

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - January 5, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding our decision to go with the district's recommendation of a two hour delayed start today. We felt that it was best to be consistent with the message that was being shared in local media and we wanted to provide support for those families that needed a safe place for their students to be today. Please know that as a parent, you have the right to keep your student home on inclement weather days and that you should not feel compelled to send your student to school against your wishes. Regardless of what decision we make regarding snow days, some folks are going to be happy and some are going to be upset.



Thank you for your understanding.

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 1/5 - Fri 1/6**

No DPS Bus Transportation

**Fri 1/13**

First Friday Coffee, 8:00-9:00am

**Mon 1/16**

No School, MLK Day

**Thurs 1/26**

Late Start @ 10:30am

**Mon 2/13 - Thurs 2/16**

7th Grade Production of High School Musical 2

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## TOP NEWS

### DPS SchoolChoice Starts January 5th

- Round 1 of DPS SchoolChoice starts Jan. 5th and runs through 4:00pm on 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](#).

### 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.

### Attendance Reminder

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If your child is out of school due to illness or for any other reason, the most efficient way to notify the school is to leave a message on the attendance line. The attendance number is 720-424-1541 and is checked throughout every school day. Parents/guardians have 48 hours to excuse an absence or tardy or the absence/tardy will be recorded as unexcused. Your child should check with their teachers via Edmodo to see what work they missed.

### **Sign-Up Now For After-School Winter Enrichments!**

We have posted our new Winter after-school Enrichments! Visit our [Enrichments page](#) to see all our offerings starting the week of January 17th. Families register directly with the Enrichments instructor, and each class has a minimum number of students needed, as well as a maximum number capacity. For questions about our Enrichments program, contact [sherry\\_beardshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org).

### **Overdue Library Books**

A reminder to please check at home and under car seats for overdue library books! McAuliffe doesn't charge late fees, but we will charge a replacement fee if borrowed books are not returned. Please see Mrs. Ellsworth in the library for assistance.

### **Yearbook Sale Next Week - Jolly Rancher Incentive**

Yearbooks will be sold next week during lunch on Jan. 10th, 11th, and 12th in the lunchroom for \$20. Students who purchase next week get to guess the number of Jolly Ranchers in a jar. The winner will be announced at the end of the day on Thursday, Jan. 12th, and the winner gets to keep the jar of Jolly Ranchers! Yearbook prices will go up to \$25 on Jan. 13th, so buy your book now! If you would like to purchase your yearbook online, you can do so [here](#).

### **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. This a great opportunity to meet older students who share similar experiences and are currently in the IB program at GWHS. These students are a great resource for homework or for questions about transitioning to high school. If you have questions, please feel free contact Adriana Gonzales at [Adriana\\_gonzales@dpsk12.org](mailto:Adriana_gonzales@dpsk12.org) or Carlene Madsen at [Carlene\\_madsen@dpsk12.org](mailto:Carlene_madsen@dpsk12.org).

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## 8th Grade MYP Community Projects Update – Supervisors Assigned

This week, 8th graders found out their supervisor for their Community Project. Next week, they will learn more about how to start, research, investigate, and plan their MYP Community Project. All 8th grade students should be receiving information via Mrs. Beardshear's Edmodo sub-group. Final proposals are due to supervisors by Jan. 20th. For any questions regarding the Community Project please attend the First Friday Coffee on Jan. 13th or email Sherry Beardshear at [sherry\\_beadshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherry_beadshear@dpsk12.org). The Project is not only a requirement for students in their final year at IB World Schools, but an opportunity for students to explore their rights and responsibilities in the various communities they encounter every day.

## GT Update

- **Semantics** - Please join us in congratulating the following students who represented McAuliffe in the first Interschool spelling bee at Skinner Middle School: Malia Heien, Luke Vogel, Cole Vogel, Hannah Priddy, Claire Cameron, Leo Nitzynski and Kate Doggett. A special congratulations goes to Malia Heien, who came in 3rd overall! The second Interschool spelling bee will be held right here at McAuliffe in the library on Jan. 26th. Everyone is welcome to come and watch - and if you would like to volunteer some of your time - we would love that too! Please email Becky Middleton at [becky\\_middleton@dpsk12.org](mailto:becky_middleton@dpsk12.org).
- **Geography Bee** - McAuliffe International School's 5th Annual National Geographic Bee will be held Jan. 18th. Xander Pacini, Anna Pacini, Cooper Hartzell, Nolan Dooling, Daniel Palmer, Nicholas Chadd and Luke Young all successfully completed the preliminary round and will be vying for the opportunity to take the exam which could qualify them to go to the National Geographic Bee and win a \$50,000 scholarship.

## IB Corner for January

- **January's Learner Profile trait is Risk-taker.** As risk-takers, "we approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change." Take a moment with your family during the first weeks of this new year to discuss what it means to take appropriate

professional/academic and personal risks. This is a great time of year to revisit the importance of having a growth mindset.

- **This month's one reason why** the IB MYP encourages you to become a creative, critical and reflective learner is: "It empowers you to develop your talents: Feel empowered to prove what you know." McAuliffe teachers love to help students explore their skills and attitudes during this critical time in their education. They offer multiple opportunities for students to choose how they will demonstrate knowledge and understanding. Please ask your child to share how they've developed their talents this year at McAuliffe!

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## COMING EVENTS

### **First Friday Coffee – Next Friday January 13th**

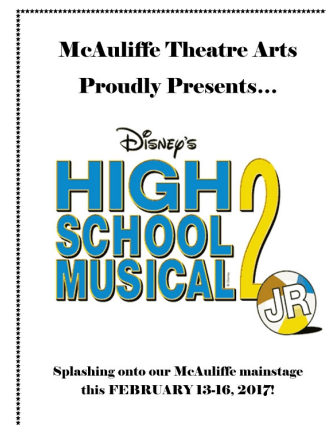
Join us for our First Friday Coffee next Friday, Jan. 13th at 8:00am in the library. In addition to a little social time with other parents, we will hear from our school librarian, Amy Delpo about upcoming library events, and from a few 8th graders regarding their upcoming community projects. As always, this a great way to stay up to date on upcoming events and issues at McAuliffe. Hope to see you there! ~ *Sherry Beardshear, Activities Coordinator*

### **ACCESS Testing - January 9th - 13th**

The ACCESS test is a federally mandated test for our English Language Learners. Parents will be notified if their child needs to participate in ACCESS testing.

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

Making a huge splash on the McAuliffe Theatre 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 theatre arts department Feb. 13th-16th at 6:30pm. Different kids perform every night, so it's quite fun to attend more than one show! You may donate to our theatre department by purchasing Spotlight Circle seats.





These are front seats in our auditorium, and are a favorite of our McAuliffe Theatre Patrons. Purchase your tickets [here](#).

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### McAuliffe at the Movies

On Wednesday, Dec. 21st, McAuliffe International School took over the Harkins Northfield Theater. Students were given the choice to see either *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, or *Sing*. The kids represented McAuliffe well and everyone had a great time! A



well-deserved bonus for the kids and staff for all their hard work so far this year.

### CityWide Honors Band Members

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the 2016-17 CityWide Honors Intermediate Band! They will be performing on Feb. 24th and 25th at Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy. Congrats to: Liam Adler-Pollock, Claire Ely, Claire Fontenot, Will Fontenot, Holly McMahon, Jady Mill, Bennett Miller, and Jerry Ware.

### Altius Quartet Performance for McAuliffe Music Students

On Dec. 19th McAuliffe band, orchestra, and choir students were honored to hear a performance by the Altius Quartet. Students heard a wide-ranging menu of pieces — from Mozart and Beethoven to Taylor Swift and Led Zeppelin. A huge thanks to [The Friends of](#)



[Chamber Music](#) for setting up this concert for our music students. Cost for the quartet performance was funded by [SCFD](#). For more information on the The Altius Quartet, visit their [website](#).

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## REMINDERS

### Winter is Officially Here! Get your McAuliffe Beanie Today

New McAuliffe beanies are available in the office for \$15 each.

### World Affairs Challenge Registration Open

This spring, McAuliffe hopes to participate in the World Affairs Challenge (WAC) again. The WAC is a program through which “students move from awareness to action while developing skills in collaboration, communication, cognitive complexity, and problem-solving.” It’s the perfect opportunity for Sun Devils to explore what it means to be a globally-minded IB learner!

This year's theme is Smart Cities and we will meet for 8 weeks on Thursdays from 4:05-5:30pm to prepare for the competition on Sat., March 4th. The costs to participate is \$60. For more information on WAC, click [here](#), or contact Stephanie Gronholz at [Stephanie\\_gronholz@dpsk12.org](mailto:Stephanie_gronholz@dpsk12.org). The link to our interest form can be found [here](#).

### 2018 Washington DC Trip - Enrollment

If you are interested in enrolling your 7th grader in the 2018 Washington DC trip, please visit our trip [website](#). Email Sarah Frederick at [Sarah\\_Frederick@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sarah_Frederick@dpsk12.org) with any questions.

### 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.

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## 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 Jan. 7th & Jan. 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](#).



### **Weightlifting at Endorphin Northfield**

Endorphin Northfield is offering an 8-week coaching intensive program geared to introduce pre-teens and teens to weightlifting at our NEW LOCATION in STANLEY MARKETPLACE.

Winter weightlifting sessions begin January 16th, cost is \$250. Click [here](#) to enroll (use your child's name when creating an account) and for days and times. For more information, contact Neil Allman [thenameisneil@gmail.com](mailto:thenameisneil@gmail.com) or 720-955-367

### **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](#) 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)

**Yearbook:** [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

**Student Newspaper:** [www.missundevils.com](http://www.missundevils.com)

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