

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - February 16, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Creating a healthy school is a team effort – and we are lucky to have Kendra Collings as our Wellness Committee leader! We recently received notification that McAuliffe has been awarded a 2017 Healthy School Champion award from the Colorado Education Initiative. Additionally, Kendra was recognized last month by BeWell for being a regional leader in preventative care. Our Wellness Committee is open to students, parents, teachers and staff, and I encourage you to join this committee and share your passion for wellness. Congratulations Kendra, and thank you for all your hard work!



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 2/20

No School - Presidents' Day

Thurs 2/23

Late Start @ 10:30am

Tues 2/28

Lost and Found Donation, 4:00pm

2018 NYC Info Meeting, 5:00pm

Thurs 3/2

Wellness Committee Meeting, 4:15pm

Winter Showcase, 5:30pm

TOP NEWS

Book Love Reading Event

On Valentine's Day, McAuliffe launched a month-long reading event called Book Love! Students can earn prizes for reading books on the [Book Love List](#) -- which is comprised of the favorite books of teachers and staff. Students who read one book get to choose a prize from the library prize box (Chipotle gift cards, books, journals, candy bars, and other items). Students who read three or more books get to come to a pizza party in the library during lunch. And students who read seven or more books get gift cards to Target or the Tattered Cover. The goal of the event is to promote reading for pleasure. Teachers, staff, and parents can also participate! For more information, visit the McAuliffe Library [website](#). How many books can you fall in love with in a month?



Fundraising Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the fundraising survey sent out last week - if you haven't been able to complete the survey, please do so [here](#).

Camp McAuliffe

We're pleased to offer a variety of camps this summer while DPS is still in session in late May and early June. All camps will take place at McAuliffe. Check out our [Summer Camps](#) page on our website for a list of camps and more information. We will continue to update camp information on our website as it is available. A limited number of scholarships are available for families that

need financial assistance; please email brandi_wright@dpsk12.org to apply.

8th Grade Community Projects Need Your Help!

As our 8th graders take action with their community projects this month, they are reaching out to the community for help. Please check out our [Community Project](#) page to see how you can help! We have a number of items that need to be donated, funding needed, and several community events. Please check back often as we will be updating this list as groups come forward to ask the community for help. Thanks in advance for your support of our 8th graders and their drive to make a difference in our community!

Attention All 6th Grade Parents!

Have you ever struggled with understanding your child's report card? Have you had a hard time using Parent Portal in order to monitor your child's academic progress? Are you confused about McAuliffe's grading system? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have the solution for you!

Join us on Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:00-7:00pm at McAuliffe for an informational meeting on navigating Parent Portal and understanding McAuliffe report cards/grading system. District technology representatives and McAuliffe teachers will be on hand to help answer all of your questions. Both Spanish and Kunama interpreters will be available. You will also be able to pick up your child's second trimester report card at the event. Light refreshments will be served. Email Ms. Frenzel at carla_frenzel@dpsk12.org with any questions.

Health Education Update

The [Blue Bench](#) is almost finished with their first session of sexual assault prevention education for our 8th grade students and the feedback has been very positive. The instructors have been very complimentary towards our students and their abilities to have open and honest discussions.

The remainder of the PE & Health classes have (or will) start their health units within the next week. The 6th graders are learning about nutrition, 7th graders are learning about reproductive health, and 8th graders are participating with the [Blue Bench](#). You should be seeing some assignments coming home to start conversations and get your opinion on topics. Please feel free to ask your student questions about what they are learning. Thank you for all of your support, it is greatly appreciated!

DPS Prep Sports Updates

- **Girls Basketball** will play at MIS today at 4:00pm against Skinner.
- **Floor Hockey** started practicing in the small gym this week.
Floor hockey game schedules can be found on our [Athletics](#) page.

Club Sports Updates

- Students can sign-up for all spring club sports now, please stop by Mrs. Collings office to sign up for the following sports:
 - **Boys Club Basketball** – begins Feb. 22nd
 - **Girls Club Basketball** – begins Feb. 21st
 - **Boys Lacrosse** – begins the week of March 14th
 - **Girls Lacrosse** – begins the week of March 14th
 - **Girls Golf** – begins the week of April 3rd
 - **Club Tennis** – begins the week of April 3rd
 - **Futsal** – begins the week of April 3rd
- Students can still sign up and attend Developmental Basketball on Tues. / Thurs mornings. See Ms. Collings for more information.
- We are still in need of coaching help for our girls lacrosse team. Please contact Kendra Collings at Kendra_collings@dpsk12.org.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Valentine's Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Valentine's food drive a success! The food drive was spearheaded by 8th grade student Alan V. with the help of La Raza Club. They wanted to continue a tradition that Alan had at his previous school in Mexico; a food drive and then deliver the food collected on Valentine's Day. Alan and the other La Raza members were successful in demonstrating love to McAuliffe's very own food pantry.



Chess Tournament

Congrats to our McAuliffe chess players for representing our school so well at Saturday's chess tournament! We had 6 students participate: Nolan Baker, Tristan Kriekels, Charlie Keglovitz, Diego Ayala, Gen Rothberg and Christian



Siniscalchi. Charlie took home 1st place for the 5th-6th grade division! Thanks to all the parents for your support. Reminder - chess club meets every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm in room 205.

7th Grade Production of *High School Musical 2*

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the 7th grade drama students in their production of *High School Musical 2*! The kids did great and everyone had a lot of fun. Great job to Ms. Carabetta and the 7th grade drama students!



DPS Prep Sports Update

- Congratulations to our **Girls Basketball** team as they advanced to the Final Four of the city playoffs with a dominating win over Denver Discovery on Tuesday. They will play at home against Skinner Thursday, Feb. 16th at 4:00pm.
- Congratulations to our **Boys Basketball** team on a great season! They suffered a tough loss in the playoffs Tuesday to Hill Middle School. The boys finished their season 8-1 and won the Northeast Conference. Great job gentlemen!

East High Choir Performance

Last Friday, MIS 8th graders and all choir students were treated to a special performance from the East High School choir. Students heard from several of the East choirs to showcase the different choirs to MIS students who may be interested in joining choir in high school. Huge thanks to East High School for this great performance by their talented students!



COMING EVENTS

2018 NYC Informational Meeting, February 28th

On February 28th, there will be a New York City Trip meeting for the May 2018 trip at 5:00pm in room 223. We will be discussing how to secure a spot for the trip, the itinerary, payment plans, and answer questions. Any interested parents and students are welcome to attend. Please email Ms. Loughhead if you have any questions at melinda_loughhead@dpsk12.org. Please note, this meeting is NOT for families that are already enrolled in the trip for this May.

ARTS Invite! Winter Showcase, March 2nd

Our Winter Showcase is just around the corner, on Thursday, March 2nd at 5:30pm. As we wrap up our second trimester of the school year, bring your friends and family to come celebrate and engage in the Arts at McAuliffe. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Wellness Committee Meeting, March 2nd

It is not too late to share your passion for wellness! The committee will meet next month on Thursday, March 2nd from 4:15-5:15pm. This committee is open to students, parents, teachers and staff.

Health Screenings for 7th Graders, March 8th-10th

Denver Public Schools is implementing a Universal Screening for students in certain grades. At McAuliffe, all 7th grade students will receive vision, hearing,

oral health and body mass index screens, as a part of the Whole Child, Healthy Child 2020 Agenda to help all students succeed. If you decide you do not want your child to receive any of the screenings, please click [here](#) to “opt-out” of the screening process. The Spanish version is available [here](#). Please call me if you have any questions. ~Kathy Lehman, McAuliffe Nurse

Save the Date! Fun Run on May 13th

Save the date! On Saturday, May 13th, McAuliffe will be co-hosting a middle school student and adult 3K and 6K run with the Colorado Masters Running/Racewalking Association at Sand Creek. Mark your calendars and join us!

REMINDERS

Chaperones Needed for Service Learning Day - Friday, April 7th

Have you wanted to do community service with your child? The McAuliffe community will be involved in a school-wide service learning day on Friday, April 7th. To make this wonderful experience possible for our students, we are in need of parent chaperones. The day will start with a check presentation assembly to our Spark Change non-profit recipients at 8:30am. If you cannot participate the whole day, please consider helping from 9:00am-2:00pm during the service project work. If you are available to help out on April 7th please email Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

World Affairs Challenge Team Supports Refugee Community

McAuliffe’s World Affairs Challenge team is looking into how the concept of a “smart city” can support the Rohingya refugees who are fleeing religious persecution in Myanmar and settling in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In order to connect this global topic to local action, the students are collecting items that Project Worthmore needs for the many refugees who settle in Denver without the items they need for day-to-day living. Check out their campaign [here](#) and click on a link under “volunteer” to indicate which item(s) you can donate. All items can be dropped off at MIS, attn: Stephanie Gronholz.



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 from May 22nd-24th. Students will NOT have school on the days they do not attend camp, the last academic day of school for both 6th & 7th graders will be Friday, May 19th. 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 for the 6th grade boys trip to Estes Park (May 24th - May 26th) and the 7th Grade Trip to Snow Mountain Ranch (May 22nd - May 24th) – especially male chaperones! 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.

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.

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

Summer Opportunities Fair

Discovery Link, DPS's after school program, is hosting its first annual Summer Opportunities Fair at Teller Elementary, March 15th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Over 100 day and overnight camps, summer classes, and unique program providers will be present to meet with families and talk about options available for kids this summer. Free for families to attend, fun for the whole family! For more information, please visit their [website](#) or check out the attached [flyer](#).

East High Pop Show Performance

Please join the East High School choir for their Pop Show performance April 13th-15th. Middle school students can attend for the special price of \$5. See the [attached](#) flyer for more information.

East High Choir Workshop

Current 8th graders – if are attending East High next year and interested in joining their choir, please join them on Saturday March 4th for a choir workshop. See the [attached](#) flyer for more information.

End of Year Celebrations at Stapleton Pools – Reserve Today!

End-of-year celebrations at the Stapleton pools have become a great tradition for many Stapleton area schools. If you are interested in reserving a pool for your celebration, do so soon as space is limited! Click [here](#) for more information on how to reserve a pool for your celebration.

Solich Caddie & Leadership Academy

Hey Middle Schoolers! Need something to do this summer? Have an interest in learning how to caddie? No golf experience necessary. Check out the Solich Caddie & Leadership Academy and junior programs at [CommonGround](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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.

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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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