

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - April 27, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

It's hard to believe, but we are less than 4 weeks away from the end of this school year! As you are making summer plans, I encourage you to check out the summer camp opportunities on our [website](#).

Several of our teachers are hosting some great learning opportunities for students during the first few weeks of summer while other DPS schools are still in session. There are also a number of summer camps listed below in the Community News section of our newsletter. With all of these great opportunities available, I hope you can find some fun camps to keep your child engaged and having fun throughout the summer.

Thank you,

*- Principal Kurt Dennis*



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 4/27**

2018 Washington D.C. Trip Meet, 6:00pm

**Mon 5/1 - Fri 5/5**

6th Grade Production of Peter Pan

**Thurs 5/4**

Late Start @ 10:30am

**Fri 5/5**

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 7:30am

**Tues 5/9**

2018 Scandinavia Trip Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wed 5/10**

Bike / Walk to School Day

**Thurs 5/11**

Spring Showcase, 5:30pm

**Fri 5/12**

6th Grade Field Day

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## TOP NEWS

### Lost and Found

Lost and found will be donated/discarded at 4:00pm on Friday, April 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.

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, May 5th

We would like to send a huge thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and donors who have helped in any way throughout the year - please join us for an appreciation breakfast on Friday, May 5th from 7:30-9:00am (drop in any time) in the library. Click [here](#) to view the invite. Thank you, McAuliffe supporters!



### **6th Grade Entrepreneurial Shark Tank Volunteers**

Parents of 6th graders, we are seeking a panel of business 'experts' and parents to volunteer for our Shark Tank simulation the week of May 8th 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 use the [SignUpGenius link](#) if you are interested in participating. ~ *Thank you! Micah Klaver and Kaeli Donaldson*

### **Bike or Walk to School Day, May 10th**

Tune up your bike or lace up your shoes for Bike or Walk to School Day on Wednesday, May 10th! Ride your bike or walk to school and check in at the blacktop to receive a healthy snack. Change up your routine, join the fun, and take a different set of wheels to school this day!

### **Spring Showcase, May 11th**

ARTS Invite! Our Spring Showcase is just around the corner on Thursday, May 11th! As we wrap up our third and final trimester of the school year, bring your friends and family to come celebrate and engage in the Arts at McAuliffe. The Visual Art Gallery, and the Choir, Band & Orchestra concert begin at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **YMCA Camp Schedule and Packing List**

If you were not able to attend our Camp Information night, you can find the packing list, camp schedule, and medication forms on our [website](#). We are now working on placing students in their lodging groups and will post this information before May 19th. If you have questions, contact Sherry Beardshear at [sherry\\_beardshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org).

### **8th Grade Continuation Information**

Our 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony will be held at East High School on Thursday, May 18th at 5:30pm. Due to limited seating, each family will be allotted 4 tickets. Requests for additional tickets will be handled on a first come, first served basis and is dependent upon availability. Your 8th grade student does not need a ticket. If you have not already submitted your ticket request form, please do so as soon as possible. You can turn in the form to the office or email your request to [Maricris\\_doolan@dpsk12.org](mailto:Maricris_doolan@dpsk12.org). We DO need to hear from you, even if your family just needs the 4 tickets allocated or if your child is not planning on attending. Tickets will be handed out to the students on Wednesday, May 10th during lunch.

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### **McAuliffe Uniform Round-Up, Beginning May 1st**

It's time, once again, for the McAuliffe Uniform Round-Up! Bring your used McAuliffe shirts, sweatshirts, PE uniforms, and uniform pants to the main office beginning May 1st and continuing through the end of the school year. The uniforms will be cleaned, organized and shared with McAuliffe students in need next year. Thanks for your support of our Critical Needs program! If you love laundry and are interested in helping clean and organize uniforms for this project, please contact Kim Ezrine at [Kimberly\\_ezrine@dpsk12.org](mailto:Kimberly_ezrine@dpsk12.org).

### **6th Grade Parent Help Needed on May 12th For Field Day**

As a reward for such a great year, 6th graders will be participating in an afternoon field day and staff kickball game on Friday, May 12th from 12:55-4:00pm. We are in need of parent volunteers from 1:00-4:15pm. If you are able to help please email Sherry Beardshear at [Sherry\\_Beardshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sherry_Beardshear@dpsk12.org).

### **From the Nurse**

Attention parents whose students take medication at school. Please mark your calendars with a reminder to pick up student medication on or before our last day of school, May 19th.

- State law prohibits schools from sending medication home with students, an adult must pick up medication.
- Medication cannot be stored at McAuliffe over the summer.
- Any medication not picked up will be destroyed, per state and district guidelines.
- If your student is attending 6th or 7th grade YMCA camp, school medication will accompany them.
- Camp medications must be picked up on the day students return home from camp.

I will also be sending reminder letters by mail with the 2017-18 school year medication form included. Please contact me at 720-424-1568 if you have any questions. ~ *Kathy Lehman, RN, BSN*

### **Yearbooks For Sale Until April 28th - First Come First Served!**

There are still a few yearbooks for sale. If you didn't purchase a yearbook and would like to, please bring \$25 check or cash to the main office to reserve a yearbook. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### McAuliffe 8th Grader Wins Poetry Contest

Eighth grader Mayan Caplan won both 1st and 3rd place for poetry in the 2017 Colorado Humanities River of Words competition. She will be among the students honored at the annual awards ceremony at the Denver Public Library main downtown location on Friday, May 12th. Great job Mayan!



### Sports Round-Up

- **Girls Lacrosse** continued their winning streak with a 15-3 win over GALS on Tuesday and 10-4 win over Graland Wednesday. Both A and B teams face St. Mary's this afternoon at home at 4:00pm.



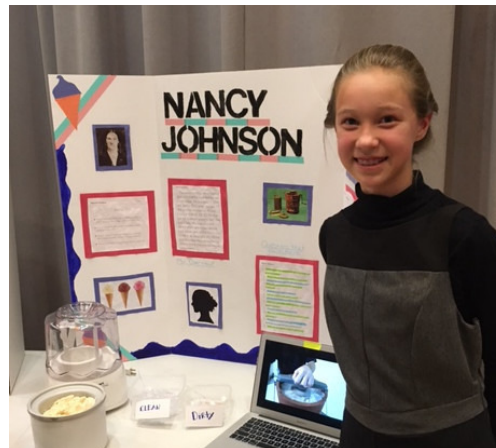
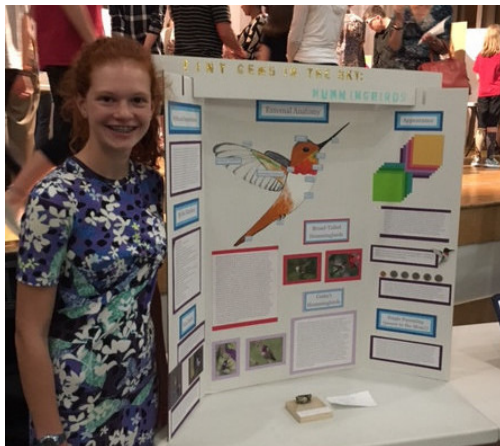
- **Boys Lacrosse B** team lost a close game against Hill 3-4. Boys A team will play Graland this afternoon at home.
- **Club Tennis** lost their first match against Denver Discovery School. They will play against DDS again next Monday.
- The **Ultimate Frisbee** team beat Aspen Academy Wednesday 12-3.
- Congratulations to our **Girls Soccer** team! They went on the road in rough weather to dominate Hill Middle School, 8-0! This win improves their record to 4-0-1.

## GT Showcase

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped make the GT Showcase a big success this year. The students really worked hard and it showed! We had some big names making an appearance like the French speaking Lafayette, portrayed by Carlisle Wright; the musical genius Bach, portrayed by Elaina Phiel; and, everyone's favorite, the inventor of the ice cream machine...Ms. Nancy Johnson, portrayed by Zumi Fering-Yoshioka. The Night of the Notables were rounded out with Mala, portrayed by Helen Miller; Anne Frank, portrayed by Gabriela Kobak; Archimedes, portrayed by Ana Federico; Temple Grandin, portrayed by Ophelia Pulley; Deborah Sampson, portrayed by Lidya Tewolde.

The 7th graders showed off their research skills and presented their findings in such diverse topics as Lucid Dreaming, by Alexandra Williams, Neurosculpting, by Holly McMahon; Scientology vs. Christianity, by Gabriela Ramirez-Sanchez; Shakespeare, by Kailey Sieja, and the Broadway play Hamilton, by Gavyn Stiles. Eighth grader Charlotte Hite was McAuliffe's expert on hummingbirds. She started this project in the fall and her knowledge is pretty impressive.

Thank you to Ms. Stephanie Gronholz and her World Affairs Challenge crew, Sophia Still, Lillian Kuhl, Erica Appel, Sophia Brewer, Eliza Damon, and Melia Scholl for coming out to share their project and service. And, last, but not least, the 8th grade National History their hard work.





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## COMING EVENTS

### **May 2018 - Current 7th Graders - Washington DC Trip Meeting, April 27th**

On Thursday, April 27th, there will be an informational meeting for the May 2018 Washington DC trip at 6:00pm. If you are interested in enrolling your 7th grader in this amazing trip, please visit our trip [website](#). Remember, you only have to put down a \$99 deposit to reserve your spot and get locked in at this low rate. There will be a price increase on May 1st so enroll now! Email Sarah Frederick if you have any questions at [Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sarah.Frederick@dpsk12.org).

### **Shakespeare Club at the Performing Arts Center, April 28th**

On Friday, April 28th, McAuliffe students will be putting on several scenes for the Shakespeare Festival taking place downtown at the Performing Arts Center. They'll be taking to the Inns of Court stage at 1:30pm for approximately 45 minutes, showing off what has been several months of hard work in the service of the bard. Please come down and cheer us on if you can.

### **6th Grade Theatre Presents *Peter Pan*, May 1st-5th**

Please join the 6th grade drama students next week for their performance of *Peter Pan* May 1st through May 5th. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.



### **2018 Scandinavia Trip Meeting, May 9th**

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6th and 7th grade students and parents - Ms. Olesiak and Ms. Vining are offering up an INCREDIBLE opportunity! In June of 2018, McAuliffe will send a group of students who will be immersed in culture while visiting multiple Scandinavian countries. We will have an informational parent/student meeting on May 9th from 6:30-7:30pm in room 111. Please sign-up [here](#) to express your interest in the trip. Cost and more information are on the [sign-up](#) sheet.

### **Middle School Fun Run - Saturday, May 13th**

This cross country style 3k (1.8 mile) running event is only open to current or graduating public or private middle school students ages 11-14. It is presented by the [Colorado Masters Running Association](#) (CMRA) in collaboration with McAuliffe International School. Event participation is \$10. Details can be found on the flyer [here](#). Register for the race [here](#). There is no race day registration.

There will also be an adult 6k run after the student run. You do not need to register - just come on out and join in the fun!

### **8th Grade Pool Party, May 26th**

A pool party will be held at Stapleton's Aviator Pool on Friday, May 26th from 10:00am-3:00pm to celebrate Continuation and the end of Middle School for the departing 8th grade class. Please look for more information in the coming weeks including family hosting and other ways to get involved in supporting this fun event to celebrate our continuing students. To offer hosting and planning services or for questions please email Jackie Michaelsen at [jamichaelsen14@gmail.com](mailto:jamichaelsen14@gmail.com).

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## **REMINDERS**

### **There Are Still a Few Buy-A-Share Activities Left!**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Buy-A-Share FUNdraiser, and thanks to our amazing teachers for donating their time to have outings with students. So far, we have raised over \$6,000 through our Buy-A-Share program. There are still several activities available - you can sign up [here](#).

McAuliffe would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support: SmashBurger, Cuba Cuba / Northfield, Cake Crumbs, Starbucks (Colfax and Krameria), Desmond Bar and Grill, Uggs Ice Cream, Gameworks,

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Sprightly Escapes, American Paintball Colesium, Spinelli's, Bounce Stapleton, United Airlines Training Facility, Denver Bouldering Club, Denver Biscuit Company, and Sweet Cow Ice Cream.

### **Enroll Now For the 2018 New York Trip**

Every year, the drama teachers take a group of students on a fabulous adventure to New York City! Enrollment is open for the annual tour to Broadway in May 2018. For more information on this tour, click [here](#) or visit the tour [website](#). To enroll, you only need to put down your \$95 deposit to reserve your child's spot on the trip. As of Monday, May 1st, pricing for this tour will increase. You can enroll online [here](#) – tour number 1907482TB.

### **No Cost Fund Raiser For School Trips**

It's easy! McAuliffe partners with King Soopers to help families raise money for school sponsored trips. There is no additional cost to you - all you have to do is your normal grocery shopping. McAuliffe keeps track of your reward contributions for your student and then close to the departure time, McAuliffe applies the balance to the cost of the trip.

To get started, purchase a \$5 reloadable gift card from Tammy Pittman in the main office. Cards will also be available for purchase during registration end of May. Want to raise even more money? Just buy a gift card for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors to use to help build your child's account.

Parents of students that will be traveling on a school sponsored trip in May or June (DC, NY, & Costa Rica) - you will receive a letter notifying you of your child's King Sooper's balance at your mandatory parent meeting in April or May.

### **Camp McAuliffe - Summer Camps are Filling Up!**

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](mailto:brandi_wright@dpsk12.org) to apply.

### **Parental Advisory Regarding Netflix Show *13 Reasons Why***

It has been brought to our attention that many teenagers, including some of our McAuliffe students, are watching a Netflix series called *13 Reasons Why*. For information about the series, please read this [summary](#) from Common Sense

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Media.

According to Common Sense Media, "Parents need to know that *13 Reasons Why* is an intense, dark Netflix drama based on the popular young adult novel *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher and is definitely not a light watch for younger kids." While the series discusses important topics such as teen suicide, bullying, depression, and sexual assault, Common Sense Media's age recommendation is 16+. If your child has already viewed the series, please consider having a discussion using these [tips](#) for parents.

Please contact your child's school counselor with additional concerns or questions: 6th grade: Becky Swenson 720-424-1546, 7th/8th grade: Katherine Howes 720-424-1555. Immediate, free, counseling is always available at National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, 1-800-273-TALK.

### **McAuliffe Calendars**

- **Updated [2016-17 School Calendar](#)** (updated March, 2017)
  - Please note that the late start day has been moved from April 27th to May 4th.
- **[2017-18 School Calendar](#) - Initial Draft**

### **Support McAuliffe Through Amazon Smile**

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. Thank you!

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## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Denver Parks and Recreation Summer Activity Guide**

Registration for Denver Parks and Recreation 2017 summer programs begins May 9th at noon. Click [here](#) to see the online activity guide.

### **Pitch-a-Kid Denver, June 3rd**

Supporting local startups and encouraging entrepreneurial kids, Pitch-a-Kid is a unique pitch competition where startups pitch to kid judges. We're looking for 3rd-8th grade kids to sit on the judges panel along with one coordinating high

school judge. The next Pitch-a-Kid event will be June 3rd from 1:00-3:00pm. Sign-up [here](#) to attend this fun event. Find out more on our [website](#).

### **CodeSpire Summer Camps**

CodeSpire is offering exciting hands-on summer coding camps! From Minecraft to Drones, Apps to Light-up Costumes, we can teach your student to code in JavaScript, Python, or Arduino while building fun projects that they will enjoy. Do you need full day options? Both full day and half-day camps are available. Please check out our [Denver area camps](#) and call us with any questions! Overview and Camp Schedule can be found [here](#). McAuliffe students can enter Coupon **McAu75** for \$75 off of any full day camp until May 12th.

### **Exciting Theatre and Technology Camps**

Register for a half day with Play On! or a full-day STEAM collaboration with our partner organizations. Camps are offered during June and July in Aurora, Golden and Lowry. See the [attached](#) flyer for details or visit the [Box Office](#) for more information and to register.

### **UNC Summer Enrichment Program**

Still looking for summer plans for your child? Well, you are in luck! The University of Northern Colorado's Summer Enrichment Program still has spots available. If you are interested, please check out the [attached](#) flyer.

### **STEM Summer Camps**

Regis Jesuit and Silicon STEM Academy would like to invite students to their STEM Summer Camps this summer. For more information, click [here](#) or visit the Silicon STEM Academy [website](#).

### **Grand Slam Tennis Camps**

Champion Tennis Player Meredith McGrath is holding Grand Slam Tennis Camps this Summer! Camps are for boys and girls, ages 6-13. The camps will be at McAuliffe and will be from 9:30am-12:30pm and cost \$225/week. Dates: 3 sessions: June 5 - June 9, July 24 - June 28, and July 31 - August 4  
For more information or to register please contact Meredith McGrath at: [meredithjmcgrath@yahoo.com](mailto:meredithjmcgrath@yahoo.com). The camp flyer and release is attached [here](#).

### **Canine Corner**

Meet Ms. Wood R's current [Underdogs Rescue](#) foster, Panda! She's about 3 months old, and believed to be a



boxer mix. Pand has been spayed, is current on all vaccinations, and will lick your face off if you're not careful. She is about as happy as they come! Please email Ms. Wood R at [Shannon.WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org](mailto:Shannon.WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org) for more information about adopting this cutie!



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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](http://www.saiteamsports.com) on [www.saiteamsports.com](http://www.saiteamsports.com)

**McAuliffe Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/702585036483556/>

**DPS Parent Portal:** [myportal.dpsk12.org](http://myportal.dpsk12.org)

**Yearbook:** [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com)

**Student Newspaper:** [www.missundeils.com](http://www.missundeils.com)

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