

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - January 19, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Over the next few weeks, we will highlight a few of the many wonderful volunteers who support our school and our staff. We are so fortunate to have so many parents and guardians who are willing to volunteer their time, energy, and talents to McAuliffe. From organizing our annual book fair, providing library support, organizing student social activities, doing minor construction projects, and providing monthly treats for our staff, we are so appreciative for everything our volunteers do for us!



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 1/24 - Wed 1/25

6th Grade Seen by Scene, 5:30pm & 7:00pm

Thurs 1/26

Late Start @ 10:30am

Tues 1/31

DPS Board Member Mike Johnson, 7:00pm

Wed 2/1

2017 Wash DC Parent Meet, 6:00pm

Mon 2/13 - Thurs 2/16

7th Grade Production of High School Musical 2

TOP NEWS

McAuliffe Staff Appreciates Michelle Brown!

Michelle Brown has been the McAuliffe Staff Appreciation Coordinator for 2 years. The staff appreciation committee provides breakfast or lunch to the staff once a month, brings in treats monthly, and birthday gifts to each staff member. They also set-up coffee carts or other special treats that say "Thank You" to the McAuliffe staff members.



Michelle is the parent of two McAuliffe students and has lived in the Park Hill community for 18 years. In her free time, Michelle enjoys skiing, traveling, and watching her kids play sports. As a long-time Park Hill community member, she notes what a positive addition McAuliffe has been to the neighborhood and is thankful that she can give back to the school.

Yearbook Sales End January 31st

The last day to purchase a yearbook is Jan. 31st. The cost is \$25 and you can buy [online](#) or in the school office. The deadline of Jan. 31st will not be extended and there will NOT be any extra yearbooks for sale at the end of the year.

Upcoming Sports Sign-Ups

- **Late Winter Sports**
 - **Floor Hockey** sign-ups will take place this week for 6th and 7th grade only in room 116 during student lunches.

- **Club Sports**

- **Basketball Skills Development:** Co-ed - Tues / Thurs, 7:00-7:45am, Jan.10th - Mar. 23rd. Club sports fee: \$50.
- **Girls Club Basketball:** Mon / Wed, 4:15-5:30pm, Feb. 22nd - Mar. 22th. Sign-up the week of Feb. 13th in Ms. Collings office. Club sports fee: \$50.
- **Boys Club Basketball:** Tues / Thurs, 4:15-5:30pm, Feb. 21st - Mar. 23rd. Sign-up the week of Feb. 13th in Ms. Collings office. Club sports fee: \$50.

Shakespeare Club

Are you interested in the bard!? Come and join other thespians in the 33rd Annual DPS Shakespeare Festival. The Shakespeare Festival is a joyful, rigorous, and fun exploration of the bard, acting, and Denver's rich culture of collaboration and community. This year's play is *Much Ado About Nothing*. Shakespeare Club meets from Feb. 22nd - April 28th on Wednesdays from 4:05-5:15pm. Cost to participate is \$100. For more information, visit our [Clubs page](#) or sign up [here](#).

Club Updates – Yoga & Chess Club

- Yoga club is moving to Mondays and will be working with the Mindfulness Club from 4:15-5:30pm in room B12. Yoga club will resume on Monday, Jan. 30th. The cost is \$25. For questions regarding Yoga club please email ashleigh_cook@dpsk12.org.
- Chess club will still be on Wednesdays in room 205 from 4:05-5:00pm and will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Chess club is open to all grades and experience levels. The cost is \$25. Mrs. Madsen is the chess club sponsor this semester. Please email Carlene Wickens-Madsen at carlene_wickens-madsen@dpsk12.org with any questions.

After School Enrichments Have Started – Spots Are Still Available!

Some of our after-school enrichments started this week. We still need students to sign-up for the Street Dance and Sewing & Fashion Design class that start next week or these classes will be cancelled. Most all of the other enrichment classes still have spots available, and tuition can be prorated. Class information and how to sign up is on our [Enrichments page](#). For questions about our

Enrichments program, please contact Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

8th Grade MYP Community Projects – Project Proposals Due Tomorrow

8th grade students are now underway working on their MYP Community Project. Project Proposals are due to their staff supervisor by tomorrow – Friday, January 20th. Students/groups that do not turn in a project proposal will be assigned a re-focus with Mrs. Beardshear to get the proposal completed. Students may use the Project Proposal form attached to their student handbook or include all of the elements in a document they create themselves. Questions or concerns about the community project email Mrs. Beardshear at [Sherry Beardshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sherry_Beardshear@dpsk12.org).

Judges Needed for National History Day

Calling all parents - especially history enthusiasts! Anyone who is available on Sat., March 4th should consider volunteering as a judge for the regional National History Day competition. McAuliffe has over 80 students participating in this contest. No prior experience or historical knowledge needed. For more information on NHD click [here](#). To register as a judge, click [here](#). You can also contact Steve Foster at Steven_Foster@dpsk12.org.

COMING EVENTS

Seen by Scene - January 24th - 25th

Come and support our 6th grade actors on Jan. 24th and 25th as they perform a showcase of comedic and dramatic monologues, scenes, and skits.

January 24th: Period 6 at 5:30pm, Period 10 at 7:00pm

January 25th: Period 7 at 5:30pm, Period 9 at 7:00pm

Student Only Costa Rica Meeting - January 25th

For students who are traveling to Costa Rica this year, there will be a student only meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25th during advisory in Room 202. We will be doing some more “Get to know your travel buddy” activities. PARENTS - Please make sure your student traveling to Costa Rica have a current passport. Feel free to contact Ms. Gonzales anytime at adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org.

Lost and Found Donation - January 31st

All lost & found will be donated at 4:00pm on Tuesday, Jan. 31st.

DPS Board Member Mike Johnson - January 31st

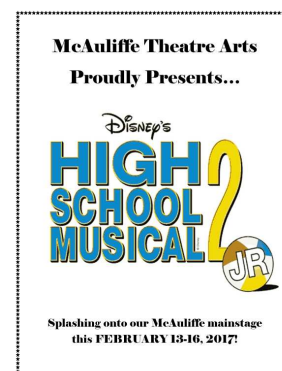
Please join us in welcoming DPS Board Member Michael Johnson for a community meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 7:00pm in the McAuliffe auditorium. You are invited to hear Mr. Johnson discuss recent school board activities and to answer questions. This is a great opportunity to speak directly with a school board member about district-level issues. Hope to see you there!

May 2017 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Meeting - February 1st

On Wednesday, Feb. 1st, we will be holding a mandatory parent meeting at 6:00pm in the auditorium. We will go over general trip expectations for your student, pass out information about signing up for rooms and selecting flight preferences. It is not mandatory for your child to attend this meeting, but they will be required to attend our last meeting in April. Please let myself or Natalie Barrios know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on Feb. 1st. ~ Sarah Frederick, 8th Grade Social Studies

7th Grade Production of High School Musical 2 - February 13th-16th

Making a huge splash on the McAuliffe Theater scene is our 7th grade production of High School Musical 2! Over 150 students are involved with this incredible undertaking. Appropriate for all ages, we hope you can come support our theater arts department Feb. 13th-16th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 for Spotlight seats and \$5 for general admission. Purchase your tickets [here](#).



WEEK IN REVIEW

Mathletics Team Wins Big!

The McAuliffe 8th grade Mathletics team scored first place in the Mathletics Districts – with the highest team score **ever** recorded in DPS Mathletics! Charles B. placed 6th and Liam A. placed 1st overall – with a **PERFECT** score! Way to go McAuliffe Mathletics team!



Sports Updates

- Congratulations to our **Girls Basketball team** as they have won 5 games in a row. They won 23-22 in a very physical game against the Hamilton Huskies last Friday. The girls also beat Place Bridge Academy on Tuesday and remain undefeated in their season.
- Congratulations to our **Boys Basketball team** as they have also won 5 games in a row. They have defeated all 5 opponents by double digit scores and remain undefeated in their season.

Thank You 8th Grade Advanced Architecture Speakers

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to the McAuliffe parents who have shared their knowledge with the 8th grade Advanced Architecture class. The students heard from six guest speakers and have incorporated knowledge gained into a sustainable school design. Thank you to McAuliffe parents Katie Goldman, Stephanie White, Cheryl Spector, Christine Watkins, Jennifer Koeppel, Margot Kelly, Frank Cannon, and Devin Boyce. A big shout out goes to Mr. Cannon for enlisting the help of two architects who have provided Revit software support to the students. Mrs. Cook's 8th grade Advanced Architecture students will present their sustainable school design at the SchoolsNEXT competition in mid-March. *Thank you! Ashleigh Cook*

REMINDERS

DPS SchoolChoice Starts January 5th

- Round 1 of DPS SchoolChoice is Jan. 5th- Jan. 31st. DPS recommends

that families complete their SchoolChoice form online via [Parent Portal](#).

- Parents of current McAuliffe 6th and 7th graders – if your student is planning on attending McAuliffe next school year, you **do not** need to do anything during the SchoolChoice window.
- Parents of 8th graders – you **do** need to complete a Round 1 SchoolChoice form and indicate your selections for high school (even if you live in your high school boundary area).
- Families can access printable forms beginning Jan. 5th [here](#). Paper forms will be available at [DPS Enrollment Centers](#) and at all DPS schools. For more information on the DPS SchoolChoice process click [here](#).
- **Alternate Options for High School** - Considering a pathway or alternate option for High School? DPS offers a number of options for students who are more successful in a non-traditional high school setting. To set up a meeting with the pathways transition liaison and your 8th grade counselor to talk about pathways options, contact Katherine Howes at Katherine_howes@dpsk12.org.

2017-18 School Calendar - Initial Draft

[Attached](#) is the initial draft of the 2017-18 McAuliffe school calendar. Please know that this is the initial draft and that we will still be adding late start, early release and no transportation dates. We hope this is helpful for families in planning summer travels.

Chaperones Needed for YMCA Trips in May

We are beginning to plan our Outdoor Education trips for the end of the school year, and we need parent volunteers. All female 6th graders will go to the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park from May 22nd-24th and all male 6th graders will go from May 24th-26th. All 7th graders will go to the YMCA in Winter Park May 22nd-24th. Parent chaperones are needed on all 3 trips! The cost for chaperones is FREE, but all chaperones will need to attend a chaperone meeting prior to the trip. Please contact Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org if you would be willing to chaperone. We'll have more details on camp in the coming months, so stayed tuned!

La Raza Club Hosts Tutoring Sessions

The La Raza Club would like to invite all McAuliffe students to join them as they welcome students from George Washington High School for tutoring on Thursdays after school beginning Jan.12th. We will meet from 4:00-5:00pm in

room 205. If you have questions, please feel free contact Adriana Gonzales at Adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org or Carlene Madsen at Carlene_madsen@dpsk12.org.

Sleep and Your Child – News From Our Nurse

Does your child get enough sleep to feel great and pay attention in school? Preteens and teens need 9-10 hours of sleep a night, but researchers have found that most teens get only 7.5 hours of sleep per night. Those who get poor sleep are more likely to have problems getting along with others, develop headaches and are at risk of getting poor grades in school.

There has been an increase in students who visit the health office because they complain of being tired and want to rest. TV, homework, social media and caffeine drinks may all play a part. A regular bedtime routine can help minimize these negative impacts on sleep. Consider including in that routine: a quiet, darkened bedroom, showering/bathing before bed, quiet music or light yoga before bed, a small, high carbohydrate snack before bed, aromatherapy, or hot, herbal tea are sleep aids that have been studied by researcher. [WebMD](#), [Parenting.com](#) and the [National Sleep Foundation](#) have additional resources on sleep and your child. ~ *Kathy Lehman, RN, BSN*

Support McAuliffe Through Amazon Smile

Even though the holidays are over, you can still continue to support McAuliffe while you shop! When you shop at [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.

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Act on Drugs Presentation - February 8th

The McAuliffe community is invited to a presentation by Lynn Riemer of *Act on Drugs* on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 7:00pm at Denver School of the Arts. Join us for this important discussion on drug awareness and prevention. For more information on Act on Drugs visit their [website](#).

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](http://www.saiteamsports.com) 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.missundevels.com

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