lindsey Trussell and Sadie Wilson. Stay tuned for more information on the CityWide Band as it becomes available!

Spark Change Hits New Mark!

We are pleased to announce that McAuliffe not only made our final week's goal,

but we hit a new high total of over \$6600 collected in the harvest- with over \$2300 brought in just the last week! Our overall winning advisory was Ms. Fox's advisory class. They will be pulling the emergency shower handle on Mr. Dennis and will be awarded the trophy by Spark Change leaders during morning meeting. Spark Change leaders are excited to begin researching the various non-profits they will invite for interviews, which will relate back to our school wide rays of caring. Congratulations McAuliffe on a fantastic harvest!
~ Your Spark Change leaders and coordinators Mrs. Beardshear, Ms. Swenson, & Ms. Howes

Prep League Update

- Congratulations to our **Girls Volleyball** team as they completed an amazing season, winning the City Championship against Grant Ranch 2 sets to 1. They finished the season 9-2 and represented McAuliffe with class and pride on and off the court.
- Congratulations to our **Flag Football** team who finished the season 9-1 and won the Northeast Division Championship! Amazing season Sun Devils!



REMINDERS

New McAuliffe Beanies Available For Sale

Winter is here! New McAuliffe beanies are available in the office for \$15.

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.

Lost and Found - Lunch Boxes

As a result of food left in lunch boxes in our lost and found bins, we are battling fruit flies in the building. Therefore, all lunch boxes in our lost and found bins will be thrown away at the end of each week. All other items in the lost and found will be donated/thrown away at the end of each month as usual.

2018 Washington DC Trip - Enrollment

On Nov. 15th, there was an informational meeting for the May 2018 Washington DC trip. If you are interested in enrolling your 7th grader in this amazing trip, please visit our trip [website](#). Email Sarah Frederick at Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org with questions.

DPS Weather Delay Policy

DPS is committed to informing families about school closures or delays as a result of inclement weather 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.**

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Treecycle 2016

Recycling your Christmas tree is as easy as 1, 2, 3 with Denver Recycle's annual Treecycle program. Treecycle collection is free and will occur on the weekends of January 7th & January 14th (no weekday collections). Trees must be set out by 7:00am and all decorations and lights should be removed. For more information on Denver's Treecycle program click [here](#).



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](#)

[Northfield High School](#)

[George Washington High School](#)

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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

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

DPS Parent Portal: myportal.dpsk12.org

Yearbook: www.balfour.com

Student Newspaper: www.missundevils.com

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