

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - March 23, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Spring Break!
Enjoy the time off and we will see all students when
school resumes on April 3rd.



Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 3/23

Late Start @ 10:30am

Mon 3/27 - Fri 3/31

Spring Break

Fri 4/7

Service Learning Day

Fri 4/14

First Friday Coffee

Fri 4/14 and Fri 4/21

8th Gr. Production of Game of Tiaras

Tues 4/18

6th and 7th Gr. YMCA Info Meeting

TOP NEWS

Important Mailing - Look for it Next Week

Please watch for an important mailing during Spring Break. This packet will include your student's report card and the DPS parent survey. The 6th and 7th grade packet will also include YMCA information, and 8th grade packet will include information on their Continuation Ceremony.

Lost and Found Items

Lost & found will be donated / discarded at 3:30pm on Friday, March 24th.

Service Learning Day, Friday, April 7th – What to Wear and Bring

Our 4th Annual Service Learning Day is Friday, April 7th! Students should report to their Red day advisory (3rd per. class) at 8:00am. Students will attend the Penny Harvest check presentation ceremony and will then either be leaving on buses, or staying on property to work on a variety of service projects. Click [here](#) to see all the amazing project. Students only need a pencil to write with and do not need a backpack. Students can wear jeans, but must wear a McAuliffe top. All students must wear closed-toe footwear and dress appropriately for the type of service work they will be doing – for example, long pants and socks and sneakers if they are working at a farm or ranch. Students also need to bring a sack lunch; for students who are not able to bring their lunch, a sack lunch will be provided. For questions, please email Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

2017 Costa Rica Travelers

- **STUDENTS:** We will have a meeting during advisory for students traveling to Costa Rica on Monday, April 3rd in Room 202. We will be giving you some updates about your trip!

- **PARENTS:** We will have a parent and student meeting on May 10th. We will be discussing the itinerary, packing list, and day of trip logistics. More information to come about the meeting place and time.

Take the Survey - 8th Grade Community Service Project

8th grade parents - we'd love your feedback on the 8th grade MYP community service projects so we can improve the process for next year. Please share your feedback via this [online survey](#).

Club Sports Updates

- **Ultimate Frisbee, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse** have all started. If you have not signed-up yet and are planning on joining us, please meet your coaches on the following days:
 - **Ultimate Frisbee:** Tuesday & Thursday
 - **Boys Lacrosse:** Monday & Wednesday
 - **Girls Lacrosse:** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
- Game schedules are posted on the [Club Sports](#) web page
- **Club Tennis, Girls Golf and Futsal** all begin after spring break. There is still time to sign-up, just see Mrs. Collings in her office in the small gym.

Spring Sports Game Schedules

- **Girls Soccer** [game schedule](#)
- **Boys Baseball** [game schedule](#)

McAuliffe Spring FUNdraiser!

Want to come to Harry Potter Night at McAuliffe? Eat ice cream and watch a movie with your favorite teacher? McAuliffe teachers are offering 25 different opportunities to have fun outside of school. These Buy-A-Shares help raise money for the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation. Click [here](#) to see all of the amazing experiences. Spaces are filling quickly, so register today!

Scholarship Benefit Breakfast for Washington DC Trip, April 11th

The McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation would like to invite you to a fundraising breakfast on Tuesday, April 11th to raise scholarship funds for several students to attend the Washington, DC trip this year. 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](#). If you can't attend but would still like to donate, you can do so [here](#).

Calling All Volunteers - Help Needed at the State National History Contest!

The State Contest for National History Day is Saturday, May 6th. McAuliffe will be represented by six different entries – an all-time record! The event organizers are in need of volunteers and judges. To register to judge, click [here](#). For more information, click [here](#), or contact celeste.archer@ucdenver.edu.

WEEK IN REVIEW

8th Grade Girls Attend a Latina Youth Leadership Conference

Ms. Howes and Ms. Gonzales brought thirteen 8th grade girls to the Latina Youth Leadership Conference at Metro State University, sponsored by the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority. The girls spent breakout sessions learning about personal body image, college preparedness, what it means to be a chingona, leadership, and healthy relationships. Much thanks to Lambda Theta Nu for the fantastic day!



DPS Choral Music Showcase

Our Vocal Music students did an incredible job performing at the DPS Choral Music Showcase! It was an amazing experience to watch how much these singers have grown and developed into a beautiful ensemble. Congratulations to all students who performed!



Congratulations to Our 8th Graders on Their Community Projects!

Last Friday, our 8th graders presented their community projects to 6th & 7th graders, their parents, & their supervisor. Students received high praise for their planning, researching, and reflection about the success and challenges of their projects. Please help us in congratulating our 8th graders for making a difference in their community!

Sports Updates

- McAuliffe hosted a **Club Basketball** tournament last weekend with Bruce Randolph, Kepner, and McAuliffe at Manual. McAuliffe won with an overall record of 5-1.
- Congratulations to our **Boys Baseball** team and **Girls Soccer** team - they both defeated Bruce Randolph on Tuesday. Baseball won 18-1 and Soccer won 10-0. Way to go SunDevils!

Service Learning Update

As we head into Spring Break, over 620 students have participated in our weekly service learning trips. We have been active throughout the Denver community in many different areas. Each Friday, we have visited local elementary schools (Hallett Academy, Stedman, Swigert and Park Hill Elementary) to be reading buddies with Kinder, 1st and 2nd graders. Other trips have been to Metro Caring Food Bank, Clothes to Kids, Dahlia Square Senior Living, Montebello Manor Senior Living, The Urban Farm, Dahlia Campus for Health and Wellbeing, The VOA Mission downtown, and Ronald McDonald House. The McAuliffe students have been great representatives of our school and have demonstrated in particular the IB principals of caring, knowledge, thinker and communicator. We will not be doing any trips in April due to the testing schedule but will resume the trips May 1. If your student has not yet participated, please have them fill out the sign up form posted on the Activities page on Edmodo, or find the link on the Service Page on the website to be added to the list.

COMING EVENTS

Wellness Committee Meeting, April 4th

The next wellness committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th from

4:15-5:15pm in the conference room.

CMAS Testing, April 4th-28th

The window for CMAS English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science assessments is April 4th – April 28th. All students will be taking the CMAS ELA and Math assessments. The CMAS Social Studies test will be given to 7th grade only, and the Science test will be given to 8th grade only. As always, please make sure that your student is getting plenty of sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and drinking plenty of water. The [bell schedule](#) will only be in effect for the grade that is testing that day. The CMAS Calendar, which contains the grade and content testing schedule is [attached](#).

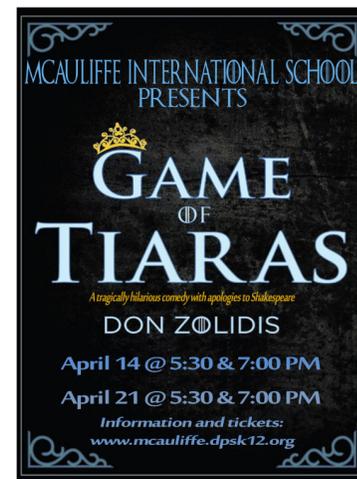
Save the Date - First Friday Coffee on April 14th

Due to our school wide Service-Day on Friday, April 7th, we will hold our April First Friday Coffee on Friday, April 14th at 8:00 in the library. Hope you can join us!

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:

- 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!

Save the Date! Fun Run on May 13th

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

McAuliffe Calendars

- **Updated** [2016-17 School Calendar](#) (updated March, 2017)
- [2017-18 School Calendar - Initial Draft](#)

YMCA Camp Dates – Mark Your Calendars!

Female 6th graders go May 22nd-24th and male 6th graders go May 24th-26th. All 7th graders will go from May 22nd-24th. Students will NOT have school on the days they do not attend camp, the last academic day for 6th & 7th graders will be Friday, May 19th. There will be an info. night on Tues., April 18th.

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.

Mumps Alert for Families

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has shared with us that there have been several cases of the Mumps virus reported in the state over the past few weeks. In order to minimize the spread of mumps in schools, the agency has asked us to provide information to our families. We are sharing with you a cover letter in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) for families along with a Mumps Alert letter in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) from the CDPHE.

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

Screenagers, Growing Up in the Digital Age, April 13th

DSST: Conservatory Green is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a screening of *Screenagers, Growing Up in the Digital Age* on Thursday, April 13th at 7pm in the DSST: CG gym.

Screenagers is a documentary by Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston. The one-hour film reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased [here](#). For more information click [here](#). You can also watch the trailer [here](#).

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 Mountain Biking Team - Info. Meet, April 19th

Attention 8th Graders - do you like to bike? Join the East Mountain Bike Team! The East High School Mountain Biking Team is open to all high school students, regardless of skill level, or where you attend school. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30pm. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, click [here](#).

Regis Offering Practice High School Placement Test, April 22nd

Regis Jesuit High School is excited to offer the opportunity for current 7th graders to take a practice version of the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Sat., April 22nd. The HSPT is a required part of the admissions process for Denver Catholic high schools. [Attached](#) is an invitation and more information.

DPS 9th Grade College Readiness Camp

DPS is partnering with Metro State University to offer a three week long summer camp on Metro's campus. The camp will be taught by MSU professors and will focus on supporting incoming 9th graders in preparing for high school and their post-secondary future. Please see the [attached](#) flier and application. Contact the Center for Urban Education at 303-352-4995 with any questions.

The CUBE – a New High School Option

It might feel like a long way off, but it's not too late to start thinking about high school for your middle schooler. You have several good options, one of which we hope you will consider is the CUBE — an innovative new high school starting in August 2018. The CUBE is a learner-centered, problem-based high school with immersive focus on social-emotional intelligence with academic knowledge, discovering questions not just answers, and customized learning, not standardization/memorization.

One important step in the CUBE becoming a reality is collecting “Letters of Interest” forms — to show Denver Public Schools that there is enough interest. These forms can be turned in at the McAuliffe main office. If you have any questions, please email bret@thecubedenver.org. or visit our [website](#).

Youth Weightlifting and Fitness at Endorphin

Endorphin is offering an 8-week Youth Weightlifting and Fitness programs at the new location in Stanley Marketplace. These methods of strength training are geared at producing proper movement patterns, improved athlete skill, gains in strength and power, and refinements in balance and coordination. The cost for this program is \$250. Click [here](#) to enroll (use your child's name when creating an account) or contact Neil at neil@myendorphin.com or 720-955-3677.

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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