

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News - December 7, 2017

Dear McAuliffe Community,

It is that time of year when we begin to plan for the future of our school. The most important factor in ensuring that your student continues to receive a great education at McAuliffe is finding the best possible teachers to work at our school. We recently posted our available teaching positions for the 2018-2019 school year on the Denver Public Schools website. If you know of a great teacher that is looking to move to Denver and would be a good fit at McAuliffe, please have them contact me directly at [kurt\\_dennis@dpsk12.org](mailto:kurt_dennis@dpsk12.org).



Thank you for your continued support!

~ *Principal Kurt Dennis***IMPORTANT DATES***For a full list of all upcoming events visit our [website](#).*

**Mon 12/11 - Thurs 12/14**8th Grade Drama Production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, 6:30pm**Tues 12/12**

6th Grade S.T.E.M. Night, 6:00pm

**Fri 12/15**

6th Grade Winter Dance, 7:00pm

**Thurs 12/21**

McAuliffe Movie Day

Early Release @1:30pm

7th &amp; 8th Grade Winter Dance, 7:00pm

**Fri 12/22 - Fri 1/5**

Winter Break

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## TOP NEWS

**8th Grade Drama Production - December 11th-14th - Tickets on Sale!**

Save the date for the 8th Grade Winter Production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. The Herdmans are the worst kids in the whole history of the world; they lie, steal and cheat and even smoke cigars! Now they have bullied



their way into the church's annual Christmas pageant! Expected to be the "worst pageant ever," the whole town has gathered in anticipation, waiting to see how the Herdmans ruin Christmas. Will the pageant be a disaster as everyone is expecting, or will the spirit of the season change the hearts and minds of all involved? Come share this hilarious holiday story with us -

December 11th-14th at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance [here](#) or at the door the night of each performance.

### **McAuliffe Giving Tree**

Help spread some holiday cheer to McAuliffe families in need this holiday season! Visit the "[McAuliffe Giving Tree](#)" to see how you can help by choosing a wish or two to grant this holiday season. Thanks so much for helping to make the holiday season bright for all McAuliffe students and their families! Also, help us spread the word to anyone else who'd like to grant a holiday wish! We appreciate your generous support of our students!



Please return all gifts to the main office no later than Friday, December 15th, wrapped or in a gift bag with a tag denoting the letter-number code. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ezrine at [kimezrine@yahoo.com](mailto:kimezrine@yahoo.com).

### **6th Grade S.T.E.M. Night – December 12th**

The 6th grade Design Team would like to invite parents/guardians and their students to join us at S.T.E.M. Family nights. The goal of S.T.E.M. nights will be to give 6th graders an opportunity to work with and possibly teach their parents/guardians about the technological resources they are using in the classroom as a way to increase communication and interaction between home and school. S.T.E.M. nights occur the second Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:00pm in room 120. The session on December 12th will focus on 3D modeling using Autodesk 123D. For questions please email Steve Guydo at [steven\\_guydo@dpsk12.org](mailto:steven_guydo@dpsk12.org).

### **Sign-up For After-School Winter Enrichments**

We have posted our new Winter After-School Enrichments! Visit our [Enrichments](#) page to see all our offerings starting the week of January 17th.

Families register directly with the Enrichments instructor, and each class has a minimum number of students needed, as well as a maximum number capacity. If your child is interested in one of these classes, please don't delay registering; classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be cancelled. For questions about our Enrichments program, contact [sherry\\_beadshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherry_beadshear@dpsk12.org).

### **McAuliffe Goes to the Movies - December 21st**

On Thursday, December 21st, all McAuliffe students will be going to Harkins Northfield Theater to see either Ferdinand or Star Wars: The Last Jedi. The cost to attend is \$10 per student. Scholarships are available – see Mrs. Beardshear. Payment and permission slips are due Friday, December 15th to their 3rd period teacher.



Additional copies of the permission slip are available [here](#). There will be NO concessions available during the movie so students do not need to bring additional money. Students will need to bring a sack lunch as they will eat outside (weather permitting) upon their return to school. Sack lunches will be available from the cafeteria, if needed. All students will be dismissed from school at 1:30pm. DPS transportation will be provided at dismissal. If you have any questions, please contact our Activities Coordinator, Sherry Beardshear at [sherry\\_beadshear@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherry_beadshear@dpsk12.org).

### **8th Grade: MYP Community Projects**

This week, 8th grade students learned about McAuliffe's implementation of the MYP Community Project. The Project is a requirement for students in their final year at IB World Schools, but it's so much more than something your child has to do as an 8th grader at McAuliffe. It's our students' chance to local action with global significance. Independently or in a group of up to 3, they will work on the project for approximately 15 hours outside of class and present their findings at

an event on Friday, March 16th from 8:00-9:20am. Parents, please mark your calendars for this event, and start brainstorming ideas with your children!

### **Yearbook Sales Special Promotion - Purchase Before December 14th**

Any student who purchases a yearbook online (including those who have already purchased a yearbook) by December 14th at 11:59pm, will be entered into a \$50 Amazon Gift Card Raffle. Please buy your yearbook now at [www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com) for \$25 before the price goes up in January!

### **Winter Dances are Coming Up – Volunteers Still Needed!**

We still need a volunteers to help us make the Under the Sea Winter Dances a great success! There are opportunities for you to help with ticket sales during lunch, setting up and decorating for the dances, as well as, chaperoning and cleaning up. Please see the following links to volunteer!

- 6th Grade [Sign-up](#)
- 7th / 8th Grade [Sign-up](#)



### **Support McAuliffe Through Amazon Smile this Holiday Season**

Attention shoppers - when shopping on Amazon this holiday season, you can support McAuliffe by using [AmazonSmile](#) - McAuliffe receives 0.5% of all purchases you make! This is a simple way for you to support our school at no extra cost to you, with the same low prices, selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. Simply visit [AmazonSmile](#) and select 'McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation' as your designated organization.

### **From the Nurse - Take Action to Prevent the Flu!**

There has been a significant increase in reported cases of flu already this year. We wanted to share some information so that families are aware of the

signs/symptoms of flu and ways to prevent spreading this virus. Please read the [attached](#) document to learn more about the flu and how you can prevent getting the flu this year. ~ *Kathy Lehman, RN, BSN*

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### **Thank you to everyone who supported McAuliffe on Colorado Gives Day!**

Together, in ONE DAY, our community raised an astounding \$22,785 for our students and programs. Thank you to everyone for participating in Colorado Gives Day yesterday. The McAuliffe community is truly incredible! If you would still like to donate, you can do so year-round [here](#).

### **Spark Change Collects \$4500!**

We are pleased to announce that McAuliffe collected over \$4500 in the harvest! Our overall winning advisory was Ms. Hougen's advisory class. They will be pulling the emergency shower handle on Mr. Dennis, and will be awarded the trophy by Spark Change leaders during morning meeting. Additionally, students collected over a \$1000 last week alone to win a dress down day on Thursday, December 21st (Movie Day!). Spark Change leaders are excited to begin researching the various non-profits they will invite for interviews, which will relate back to our school wide rays of caring. Congratulations McAuliffe on a fantastic harvest! ~*Your Spark Change leaders and coordinators Ms. Beardshear, Ms. Swenson, Ms. Howes, & Ms. Graham*

### **Sports Round-Up**

- Congratulations to our **Flag Football** team on a great season! They played in the City Championship game last Friday against Hill. The game was a back and forth contest with Hill eventually coming out on top 26-22. We are so proud of the run this team had! Great Job Sun Devils!

## COMING EVENTS

### **Club Basketball Begins December 11th**

Club Basketball (both girls and boys) will begin December 11th. There are no try-outs for Club Basketball, however students should sign-up with either Ms. Collings or Mr. Chapman. Cost is \$25. For more information on practice times / days and game schedules, visit our [Club Sports](#) web page.

### **Winter Dances - December 15th and December 21st**

The winter dances are quickly approaching! This year, the theme is Under the Sea. The 6th grade dance will be Friday, December 15th, and the 7th and 8th grade dance will be Thursday, December 21st. Each dance will be from 7:00-9:00pm and a \$5 admission will be charged per student. Ticket sales for 6th grade will be December 12th, 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> and ticket sales for 7th/8th grade will be December 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

## REMINDERS

### **Only 1 Week Left To Purchase Your Holiday Luminaries!**

McAuliffe is partnering with neighborhood Realtor Chris Merman of Liv Sotheby's for the 3rd Annual Light the Way for Students Luminaria Event. Light up your house this December 24th with a luminaria display, which supports local schools - including McAuliffe. Click [here](#) to purchase your luminary kit or to make an online donation before Sunday, December 10th!



### **Yearbook Sales - Online Only**

The McAuliffe yearbook is for sale online [here](#). Sales this year will be ONLINE

ONLY! The price is \$25 and yearbooks will be distributed in May. If you have any questions contact Molly Walsh at [molly\\_walsh@dpsk12.org](mailto:molly_walsh@dpsk12.org).

### **Safe2Tell Colorado**

Parents and students, [Safe2Tell Colorado](#) offers anonymous reporting for ANYTHING that concerns you, your friends, your family or community. If you have any concerns whatsoever, call 1-877-542-7233 or submit a report [online](#).

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## **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AND CHOICE**

### **GT Showcase – December 11th**

GT students and their families are invited to a showcase of student panels from East, Northfield, GW, and DSISD. The showcase will be this Monday, December 11th from 6:00-7:00pm in the Bill Roberts' library. Sign-up to attend [here](#). Students will be answering questions about what makes their school unique, tips for the transition to middle school, and the skills to be successful in high school. If you have any questions, please reach out to Greg Moldow at [greg\\_moldow@dpsk12.org](mailto:greg_moldow@dpsk12.org).

### **8th Grade Parents- High School Student Presentations Are Here!**

Local high schools will be visiting McAuliffe during advisory period throughout the fall to present to 8th graders.

- December 8th: South High School

### **George Washington High Shadow Information**

To meet the high demand, additional shadowing spots have been added. Please visit our [website](#) to book your day! Students MUST bring the confirmation email on the scheduled shadow day. GW will have an open house on January 11th from 5:30-6:30pm. No RSVP is needed.



### **Northfield High School Open House and Tours**

Click [here](#) to sign-up for shadow appointments. Tours are offered every Friday through December 8th. Sign up [here](#) for a tour. Parents, if you are interested in receiving more information on Northfield High School and all the great activities going on, sign-up [here](#) to receive their newsletter.

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## **DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **8th Annual *be well* Awards & Community Celebration – January 25th**

The *be well* Youth Council is inviting youth in grades 4-12 to performing with them during the January 25th, 2018 *be well* Awards. The theme is hip-hop 80's, 90's and present. Participating youth will have video to practice from on their own and in-person group practice sessions in January. Choreography is provided by NY based [KerboomKidz](#) choreographer and includes various roles for the shy and not so shy. Interested youth should sign-up by December 31st. Please see [attached](#) flyer for more details.

### **DCIS Travel Fair – December 7th**

Your opportunity to learn about student travel opportunities from all over the world! Please join us at the “Travel Fair: a showcase of student travel opportunities” on Thursday, December 7th from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the DCIS Baker cafeteria (574 W 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80204). The event is free and open to the public, with more than 20 vendors, representing language immersion, travel, and service opportunities for students from elementary- to high school. Now accepting vendors, please email [dcis.community@gmail.com](mailto:dcis.community@gmail.com) for more info or click [here](#).

### **Denver South Rebel Athletic Night – December 14th**

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to Denver South's [Rebel Athletics Night](#),

December 14th at 5:30pm. Please meet in the school auditorium for a special presentation to learn about our athletic program, meet our coaches and here the latest and greatest from South. The presentation will be followed by sport specific breakouts with Varsity Coaches and Athletes. All attendees will receive free tickets to our 7:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball game following the event.

### **Youth Weightlifting**

Mighty Movement Academy offers a 4-week after-school strength program designed for developing proper movement patterns, improved athletic skill and gains in strength and power in an encouraging atmosphere led by experienced and certified coaches. M&W 4:30pm or 5:45pm, T&Th 6:00pm // Jan 1-25. Located at Stanley Marketplace inside Endorphin. Cost is \$124. For more information contact Neil at 720-822-1822 or visit their [website](#).

### **Basketball Skills Development**

DOGGMentality Sports and McAuliffe para Marcus Palmer (Mr.P) will be hosting fall/winter basketball clinics - designed to develop ball handling, shooting, conditioning, and more.

- Sundays: 12/10, and 12/17 from 9:00am - 10:30am in the small gym

Cost: \$30 per session - checks payable to DOGGMentality Sports Inc. Checks can be brought to the Business Office or given directly to Mr. Palmer. Discounts for siblings, early sign-ups and packages (minimum of 4 sessions). Please speak directly with Mr. Palmer for more information. Open to boys and girls ages 7-14. Athlete must bring his/her own basketball.

### **Underdogs Animal Rescue**

Ever considered fostering a dog? [Underdogs Animal Rescue](#) is always looking for big-hearted fosters! (Sometimes, homeless dogs need an approved foster to step up before they can even GET OUT of the shelter.) All food, supplies, and medical care are fully covered by the rescue. Do you have room in your heart,

and maybe a nice warm bed? If so, please contact Ms. Wood R at [Shannon\\_WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org](mailto:Shannon_WoodRothenberg@dpsk12.org). Thank you!

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[Bell Schedule](#)

[Order school uniforms / SAI Sports](#)

**McAuliffe app:** Available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices!

[DPS Parent Portal](#)

[McAuliffe Facebook page](#)

### **Sync your Google Calendar with the McAuliffe Calendar**

If you would like to sync your Google calendar with the McAuliffe calendar, click on the + Google Calendar Icon on our [calendar](#) page. You can also use the email address [mcauliffeintlschool@gmail.com](mailto:mcauliffeintlschool@gmail.com) to add the McAuliffe calendar to your own Google calendar.

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