

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - August 3, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear McAuliffe Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We are excited to begin our work with your students next week.

Please remember that the transition from summer to school may be challenging for kids. In order to assist your student with this transition, please be sure to

establish routines and healthy habits as soon as possible. Early bed times, no screen time after 8:00pm, healthy breakfasts, and good hydration will go a long ways towards helping your student start the year successfully.



It is likely that by the end of the first week your student is going to be tired and possibly a little cranky or emotional when they get home from school. Please know that this is perfectly normal. Your student's mind and body will need time to adjust to the routines and expectations of school again, and these changes will create some anxiety and weariness. Your student will be perfectly adjusted by Labor Day – I promise! :)

Don't forget to join us if you can on Saturday, August 5th for our locker set-up and start-of-school celebration with Councilman Herndon (see details below). We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

- *Principal Kurt Dennis*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Sat 8/5**

Locker Set-Up, 8:30am-12:30pm  
Bike Parade & Festival, 9:00-11:30am

### **Mon 8/7**

6th Graders - First Day of School, 8:00am

### **Tues 8/8**

New 7th and 8th Grader Orientation, 9:00-11:00am

### **Wed 8/9**

7th & 8th Graders - First Day of School, 8:00am

### **Tues 8/15**

Picture Day

### **Thurs 8/24**

Back to School Night

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## TOP NEWS

### **Locker Set-Up – August 5th, 8:30am-12:30pm**

Please join us in kicking off another great year at McAuliffe this Saturday, August 5th from 8:30am-12:30pm for our annual locker set-up event. This fun event is for all McAuliffe students and their families! Students will receive their schedule and locker assignments, and families are welcome to join their students to check out their locker and the school. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies and any locker decorations to set-up their locker for the year. Please keep in mind all decorations must be removed completely at the end of the year. If your student has any problems with their locker, there is a folder in the Main Office for them to report their problem.

### **What if we can't make locker set-up?**

Not a problem! Many families will also be enjoying other activities this weekend

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and will miss locker set-up day. Have your child bring their supplies on their first day of school. They will receive their schedule and locker assignment and will be given time to put their things in their locker.

### **Bike Parade & Festival – August 5th, 9:00am-11:30am**

The bike parade and festival is a great community event sponsored by Councilman (and McAuliffe parent) Chris Herndon. The parade begins promptly at 9:00am at the Town Center. We hope you can join the parade and bike to our annual locker set-up event McAuliffe! We will have a-lot of fun activities for everyone on our front lawn starting at 9:30am including hamster balls, jumpy castles, and more! There will be food trucks at the event for those who wish to purchase food. We will also be selling McAuliffe gear (hats, beanies, socks, and magnets) during the event Saturday.

Even if you can't join in the parade fun, we hope all McAuliffe students and their families can join us at school this Saturday!

### **Schedules**

Student schedules are now visible in the [Student/Parent Portal](#). Please know that as we try to balance class sizes, there might be slight changes to students' schedules. Final schedules will be distributed at the locker set-up event or first day of school. If you have any questions regarding your student's schedule, please contact your grade-level counselor (contact information is listed on our [website](#)).

### **New 7th & 8th Grade Orientation**

New 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us for a new student orientation on Tuesday, August 8th from 9:00-11:00am in the McAuliffe library. Students should check in with the Main Office before heading up to the library.

### **Student Entrances, Traffic, and Bus Location**

This year, DPS buses will drop off and pick up along 26th on the north side of McAuliffe. Students who ride the bus can enter the school through the north entrance. All other students (walkers, bike riders, and dropped off) should enter through the south entrance (off 25th). If you drive your student to school, please drop them off on 25th. **Students should not be dropped off or picked up on Holly Street between 25th and 26th or in the staff parking lot off 26th.** Any adults entering the building need to enter through our main entrance off Holly.

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### **Front Office Changes**

With our growing school community, we have made some changes to our front office structure. We now have 2 offices - a Main Office and a Business Office. The Main Office is located to the left of the lobby, and is the 2nd door on the left. The Business Office is located to the right of the lobby. The Main Office is where students / parents will go to check in or out, for forgotten lunches, etc. The Business Office is for registration and to pay fees.

### **Bus Route Information is Available Online**

While bus route information is being sent to transportation-eligible students this week, that information can change. Due to families moving, new students coming into the district, and construction, routes can be altered to accommodate these changes. We encourage all schools with transportation to check their [VersaTrans](#) E-Link account or [Parent Portal](#) account to access students' route data.

### **Competitive Math Team**

For both new and returning McAuliffe mathematicians, here are just a few details about our competitive math team. Our first practice will be held at 7:00am in room 114 with Coach Wood R on Thursday, September 7th. Please indicate your student's interest in finding out more by filling out this quick [Google form](#) and you'll be added to the Math Team email list. Please contact Coach Wood R at [Shannon\\_WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org](mailto:Shannon_WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org) if you have any questions!

### **2017-2018 Red/White Day Calendar**

View our 2017-18 Red/White Day calendar [here](#) (subject to change, so stay tuned for possible future updates). Students alternate between Red days and White days for their class schedule. (Note: In response to a related parent question, students do not have to match their McAuliffe uniform t-shirt color with the Red/White day; students may wear any color McAuliffe t-shirt on any school day.)

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications**

If you would like to apply for FRL for the 2017-2018 school year, please click [here](#). Applications need to be completed every school year before October. For more information on DPS FRL Program, visit their [website](#).

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## COMING EVENTS

### **Picture Day – August 15th**

Picture Day is on Tuesday, August 15th. Students should wear appropriate attire for having their picture taken and do not need to wear their normal McAuliffe uniform. Order forms will be available at locker set-up day and in the Main Office. Please stay tuned for on-line ordering information.

Re-takes/Makeup Picture day is tentatively scheduled for September 22nd (subject to change).

### **Back-to-School Night - August 24th**

Save the date for our Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 24th from 5:30-8:30pm. More details to come.

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## REMINDERS

### **Students - Please Return Library Books!**

The library would love to get all of its books back! Please return all library books and Grab and Go books to the red return bin across from the Business Office. Outstanding library books can result in a fine that will follow students through High School.

### **2017-2018 McAuliffe Calendar**

[Attached](#) is an updated calendar for the 2017-18 school year.

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## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### **High School Transition and Choice**

We will post information about high school transition dates for 8th graders and their families on the bulletin board outside the Business Office as it comes up. Parents, please keep a look out in the newsletter for that information.

East High School will post their sign-up to schedule shadow days for prospective students on September 1st at 9:00am. Spots fill up very quickly and are limited, please be ready on this day to sign up right at 9am, if you are hoping to get a shadow day for your 8th grader.

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

**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](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)

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