

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - February 23, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Recently it was brought to my attention that some of our students were acting in a disrespectful manner at a local park. We have addressed the incident with the students involved. They have apologized for their actions and they have agreed to perform community service. We hold our students to a high level of expectation for their behavior both at school and in the community. We can support them with meeting these expectations at school, but we need your help with ensuring that they meet these expectations in our community.



Thank you for your support.

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Fri 3/3

March First Friday Coffe

TOP NEWS

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be donated at 4:00pm on Tuesday, February 28th. There are lost and found bins in both gyms as well as the main office - please remind your child to check all bins for any lost belongings.

Sign-Up for Spring After School Enrichments

We have now posted our new Spring After-School Enrichments! Visit our [Enrichments Page](#) to see all our offerings starting the week of March 6th. Classes include Fencing, Hurling, Mini-Movie Making, YouthBiz Out of the Box, Improvisation, Minecraft Mods 2 & Code Combat, and Fashion Design & Sewing. Families register directly with the Enrichments instructor, and each class has a minimum number of students needed to run as well as a maximum number capacity. If your child is interested in one of these classes, please don't delay registering with the instructor; classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be cancelled. For questions about our Enrichments program, please contact sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

New Club - Tribal Cyphers coming to McAuliffe!

McAuliffe is honored to have Micheal III Seven Acuna starting his Tribal Cypher's Club on Mondays from 4:00-5:30pm in room 113. The club runs from March 6th - April 24th (7 weeks.) The cost is \$25. Please see Mrs. Pittman in the main office for a scholarship if needed. To sign up please click [here](#). Questions regarding the club please contact [Sherry Beardshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sherry_Beardshear@dpsk12.org).

Escape from Delpo's Library!

Announcing an after hours library event: ESCAPE FROM MS. DELPO'S LIBRARY! Inspired by the book *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, the Library Advisory Board has created an amazing night filled with puzzles, mysteries, games, food, and intrigue! Also, you get to run around the school after dark! If you would like to attend, please sign up at the [Library website](#). The event will be Saturday, March 11th from 4:30-7:00pm and is open to all McAuliffe students. The event is free, but YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE! Also, we are requesting an optional \$5 donation. Thank you!

Club Basketball Updates

- **Girls Club Basketball** will start next Monday, February 27th, 4:15-5:30pm. The following is a list of practice days:
 - Monday, Feb. 27th
 - Wednesday, March 1st
 - Wednesday, March 8th
 - Friday, March 10th
 - Wednesday, March 15th
 - Saturday, March 18th (tournament @ home)
 - Monday, March 20th
 - Wednesday, March 22nd
- **Boys Club Basketball** practice will start this Thursday, February 23rd 4:15-5:30pm. The following is a list of the scheduled practice days:
 - Thursday, February 23rd
 - Tuesday, March 7th
 - Thursday, March 9th
 - Tuesday, March 14th
 - Thursday, March 16th
 - Saturday, March 18th (tournament @ home)
 - Tuesday, March 21st
 - Thursday, March 23rd

***All Club basketball players are welcome to join in the developmental mornings offered on Tuesday and Thursdays 7:00-7:45am in the large gym. This is included in your sports fee.

Scholarship Benefit Breakfast for Washington DC Trip, April 11th

The McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation invites you to join us for a Scholarship Benefit Breakfast on Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00am in the McAuliffe library as

we raise essential funds to provide scholarships for several students to go on our Washington, DC trip this summer. Our keynote speaker will be Michael Johnston, State Senator representing Northeast Denver, former high school principal, and author. Breakfast will be provided by Not Your Granny's Casseroles. There is no cost to attend the breakfast; suggested donation is \$100. Please register and RSVP [here](#).

GT Update

Both the 6th grade Night of the Notables and the 7th grade Independent Study program are off and running. If your student would still like to be involved in one of these programs, it is not too late. Night of the Notables meets Tuesdays in the library during advisory and the Independent Study group meets Tuesdays during lunch in room 300. Please contact Becky.Middleton@dpsk12.org if you have any questions.

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!

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. 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](#). Thank you to the Tattered Cover Bookstore, Chipotle, and the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation for sponsoring this event. How many books can you fall in love with in a month?



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. A limited number of scholarships are available for families that need financial assistance; email brandi_wright@dpsk12.org to apply.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Girls Basketball Wins City Championships!

A huge congratulations to the McAuliffe **Girls Basketball** team! They finished their season 11-0 winning the City Championship against Florida Pitt Waller last week with a score of 38-29! What a great season!



Journalism Class Explores Ethics

The Journalism classes have been studying Ethics this month and wrote "What Would You Do?" articles. Please check out the latest edition of our student newspaper [here](#).

Service Learning

McAuliffe students have been working hard and having fun during their service learning! Last week, one group served lunch at the VOA mission downtown, while another group visited Hallett Elementary to be reading buddies and make Valentines.





Semantics

Three semantics students, Malia Heien, Claire Cameron and Luke Vogel, represented McAuliffe at the City Written spelling bee, which was held at Northfield High School last week. It was a very hard bee with about 280 students competing from all over the district. Please congratulate them for a great year and wish Luke Vogel luck as he was invited to the City Oral competition, which will take place on Wednesday, March 8th, at Hamilton MS.

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. 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.

First Friday Coffee – Next Friday March 3rd

Join us for our March First Friday Coffee next Friday, March 3rd at 8:00am in the library. In addition to a little social time with other parents, we will hear from our Assistant Principal, Carla Frenzel, about the house model moving forward. Additionally, we will have a special showcasing from the Winter Fine Arts Night. 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*

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*

6th Grade Parents - Grades and Parent Portal Support, March 22nd

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.

8th Grade Theatre Presents: Game of Tiaras, April 14th and 21st

We are excited to announce our 8th grade production of "Game of Tiaras," a hilarious adaptation with apologies to Shakespeare! Combining the gut-wrenching plot twists of *Game of Thrones*, and the soul-numbing despair of Shakespearean tragedy, this adaptation of *King Lear* will leave you dying with laughter as the body count mounts. Mark your calendars for the following dates and times:

7th period cast: Friday, April 14 @ 5:30 PM

5th period cast: Friday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM

2nd period cast: Friday, April 21 @ 5:30 PM

1st period cast: Friday, April 21 @ 7:00 PM

To purchase tickets, please click [here](#). Additionally, we are looking for some costume and props assistance. Should you have any armor, swords, or shields that you would like to donate to the production, we would be very grateful. Thank you!

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

DPS Prep Sports Updates

- **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

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

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our school-wide service learning day on Friday, April 7th. If you are available to help out on April 7th please email Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@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 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.

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.



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

East High Pop Show Performance, April 13th-15th

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, March 4th

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.

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. For more information, visit their [website](#) or email Marie Meyer marie@adolesco.org.

Summer Opportunities Fair, March 15th

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](#).

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.

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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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