

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - March 9, 2017

Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

As part of our International Baccalaureate model, we believe that it is important for students to explore other interests outside of their studies. Here at McAuliffe, there are many opportunities and activities for students to participate in this spring. Whether it is competitive or club sports, academic clubs, creative clubs, or after school enrichments, there is something for everyone.



Please encourage your student to check out the activities board in the main lobby and to participate in the Book Love reading challenge, apply for the SHINE crew (current 7th graders), or to come out for an after school club or sport. Middle school is a great time to explore and learn more about yourself by trying something new.

Thank you,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 3/17

8th Grade MYP Project Presentations, 8:00am

Wed 3/22

6th Grade Academic Night, 6:00pm

Thurs 3/23

Late Start @ 10:30am

Mon 3/27 - Fri 3/31

Spring Break

Fri 4/7

Service Learning Day

TOP NEWS

Volunteer Spotlight: Library Volunteers

McAuliffe is thrilled to have several volunteers who support the library staff each week during our busy Advisory time. These lovely ladies assist students in finding and checking out books, and help shelve the massive number of books that pass through the library each day. We are so grateful to have their smiling faces and positive energy in the McAuliffe library! We will highlight these volunteers over the next few weeks.

Michele Orchard

Michele Orchard is the mother of 6th and 8th grade McAuliffe students. She moved to Colorado from Atlanta ten years ago and works as a chiropractor in Aurora. When she's not volunteering, Michele spends her free time exercising and reading. She just finished "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. "I was so excited when the opportunity arose to volunteer. I especially like meeting and interacting with all the wonderful McAuliffe students and staff and helping out in the library shelving and organizing books as well as learning about new young adult authors."



2016-17 School Calendar Changes

Please mark your calendars - we have made a few updates to our [2016-17 Calendar](#). On April 7th - our Service Learning Day – students will be released at 2:30pm. Transportation will be provided that afternoon, however buses will be coming at the regular pick-up time (4:00pm). Also, we will not have a late start day in April, but will instead have a late start on Thursday, May 4th.

Club Sports Updates

- **Girls Lacrosse:** first practice on Monday, March 13th
- **Boys Lacrosse:** first practice on Tuesday, March 14th
 - Lacrosse game schedules can be found [here](#).
- **Ultimate Frisbee:** started this week, practices are Tues. / Thurs.
 - Ultimate Frisbee game schedule can be found [here](#).
- Sign-ups are still available for **Futsal**, **Club Tennis** and **Girls Golf**. These sports will start the week after Spring Break.

Athletic Equipment

Parents - if your child participates in a sport that requires athletic equipment, please have them bring their equipment first thing in the morning so that it can be placed in the athletic closet. We are not able to store athletic equipment in the main office. Thank you for your support.

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

The State Contest for National History Day is fast approaching! This year's competition is on Saturday, May 6th on the Auraria Campus of UC Denver. McAuliffe will be represented by six different entries – an all-time record! The event organizers are in need of volunteers and judges. More than 700 students from all over the state will gather for this event, and you can help make their experience a great one! To register to judge, click [here](#). For more information, click [here](#), or contact celeste.archer@ucdenver.edu.

Calling All Current 7th Graders – Apply to Join the S.H.I.N.E Leaders!

We are looking for our next year's S.H.I.N.E leaders! S.H.I.N.E Leaders are 8th graders who are role models for 6th graders. S.H.I.N.E Leaders use their communication and leadership skills to work with incoming 6th graders who are entering our school next August. The S.H.I.N.E Leaders will run 6th grade orientation, and then will continue to support a small group throughout the school year. We know that the more contact a 6th grader has with his/her

S.H.I.N.E Leader, the more successful they will be at McAuliffe.

Students can get applications from Ms. Lemmon or Ms. Howes. Applications are due by Wednesday, March 15th in Ms. Lemmon's mailbox.

8th Gr. MYP Community Project Presentations, March 17th

Eighth graders are finishing up their MYP Community Service Projects and will be presenting their projects to 6th & 7th grade classrooms, their supervisor, and their parents on Friday, March 17th from 8:00-9:20am. We hope that all 8th grade parents will be able to join us on the 17th. We will provide the schedule for presentations next week. Please encourage your child to check the Community Project Edmodo page for tips and reminders!

Additionally, please check out our [Community Project](#) page to see how you can help support these projects. Thank you in advance for your support of our 8th graders and their drive to make a difference in our community.

New Sport Enrichment - Competitive Tennis

Run by former professional tennis player Meredith McGrath, the competitive tennis enrichment is meant for players with previous tennis experience. Each session will concentrate on tactics and strategy, proper technique, and include competitive situations. Practices are Tues. / Fri. from April 11th-May 12th. For more information and to sign-up, check out our [Enrichments](#) page.

You Can Still Register for Spring After-School Enrichments

If you're interested in enrolling your student in one of our Spring After-School Enrichments that started this week, please register today! Check out details of all our enrichments and how to register on our [Enrichments](#) page. Community providers will pro-rate if the class has already started. For questions about our Enrichments program, please contact sherry_beadshear@dpsk12.org.

Tricycle Needed for 8th Grade Production

Ms. Loughhead's 8th grade theatre class is looking for a tricycle to use in their upcoming production of Game of Tiaras. If you have a unused tricycle they can borrow, please contact Ms. Loughhead at melinda_loughhead@dpsk12.org.

Book Love Reading Event Deadline Extended to April 3rd

Our Book Love Reading Event has been extended to Monday, April 3rd. So far, 161 students have participated,



with a total of 334 books read! Students can earn prizes for reading books on the [Book Love List](#). 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.



From the Nurse: Illness Policy

Schools throughout our district are experiencing a high rate of absenteeism due to various illnesses. Please review [How Sick is Too Sick](#) from Children's Hospital. This document is also available in [Spanish](#). Additionally, please encourage your student to practice good hand-washing throughout the school day. At a minimum, students should be washing their hands before eating, after recess or P.E., and after using the restroom. Use of hand sanitizer (unless hands are visibly soiled) is another option for students during the busy school day. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns, *Kathy Lehman, RN, BSN*

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](#).

WEEK IN REVIEW

Winter Showcase a Great Success!

The Winter Showcase was a was another creatively fun evening where all our students were able to share their musical and artistic talents. Thank you to all our visual and performing arts teachers who worked so hard to make this night a



success!



Sonic Wave Performance for MYP Project

Great job to the members of Sonic Wave – Jerry Ware, Aidan Vogel, and Sean Gilhooly. They performed at Barnes and Noble for their MYP Community Service project on Saturday, March 4th. The money raised from this event will go directly to the McAuliffe Multi-Intensive Special Needs Program. Thank you to Barnes and Noble and everyone who came out and supported this great performance!



NHD Competition

Congratulations to the McAuliffe 7th and 8th graders who participated in the National History Day regional competition last week! We had over 40 participants competing in nine different categories related to this year's theme of "Taking a Stand in History." Everyone did an excellent job of answering questions and should be very proud of themselves!



We also had six entries that placed in the top three, and will be competing at the state level on May 6th. A special congratulation to Zeyta Whitson-DeHerrera, Sam Shikiar, Beatrix Kelly, Ellison Mucharsky-O'Boyle, Ella Shipley, Audrey Combs, Maia Wang, Mary Ward, Ellie Hockman, Lexi Lawrenz and Leah Schulman. We would also like to thank Barbara and Natalie Allen for their

guidance and support.

McAuliffe Receives Excellence Award

Congratulations McAuliffe International School on being awarded the Excellence Award by the Colorado Initiative as on the states' Healthy Schools! On March 3rd, Kendra Collings will attend the Colorado Healthy Schools Summit to accept the award and share all of the great wellness happenings at our school. For more information, check out the [Press Release](#).

East Speech Team Visits McAuliffe

The East Speech Team - including 3 McAuliffe Alumni - presented to 8th graders this week. According to the East students, Speech is the most challenging and the most fun class they have taken their freshman year. Regardless of the high school attended, the students highly recommend joining the Speech or Debate team. The East teacher thanked McAuliffe "for having such amazing students to send to shine at East, we are over the moon excited!"

COMING EVENTS

DPS Choral Showcase, March 17th

Vocal Music students will travel to North High School on March 17th to attend the Denver Public Schools Choral Showcase event. Students will perform, work with a guest conductor, and learn a new piece together with other middle and high school students. Parents of vocal music students, please ask your student for more information and sign and return permission slips by March 13th.

CMAS Testing – Practice Run, March 17th

On Friday, March 17th, we will be doing a 7th grade CMAS practice run to ensure our technology devices are ready to go for testing in April. 7th graders will have an altered schedule on the morning of the 17th. Please see the CMAS Testing Schedule attached [here](#).

6th Grade Academic Night, 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!

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

5280 High School - Screening of *Most Likely to Succeed*, March 14th

Please join 5280 High School (a proposed new charter high school in DPS, opening in the fall of 2018) for a film screening of the Sundance-selected, award winning film [Most Likely to Succeed](#). 5280 High School will be a project-based learning school with an emphasis in holistic wellness and intentional community. After the screening, there will be an opportunity to dialogue with the founding team of this new high school about re-imagining our school system. The screening will be Tuesday, March 14th, 6:45pm, SIE Film Center, 2510 E. Colfax Ave (across the street from East HS). RSVP [here](#) or email info@5280highschool.com.

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](#).

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.

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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