

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - February 9, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

I encourage you to join us one evening next week for our 7th grade theater students' production of *High School Musical 2*. Ms. Carabetta and the kids have worked incredibly hard on this production. It takes a lot of courage for adolescents (or folks of any age) to sing and dance on stage in front of an audience, so please show your support for the kids by attending. The music is great and the summer theme to the show is sure to chase away the dark days of winter!



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 2/13 - Thurs 2/16

7th Grade Production of High School Musical 2

Mon 2/20

No School - Presidents' Day

Thurs 2/23

Late Start @ 10:30am

Tues 2/28

2018 NYC Info. Meeting, 5:00pm

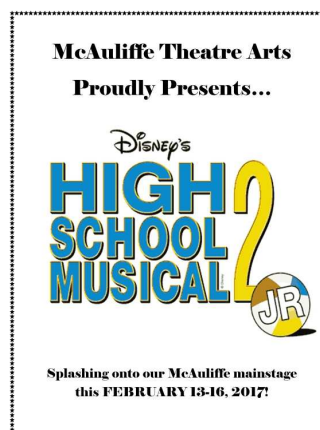
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Winter Showcase, 5:30pm

TOP NEWS

Join Us Next Week! 7th Grade Production of *High School Musical 2*

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. Over 150 students are involved with this incredible undertaking. Different kids perform every night, so it's quite fun to attend more than one show! Tickets are \$20 for Spotlight seats and \$5 for general admission. Purchase your tickets [here](#) or at the door the night of each performance. Tickets are not sold in the main office.

**Judges Needed for National History Day**

Several of our students are participating in the annual DPS National History Day competition on Saturday, March 4th, and they are in strong need of judges. If you feel that you could dedicate a few extra hours to students on March 4th, we would be very grateful! Breakfast and lunch is provided and training will occur that morning before judging commences. Please review this [site](#) and complete the judge form on the button that says "I want to be a judge!"

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.

Camp McAuliffe

We're pleased to offer a number of camps this summer, including a few options 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. Note that a limited number of scholarships are available for families that need financial assistance; please email brandi_wright@dpsk12.org to apply.

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.



La Raza Club Food Drive

The La Raza Club will be hosting a food drive until Monday, Feb. 13th. Students can bring non-perishable items to their advisory classrooms. The drive is being lead by 8th grader Alan Valdiviezo in recognition of the food drive that was done every year for Valentine's Day at his old school in Mexico. Please help Alan and the La Raza Club continue this tradition here at McAuliffe. The food collected will be donated to McAuliffe's very own food pantry.

DPS Prep Updates - Basketball Playoffs

Basketball playoffs will start the week of Feb. 13th and end on Feb. 17th. Our Boys and Girls both received a #1 seed and will get a bye and play at home on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Girls play at 4:00pm and boys play at 5:00pm.

Club Sports Updates

We still need a girls lacrosse coach in order to have a girls lacrosse season this

spring! Please contact Kendra Collings at Kendra_collings@dpsk12.org if you are interested.

- **Developmental Basketball Club:** Tues. / Thurs., 7:00-7:45am in the big gym.
- **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.
- **Spring Sports**
 - **Girls Golf** - Tues. / Thurs., 4:00- 6:00pm @ Common Grounds. April 4th - May 4th.
 - **Boys Lacrosse** - 4:15-5:30pm, begins the week of March 14th (weather permitting). Practice days TBD.
 - **Girls Lacrosse** - 4:15-5:30pm, begins the week of March 14th (weather permitting). Practice days TBD.
 - **Ultimate Frisbee** - 4:15-5:30pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice days TBD.
 - **Futsal** - 4:05-5:00pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice days TBD.
 - **Club Tennis** - 4:15-5:30pm, begins week of April 3rd. Practice TBD.

8th grade Language and Learning

This week, 8th grade students are submitting their *Of Mice and Men* essays and beginning a new unit. As students read Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, they will inquire into the four major food chain that feed our country. What resources are involved in a food chain? What are the costs and benefits of each? Which one should feed America? These are some of the questions we invite 8th grade parents/guardians to pose throughout the next seven weeks. Don't be surprised if your teenager wants to radically change up the way your family does dinner!

GT Corner

- **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, and present yourself as that person to an audience by the end of our study. Come to the informational meeting Tuesday, February 14th

during advisory in the library from 9:20-9:45am. ~ *Becky Middleton*

WEEK IN REVIEW

Mr. Dennis Gets Soaked!

Last week, Mr. Dennis was soaked by Ms. Fox's advisory - thanks to your help making our Spark Change campaign a success! The school community collected over \$6600 for the campaign this year. Ms. Fox's advisory had the honor of pulling the emergency shower handle to douse Mr. Dennis as their advisory collected the most money overall. This is the first year that the top honor (which comes with a trophy) has been awarded to a 7th grade class! Congrats to Ms. Fox's advisory and huge shout out to Mr. Dennis for being such a great sport!



Spark Change Supports the Urban Farm

After hearing about the devastating losses caused by stray dogs at the Urban Farm from ED Mike Nicks, Spark Change leaders voted to donate \$400 to the Urban Farm to buy a breeding goat to help rebuild the herd. Last Friday, Spark Change leaders participated in a service trip to present the donation and work on



the Farm. The chilly temperatures kept us inside where we helped prepare for the renovation of the main building by clearing out a file room. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Urban Farm and more service trips in the spring when we can be outside with the animals.

Spark Change Leaders Interview 35 Non-Profits



On February 1st and 2nd, Spark Change leaders interviewed over 35 non-profits to narrow down their grant making process. These non-profits agencies were chosen as they relate to the issues our collective student body voted on as important to our community to address. Over the next few weeks, leaders will be actively voting on which non-profits they'd like to award our mini-grant awards and school-wide day of service to on April 7th. Thanks again for your help and support of our Spark Change philanthropy program.



DPS Prep Sports Update

- Congratulations to our **Girls Basketball** team as they finished the regular season 8-0 and won the Northeast Division Title and earned a #1 seed in the city playoffs. Great Job Ladies you represented McAuliffe well and we are very proud of you. Good Luck on your playoff run!
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COMING EVENTS

8th Grade NAEP Testing, February 16th

Some 8th graders will be participating in NAEP testing on Thursday, Feb. 16th. Parents will be notified if their students will participate.

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! 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! The Visual Art Gallery opens at 5:30pm and the Choir, Band & Orchestra concert begins at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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

Club Updates

- **New Club - Baker's Dozen Cooking Club** - The Baker's Dozen club will meet on Wednesdays from 4:05-5:15pm in room 121 with a max of 25 chefs. The cost of the club is \$50 - scholarships are available. The club will start Feb. 15th. Please sign up [here](#).
- **Shakespeare Club is a Go!** - The club will now meet on Thursdays (not Weds) from 4:05-5:15pm in room 223 beginning Feb. 16th. The cost of the club will be the \$25 club fee. Scholarships are available if needed. This year's play is *Henry V*. Actors will work in small groups to perform a 2-6 minute piece from the play at the Festival on Friday, April 28th. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign-up.

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

Order Flowers and Support McAuliffe

Ordering flowers for Valentine's Day? If you order from [Amore Fiori Flowers & Gifts](#) and mention McAuliffe, they will give 10% back to the school. For Valentine's Day or any day!



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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