

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - January 26, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Please join us in welcoming DPS Board Member Michael Johnson for a community meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00pm in the McAuliffe auditorium. Mr. Johnson will discuss recent school board activities, provide updates on the recently passed bond and mill levy ballot issues, and answer questions. This is a great opportunity to speak directly with a school board member about district-level issues. We hope you can join us for this community meeting.



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 1/26

Late Start @ 10:30am

Tues 1/31

Costa Rica Meeting (Students Only), Advisory Period
DPS Board Member Mike Johnson, 7:00pm

Wed 2/1

2017 Washington DC Parent Meet, 6:00pm

Mon 2/13 - Thurs 2/16

7th Grade Production of High School Musical 2

TOP NEWS

DPS SchoolChoice Round 1 Ends January 31st at 4:00pm

Round 1 of SchoolChoice ends Jan. 31st at 4:00pm. No SchoolChoice forms will be accepted at schools or via [Parent Portal](#) after 4:00pm on the 31st.

Families can access printable forms [here](#) or in the MIS main office.

- Parents of 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. Your student will be automatically enrolled for next school year.
- Parents of 8th graders – you **do** need to complete a Round 1 SchoolChoice form for high school (even if you live in your high school boundary area).

Morning Tardies on the Rise

We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late for school. Please remember, it is the expectation that students are in their classes and ready to learn by 8:00am. The building is open to students at 7:45am, allowing for plenty of time to get to class on time. We have reminded students during morning meet as well and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Lost and Found Donation - January 31st

All lost & found items will be donated at 4:00pm on Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Please remind your student to check the lost and finds in both gyms as well as the main office for any lost items.

Yearbook Sales End January 31st

The last day to purchase a yearbook is Tuesday, Jan. 31st. The cost is \$25 and

you can buy [online](#) or in the main office. This deadline will **not** be extended and there will **not** be any extra yearbooks for sale at the end of the year.

Sign-Up for Service Learning Trips!

Not only are Service Learning trips fun, but they provide students real world knowledge, skills, and experience by working to improve their local and global communities.

We need several more students to sign-up for upcoming trips. Students who have already participated will not be eligible to take a trip until May as we try and give everyone a chance to participate.



To sign-up for a trip, students can visit the activities page on Edmodo and fill out the google form on the top of the page. They may also contact Laura Rogers at Laura_Rogers@dpsk12.org or her office in room 115.

Parents of 6th Graders – Volunteers Needed for *Shark Tank* Simulation

We are seeking a panel of business “experts” to volunteer for our *Shark Tank* simulation on May 9th and 10th for our Personal Financial Literacy Unit! We would ask you to give feedback on Business Plans being presented by students. This would require only an hour of your time. Please email Mr. Klaver at Micah_klaver@dpsk12.net or Ms. Donaldson at Kaeli_donaldson@dpsk12.net if you’re interested in participating.

Shakespeare Club Update

At this time, Ms. Al-Naqeeb is unable to lead the Shakespeare Club this year. Therefore, we are looking for a new club sponsor for Shakespeare Club. If you are interested in leading this fun club, please contact Sherry Bearshear at sherry_bearshear@dpsk12.org. We will keep everyone posted as updates are available to the status of this club.

Yoga & Chess Club Start Next Week

- Yoga club starts next Monday. They will be meeting with the Mindfulness Club from 4:15-5:30pm in room B12. The cost is \$25. For questions regarding Yoga club please email ashleigh_cook@dpsk12.org.

- Chess club will meet in room 205 from 4:05-5:00pm starting Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Chess club is open to all grades and experience levels. The cost is \$25. Please email Carlene Wickens-Madsen at carlene_wickens-madsen@dpsk12.org with any questions.

Calling All Chess Players!

If your student would be interested in competing in a chess tournament on Saturday, Feb. 11th, please email or have your student talk with Ms. Madsen or Ms. Beardshear. Ms. Madsen is happy to take a group of kids to the tournament if we have students interested.

Upcoming Sports Information

- **Late Winter Sports Sign-Up**
 - **Floor Hockey** sign-ups will take place this week for 6th and 7th grade only in room 116 during student lunches.
- **Club Sports**
 - **Developmental Basketball Club:** Tues / Thurs, 7:00-7:45am in the big gym. There are still spaces available, contact Mrs. Collings if you're interested.
 - **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.
- **Club Sports Coaches needed!** Please let Kendra Collings know if you would be interested in coaching either Girls Lacrosse or Girls Golf. Email: kendra_collings@dpsk12.org.

YMCA Camp Dates – Mark Your Calendars!

All female 6th graders will go to the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park May 22nd-24th and all male 6th graders will go May 24th-26th. All 7th graders will go to the YMCA in Winter Park May 22nd-24th. There will be a YMCA informational night on Tuesday, April 18th. The 6th grade meeting will be from 6:00-6:45pm and 7th grade meeting will be from 7:00-7:45pm.

We are still in need of parent volunteers to chaperone all 3 trips – especially men! You do not need to be the same gender as your child to attend. 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.

GT Corner

- **Calling All 7th Graders - Independent Project** - The independent project study project is just that, a project where you pick a topic that you will study independently...with help and structure from Mrs. Middleton. You will choose something which you are passionate or in which you have a deep interest (a current/ past event, time period, profession, etc) and will study this topic for the rest of the year. We will meet once a week during 7th grade lunch starting in February to discuss progress and get help and inspiration from peers.
- **Calling All 6th Graders - Night of the Notables** - Come be a part of the Night of the Notables! In this group, you will pick a significant person from history in whom you are interested. From there, you will learn as much about that person as possible...so much that you will become that person...ok...not really, but you will be able to present yourself as that person to an audience by the end of our study. Come to the informational meeting Thursday, February 14th during advisory in the library from 9:20-9:45am. Yes, you may bring your snack. I look forward to seeing you there! ~ *Becky Middleton*

COMING EVENTS

Student Only Costa Rica Meeting - January 31st (date changed!)

For students who are traveling to Costa Rica this year, there will be a student only meeting on Tuesday, January 31st during advisory in Room 202. We will be doing some more “Get to know your travel buddy” activities. Feel free to contact Ms. Gonzales at adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org.

DPS Board Member Mike Johnson - January 31st

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community meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 7:00pm in the McAuliffe auditorium.

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

On Wednesday, Feb. 1st, there is 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. 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 Feb. 13th-16th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 for Spotlight seats and \$5 for general admission. Purchase your tickets [here](#). Over 150 students are involved with this incredible undertaking - some are pictured below practicing for this exciting performance.



WEEK IN REVIEW

Grant Money Awarded to Two 8th Grade Community Project Groups

Congratulations to our Pi K group (Christina Doolan, Celia Cameron, Alex Smy, Grace Burnett, & Isabella Garcia) and Book Bag group (Jane Kealey and Lulu Kienest)! They were only 2 of 9 groups that applied for the Two Roads Grant through the Global Doing Good Foundation to further their community project cause. The groups will receive \$300 and \$100 respectively to further their community projects. Great job to these students and to all the groups that applied for the grant!



McAuliffe Geographic Bee Winner

Please join us in congratulating Xander Pacini - McAuliffe's National Geographic Bee champion! Xander will now take an exam which could qualify him to be invited to the State National Geographic Bee in March. The winner of that bee will be invited to the National Geographic Bee held in Washington D.C. A special thanks goes to Ms. Maggie Flynn for being our stellar MC at this event! Pictured from right to left: Xander Pacini (1st place), Nicholas Chadd (2nd place), Anna Pacini (3rd place), Nolan Dooling (runner-up). Not pictured - Daniel Palmer.



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Service Learning Updates

We have started the New Year with some great service trips! We have distributed toys and visited classrooms to be reading buddies at Hallett Academy, Steadman Elementary and Swigert Elementary. A group of students visited the VOA Mission downtown and served lunch to their clients. We spent a morning at Metro Caring in the food warehouse, sorting and stacking the many donations that come in daily. It is great to see all the McAuliffe middle



schoolers rise to the challenges of volunteering and dedicate their time to helping others.

Spark Change Leaders to Donate to Urban Farm

Our community service learning partner, the Urban Farm, experienced tragic loss of many of their farms animals over the weekend. The Spark Change leaders spoke with farm staff on Wednesday about their loss and how they could help. The leaders enthusiastically voted to donate \$400 of the Spark Change donations to help our community partner in need. This money will allow the farm to buy a breeding goat to help replenish their goat herd. Our thoughts are with our community partner in this time of need! ~ *Spark Change Leaders, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Beardshear, Ms. Howes, & Ms. Swenson*

Sports Updates

Congratulations to our **Boys and Girls Basketball** teams, as they both defeated division rival Denver Discovery last week to improve their records to 6-0. Great job Sun Devils!

REMINDERS

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.

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.

La Raza Club Hosts Tutoring Sessions - Thursdays After School

The La Raza Club would like to invite all McAuliffe students to join them as they welcome students from George Washington for tutoring on Thursdays after

school. We meet from 4:00-5:00pm in room 205.

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. 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](#).

Adolesco Youth Exchange Meeting – March 11th

Everyone is invited to an informational meeting about Adolesco Youth Exchange on Saturday, March 11th from 2:00-4:00pm at the Sam Gary Library (2961 Roslyn St). Please RSVP to colorado@adolesco.org. Adolesco Youth Exchange is a flexible and affordable language immersion and cultural exchange program for 9-17 years old. English speaking students spend between 3 weeks to 3 months and learn French, German or Spanish in native speaking countries. For more information, visit their [website](#) or email Marie Meyer marie@adolesco.org.

Soccer Electric “Camplify” [Soccer + Art + STEM Camp] – June 26th-30th

Camplify Participants will learn basic soccer skills and play futsal games in the mornings, followed by an afternoon of innovative, fun-based, and age-appropriate ART and STEM activities. Lunch is provided daily - campers will also receive a tee shirt and a ball. Camplify will run June 26th-30th for ages 6-11 – all levels welcome. Cost is \$375 but price increases 2/14. Scholarships and financial assistance is available. For more information, visit the Soccer Electric [website](#) or register [here](#).

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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.missundevels.com

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