



McAuliffe School News - October 11, 2018

Greetings McAuliffe Families,

With flu season approaching, we encourage you to have your student get a flu shot to help protect them from illness this winter. Please read more information below from our nurse about influenza.



Also, please remember to write your student's name on coats, uniforms, lunch boxes and water bottles. Having their names on their items will help in returning items to the correct owner. If your child has lost any items, have them check all lost and found bins. As a reminder, we donate/discard all items in the lost and found at the end of each month.

Thank you,

Principal Kurt Dennis

IMPORTANT DATES

For a full list of all upcoming events visit our [website](#).

Thursday 10/11

High School Showcase, 5:30pm

Friday 10/12

Bike / Walk to School Day

Bike Awareness Event, 4:00pm

Tuesday - Wednesday 10/16-10/17

Students on Stage Talent Show, 6:00pm

Friday 10/19

Staff Professional Development, No School for Students

Monday - Tuesday 10/22-10/23

Fall Break, No School

Monday 10/29

Innovation Zone Speaker Series, 6:30pm

TOP NEWS

McAuliffe High School Showcase - October 11th

Eighth grade families, please join us this evening from 5:30-7:00pm for our High School Showcase. We will start with a student panel in the auditorium from 5:30-6:00pm and will have 16 local high schools at the showcase from 6:00-7:00pm.

Walk & Bike to School Day and Bike Awareness Event – October 12th

Hop on your bike or lace up your shoes for Walk & Bike to School Day tomorrow, Friday, October 12th! In addition to this fun annual event, we are also partnering with [Bikes Together](#) to host [Bike Awareness Day](#) in the afternoon from 4:00-5:30pm. Our community has an opportunity to work with bicycle experts on safety, repairs, and general cycling rules. Change up your routine, join the fun, and take a different set of wheels to school!

Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Essay Contest

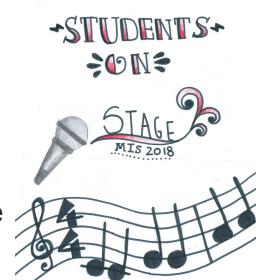
During the week of October 15th, we will be kicking off the annual Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club Essay Contest at McAuliffe! Students are encouraged to write a narrative essay about a time when they experienced or observed conflict and reflect on how they will deal with conflict in the future. The top four finalists will share their winning essays at the award ceremony on



Wednesday, December 5th in the Montview Presbyterian Church. Please click the links for [contest rules](#) and online [entry form](#).

Students on Stage - Tickets and Schedule - October 16th & 17th

Tickets are available for sale [online](#) for this two-night performance at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th. Tickets are \$5 - VIP tickets for golden circle seating are \$20. Buy tickets in advance [online](#) or at the door. All proceeds from this event support the student trip scholarship fund. Click [here](#) to find out who is performing on which night. Any questions about SOS can be directed to sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.



Mandatory dress rehearsals:

- Tuesday night performers - Monday, October 15th 9:45am -12:15pm
- Wednesday night performers - Monday, October 15th 1:15 - 3:45pm

Reach for the Stars at McAuliffe's Annual Fundraising Event!

Have you purchased your tickets for McAuliffe's Reach for the Stars Fundraiser on November 10th? Please plan to join us for food, drinks, community, and FUN as we raise funds for McAuliffe. Check out our event page and purchase tickets [HERE!](#) And be sure to preview some of our amazing [Live Auction Packages!](#)



Protect Yourself and Family From Influenza

Influenza "flu" is a contagious disease that spreads around the country every year, usually between October and May. Flu is caused by influenza viruses, and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing and close contact. Anyone can get the flu. It strikes suddenly and can last several days. Flu can also lead to pneumonia and blood infections and cause diarrhea and seizures in children. People with chronic medical conditions are especially at risk of complications. Each year thousands of people in the U.S. die from the flu and many more are hospitalized.

Receiving the flu vaccine can help prevent you from getting flu, make it less severe if you do get it, and keep you from spreading the flu to your family and other people. Contact your physician's office or visit your local pharmacy to receive the vaccine. The [Denver Health Department](#) is also holding vaccination clinics throughout the metro area. ~ *Kathy Lehman, RN, BSN, McAuliffe Nurse*

WEEK IN REVIEW

Sun Devil Scoop

The first issue of the student newspaper (Sun Devil Scoop) was distributed this week at school. Please ask your child to show it to you. Thanks from the journalism kids!



Middle School Citywide Choir

Please join us in congratulating the following students who auditioned and were selected to participate in Middle School Citywide Choir. The concert will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at Thomas Jefferson High School. Sixth graders: Matthew (Matias) Candelo, Cadence Caudill, Maya Mangi, Lindsay Sieja, Mia Sutton, Cameren Szczeniowski. Seventh graders: Erika Danzer, Amber Leenhouts, Elle Powers, Susannah Smith. Eighth grader: Jabari Ngola-Baines.

Sports Round Up

- **Prep League Sports Updates**
 - Congrats to our **Prep Soccer** team who defeated Greenwood Middle School 8-1 in the second round of the City Playoffs on Monday! Come out and support the boys this afternoon at home.
- **Club / Intramural Updates**
 - **Boys Tennis Team** won their match against Kent last Wednesday! It was a very close match and a well deserved win.
 - **6th Grade Club Volleyball** did not prevail in their games against International School of Denver but they were good games and the girls had fun. The team will finish up their season next Wednesday in a game at Graland.
 - **Boys Club Soccer** won their games against both International School of Denver and the Ricks Center.
 - **Ultimate Frisbee** continues to practice on Tuesday and Thursday 4:15- 5:30pm and it is not too late to join. If your student is winding

down from a first fall sport and would like to check out Ultimate Frisbee, please join Mr. Gilbert on the field.

- **Intramural Floor Hockey** continues! Due to the high demand we will continue to host Intramural Floor Hockey, if the gyms are not available, the students will play outside on the Futsal court. Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:15- 5:15pm through October.
- **Intramural Flag Football** is scheduled to begin Monday, October 8th. We will offer this program on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15pm for the month of October, weather permitting.
- **Mountain Bike Club** is scheduled to begin Monday, October 15th with our parent volunteer coach, Josh Tatel. Please attend the Bike Awareness Event on October 12th (4:00- 5:30pm) to sign-up!

COMING EVENTS

Innovation Zone Speaker Series – Opioid Epidemic – October 29th

Please join us on Monday, October 29th at 6:30pm as we discuss the [opioid epidemic](#) within our community and nation. We will hear from Dr. Rob Valuck (Colorado Consortium for the Prevention of Prescription Drug Abuse), Suzi Stolte (JP Opioid Interaction Awareness Alliance), Lisa Rayville (Harm Reduction Action Center), and Michael Miller (Young People in Recovery). This is a FREE event and will be held in the McAuliffe International School auditorium. Light refreshments will be served.

8th Grade Congressional Hearings - November 9th

McAuliffe 8th grade students have begun their Constitution Unit in Social Studies. The culminating project for this unit is a performance-based simulation called “Congressional Hearings,” in which students will showcase their knowledge of the Constitution through a simulated Hearing of Congress to a panel of judges. For more information please read the attached [letter](#). If you are interested in being a judge, please click [here](#).

REMINDERS

Scandinavia Trip Sign-up Information

If your student is planning on attending the Scandinavia trip this May, please sign-up now! Registration is due by November 1st and the trip dates are May 29th - June 7th. To enroll click [here](#). You will need to create an account. Trip ID is 19113 and the Group Leader is Beardshear. For more information on the Scandinavia trip visit the [Trips](#) page on our website.

Costa Rica Trip Sign-up Information

If you student is planning on attending the Costa Rica trip next spring, please sign-up now! Registration is due by November 1st and the trip dates are March 23rd – March 30th. To enroll click [here](#). You will need to create an account. Trip ID is 19079 and the Group Leader is Turkle. For more information on the Costa Rica trip visit the [Trips](#) page on our website.

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

The 2018-19 McAuliffe yearbooks are on sale at www.balfour.com. The pre-sale price is \$25 and yearbooks will only be sold online.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

McAuliffe High School Showcase - October 11th, 5:30-7:00pm

8th grade families, please join us Thursday, October 11th from 5:30-7:00pm for our High School Showcase!

High School Open House and Shadowing Opportunities

Below is information on local High School Open House and Shadowing opportunities. This can also be found on the High School bulletin board in the 8th grade hallway and on Schoology. We will continue to update with additional school information as we receive it.

- [The CUBE](#)
- [DCIS Baker](#)

- [East High School](#)
 - [George Washington](#)
 - [Northfield](#)
 - [South High School](#)
 - Regis Jesuit - [Informational meeting](#) on October 18th.
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COUNSELOR CORNER

I recently received this [article](#) from a parent of a 9th grader. Middle School is an incredible time to explore, to grow, to try and to fail. It's wonderful to be able to make mistakes, and try new things in an environment where you know you'll be helped up if you fall. It is so crucial that we use these three years to help build the autonomy, endurance and empathy of our young scholars and to help them learn the skills necessary for success in the future.

Grade-level counselors:

Katherine Howes, Grade 6 - Katherine_howes@dpsk12.org

Lauren Graham, Grade 7 - Lauren_graham@dpsk12.org

Becky Swenson, Grade 8 - Becky_williamsswenson@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](#).

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Sign the Petition to Help Address Traffic Issues in Park Hill

Safety of our children is of utmost importance! There is a large neighborhood initiative to re-evaluate neighborhood traffic issues which has become a significant cause of concern for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Please read more about this initiative and consider signing the [petition](#)!

Art Gallery Fundraiser for Project Worthmore - October 13th

[Project Worthmore](#) is a non-profit organization based in Aurora/Denver, working

with and serving refugees in the greater Denver-area by providing support, connections, language instruction, etc. and integrating these refugees into our community.

On Saturday, October 13th from 6:00 – 10:00pm, they are hosting an Art Gallery Event, where local artists (including our own Cristina Sand) have created and donated art pieces that reflect this year's theme "The World Within". The event itself is an experience, featuring artwork, interactive experiences, live music, and special performances (including by Rainbow Militia, an unconventional circus collective), as well as an outstanding food menu. For more information and to purchase tickets click [here](#).

Superintendent Parent Forum – October 13th

Denver Public Schools is excited to invite all DPS families and community members to attend Tom Boasberg's final [Superintendent Parent Forum](#). Join us from 9:30-11:30am Saturday, October 13th, at the National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street. Food, childcare and interpretation will be provided at no cost. To register, click [here](#).

East Angels Talks: Why Diversity Matters - October 18th

Please join Lisa Culhane and Lori Pace for the next [East Angels Talk: Why Diversity Matters](#). Thursday, October 18th at 7:00pm in the East Auditorium.

Park Hill/Stapleton Mom's Night Out Speaker Series

Check out some [upcoming events](#) in October and November.

Adolesco Youth Exchange - Info Meeting – October 27th

Come learn more about [Adolesco Youth Exchange](#)! Students are matched with another student from France, Germany, Italy, or Spain in this flexible and affordable nonprofit language immersion and cultural exchange program for students ages 9 and 18. Saturday, October 27th from 2:00-4:00pm. Sam Gary Library(2961 Roslyn St, Denver, CO 80238) RSVP Marie 303-913-4845 or marie@adolesco.org. Click [here](#) for more information. Sign-up [here](#).

KingLife Basketball Tryouts

KingLife Basketball is currently holding tryouts for players in grades 5th-8th. Tryouts will be held at McAuliffe. For more information visit their [website](#) or click on this [flyer](#).



Youth Weightlifting - Coming to 23rd & Kearney, January 2019!

Mighty Movement Academy offers a 8-week after-school strength program. Designed for developing proper movement patterns, improving athletic skill, and gaining strength and power in an encouraging atmosphere led by experienced and certified coaches. October 22nd - December 21st, Mon/Wed 4:45 or 6:00pm, Tues/Thurs. 6:00 or 7:15pm. Cost: \$249, \$269 after 10/1 Register [here](#) or visit www.MightyMovementAcademy.com.

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

[DPS Parent Portal](#)

[McAuliffe Facebook page](#)

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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

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