Dear McAuliffe Community,

At McAuliffe, an important part of our IB curriculum is giving back to the community. IB learners strive to be caring members of the community who demonstrate a commitment to service—making a positive difference to the lives of others and their community.

This month we highlight the learner attribute of **knowledgeable**. The IB description reads, “We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.” Service as action is all about experiential learning and our students have been embracing this idea as well as acting on their sense of fairness and justice.

This month, you will see first-hand evidence of our students giving back to the community. The Spark Change Award Ceremony and all-school Service Learning Day is Friday, March 27th and our 8th graders are taking action on their MYP Community Projects which they will present to their peers on Friday, March 20th. The 6th-grade students are holding a house competition this month to raise funds to donate to CLOVES syndrome, in support of one of their very own peers. Our Service Learning trips continue each day bringing our students out into the community, and our Critical Needs program supports our own students, with the help of everyone who donates to support this program.

Through the promotion of academic integrity, teaching empathy, and encouraging hard work and determination, McAuliffe staff strive to instill in our students a sense of self-determination and self-worth to become “inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world.” (IB Mission statement-
Ibo.org) Stay tuned this month as we highlight some of the many ways our students and staff are giving back and being principled and caring IB learners.

~ Becky Middleton, McAuliffe IB Coordinator

IMPORTANT DATES
For a full list of all upcoming events visit our website.

Friday 3/6
First Friday Coffee, 8:00am

Tuesday-Thursday 3/10-3/12 & 3/17-3/19
6th Grade Drama Production- James & the Giant Peach, Jr.

Thursday 3/12
CSC Meeting, 4:30pm

Thursday 3/19
No School for Students

Friday 3/20
8th Grade MYP Presentations
6th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Nature & Science, 10:00am

Friday 3/27
Service Learning Day, Early Release @ 1:30pm

TOP NEWS

Calendar Changes

• In support of the “Educator Day of Action” there will be no school for students on Thursday, March 19th.
• To allow 8th graders to complete their CMAS testing, there will be no school for 6th and 7th grade students on Friday, April 17th. Eighth graders will be dismissed at 3:00pm. DPS Transportation will be provided, however the afternoon pick-up will still be 4:00pm.
• Updated calendars are on our website.
First Friday Coffee – March 6th
Join us tomorrow for our March First Friday Coffee at 8:00am in the library. We will be combining our February topics with our March coffee which include a Pop Up Artist Showcase from our art department, special showcasing of *James and the Giant Peach*, and we will hear from our PE department about their new health curriculum. As always, this a great way to stay up to date on upcoming events and issues at McAuliffe. Hope to see you there!

From our Nurse – Staying Healthy
We know families and students are worried about the Coronavirus disease. We are committed to keeping you informed and working with you to keep our school communities safe.

At McAuliffe we are focusing on preventative measures. The facilities team is working hard at cleaning all surfaces with antiseptic cleanser and filling and maintaining soap dispensers everyday. We have hung signs regarding appropriate hand washing techniques, as well as reminders to cough into an elbow rather than a hand. Children with fevers are being sent home as soon as possible and will be isolated from well children. Please keep your sick children at home. Click [here](#) to read “How Sick is Too Sick”. Encourage your child to wash his/her hands or use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day. We would GREATLY appreciate donations of antibacterial wipes for our classrooms. You can drop them off at the nurse’s office and we will distribute them to the teachers. Click [here](#) for more information and additional resources.

A message from the Staff Appreciation Committee - Pi Day - March 13th
Please sign-up [here](#) to share a pie or sweet treat for McAuliffe staff in honor of Pi Day. You can bring your treat to the Business Office on March 13th between 7:30-9:30am. Thank you so much!

Book Fair – March 9th-20th
McAuliffe is hosting a Follett Book eFair from March 9th to March 20th. School eFairs give you a convenient, affordable way to grow your child’s at-home libraries with the latest books by popular authors or add something timeless and classic to their collections. Click [here](#) to start browsing. You will need the efair code ZP3DL. The proceeds from the eFair will go to support one of the 8th grade community projects which will provide a book for every 5th grader at one of the local elementary schools.
New Mobile App - Connect with us on School Deets!
McAuliffe will be using School Deets to help keep you informed. Not only is this a mobile app, but it is also a web-based application. Meaning, you can receive notifications on your phone or computer (or both!). To connect visit School Deets or download the mobile app. You will need your student's school ID to connect. If you have any questions please contact Laura Thompson at laura_thompson@dpsk12.org.

6th Grade Drama Production - James and the Giant Peach JR.
Join us next week for the 6th grade drama projection of Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR. The show runs March 10th -12th and 17th-19th at 6:00pm each night. Click here for the show schedule. Tickets can be purchased in advance at MySchoolBucks or at the door each night.

Volunteers Needed for 8th Grade Dance
Parents! Please help make the Sadie Hawkins dance a success by chaperoning the dance. We need help selling tickets at the door, serving water in the dance, help at the photo booth and generally cordonning the areas kids are not allowed to be in during the event. Click here to sign-up.

6th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Nature & Science, Chaperones Needed!
All 6th grade students will be walking to the Museum of Nature & Science for a field trip on Friday, March 20th. Students will be exploring the new Pixar exhibit, seeing an IMAX movie and Planetarium show. Permission slips for the field trip will be passed out tomorrow (Friday) in your child's 1st period class and is also attached here. Permissions slips and payment is due Wednesday, March 18th. If your child is in need of a scholarship, please see Mrs. Beardshear. Students will leave MIS at approximately 10:00am and return by 3:30pm. All students will need a sack lunch and snack to eat before walking to the museum.

We are in need of parent chaperones for this day. All chaperones will be in charge of approximately 10 students and an effort will be made to place parents with their child's group, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please sign-up here. Contact Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org with questions.

SHINE Leader Applications
We are looking for current 7th graders who are good role models, have
excellent communication and leadership skills, are responsible, and kind, and who want to become a SHINE leader. SHINE leaders will work with the 6th graders to teach them strategies for a successful transition into middle school. The SHINE application can be found here and is due by Tuesday, March 24th.

Planning Ahead for Service Learning Day!
In preparation for our Service Learning Day on March 27th (the day before Spring Break) we are allowing parents to give us prior notification of your student's absence. If you know that your child will be absent on Friday, March 27th please fill out this form excusing them from school. This prior notification will allow us to plan for more accurate numbers for Service Day while allowing parents a simple process to notify the school of your child's absence. Parents/guardians that fill out this form will NOT need to call the attendance office to excuse their child on the 27th.

Spring Enrichments Start Next Week - Sign Up Today!
We have posted our new Spring After-School Enrichments! Visit our Enrichments Page to see all our offerings. If your child is interested in one of these classes, please don't delay registering with the instructor; classes that do not meet minimum enrollment may be canceled. For questions about our Enrichments program, please contact sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

6th Grade Shark Tank Needs Judges – May 8th
We are hosting our 6th grade Shark Tank Presentations on May 8th from 7:30am-11:15am. On this day, all 6th grade students will present their business plan for a product or service that they've created to a panel of judges. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about business to help make the event a success! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Leonard at Laura_Leonard@dpsk12.org. Please sign-up here.

Spring Sports

- **Baseball** and **Girls Soccer** tryouts will be March 9th-11th. If your student is interested in trying out, sign-up on FamilyID.
- All Spring Club Sports information have been posted on our website. Sign-ups are open on Family ID.
- We are still in need of a **Tennis Instructor** (Lessons and/or Intramural Programming) - contact Kendra Collings at kendra_collings@dpsk12.org.
8th Grade Community Projects Need Your Help!
Our 8th graders are taking action on their community projects! You can help by making donations, bringing items, or just ordering dinner at the sponsoring neighborhood restaurants. Please visit the Community Projects page for more information on projects that need your support.

Book Lovers' England Tour – Spots Still Open!
There are still a few spots open for this summer’s upcoming Book Lovers' England Tour! Click here for details and to register.

Spring FUNdraiser!
Want to play paintball, go rock climbing, or have dinner with your favorite teacher? These student/teacher activities help raise funds for the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation’s Scholarship and Critical Needs Programs. Click here to see all of the amazing experiences we're offering! Thank you to our community partners for supporting McAuliffe's Spring FUNdraiser!

American Paintball Coliseum                  Bowlero Cherry Creek
Cake Crumbs                                    DANG! Soft Serve Ice Cream
Denver Biscuit Company                           Elevate Yoga
Epic Escape Game                                  Esters Neighborhood Pub
Gameworks                                         Jett Sushi
Nuggs Ice Cream                                   Pizzeria Locale
United Airlines

Camp McAuliffe
McAuliffe staff is excited to offer a number of amazing camps this summer during the week following our experiential education trips. Visit our Camp McAuliffe page for current offerings.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Student / Staff Basketball Game
On Friday, February 28th, McAuliffe students watched a student / staff basketball game, which was a fundraiser for one of the 8th grade
community projects. Lead by Mr. O'Neal the staff won the game easily 35 to 57. We are pleased to report that no staff members were injured during the game and there has been talk of a re-match. Thanks to all the staff and students that played!

**Bookmark Contest Winners**

Congratulations to Sophia Fretheim, Zahab Zumer, Piper Deelo, Beckett Blake, and Margaret Martin for winning the "The Love of Reading" bookmark contest. Thank you to everybody who participated in the contest. We had so many amazing bookmarks. Please stop by the library to see the winners.

**GeoBee Champion**

Congratulations are also in order for Lance Eskins, our MIS GeoBee Champion, who is now advancing to the Colorado GeoBee finals on March 27th. Lance is one of 4 DPS finalists and one of 7 Denver finalists advancing to State. Go Lance!

**Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to our City Oral Spelling Bee competitors. MIS had the most spellers from any DPS school competing in this level of the competition and also had the most spellers in the top ten finalists on February 27th.

Our Stellar Spellers placed in these qualifying spots and six are headed to the Colorado State Spelling Bee on March 14th.
Lindsay Sieja (4th), Rithvik Iyer (5th - & also MIS champion in the City Writtens), Grant Wiebe (9th), Amelia Thomas (12th and also a qualifier for regional MathCounts!), Ayden Nguyen (14th), Erika Danzer (17th), and Numair Jaiya (21st). Congrats!
COMING EVENTS

Chaperones Needed For Service Learning Day - Friday, March 27th
The McAuliffe community will be involved in a school-wide service learning day on Friday, March 27th. To make this wonderful experience possible for our students, we are in need of parent chaperones. If you are available to help out on March 27th please email Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org.

Save the Date! Service Learning Day - Friday, March 27th
Our 7th Annual Service Learning Day is Friday, March 27th! All staff and students will attend the Spark Change check presentation ceremony in the morning and will then either be leaving on buses, or staying on property to work on a variety of service projects. Students will have an early release at 1:30pm. DPS bus transportation will be provided at 1:30 pm. Due to early dismissal and students being off campus volunteering, NO early dismissal will be permitted at school or from service sites. Students needing to leave before 1:30pm should not attend service day. Eighth grade students that have first period off need to arrive at school by 8:00am.

YMCA Camp Dates – Mark Your Calendars!
All 6th & 7th graders will be offered the opportunity to attend camp during the week of May 18th. Please note that students will NOT attend school on the days they are NOT at camp. Mark your calendars for the Camp Presentation Night on Tuesday, April 14th.

- 7th Grade Boys - May 18th - May 20th - YMCA of the Rockies Snow Mountain Ranch
- 7th Grade Girls - May 20th - May 22nd - YMCA of the Rockies Snow Mountain Ranch
- 6th Grade Boys - May 18th - May 20th - YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park
- 6th Grade Girls - May 20th - May 22nd - YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park

Chaperones Needed For YMCA Trips in May
We are beginning to plan our Outdoor Education trips for the end of the school year, and we need parent volunteers! Click here to see the Outdoor Education Schedule. The cost for chaperones is FREE, however spots are limited. Please...
contact Sherry Beardshear at sherry_beardshear@dpsk12.org if you are interested. Parents will be notified in April if they have received a chaperone spot. We'll have more details on camp in the coming months!

**CMAS Testing Calendar**
Please find the 2020 CMAS calendar [here](#). We have changed our testing schedule this year, and will be starting in March before spring break.

**Save the Date – 8th Grade Continuation – May 14th**
8th Grade Continuation will be held on May 14th from 5:30 – 7:00pm on the McAuliffe front lawn. Seating will be "picnic style" meaning bring your own chairs, blankets or otherwise to sit on. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony. Stay tuned for more details.

**COUNSELOR CORNER**

**Affordable Counseling**
Children and their families in DPS are eligible for short-term therapy services for only $5 per session. For more information click [here](#).

**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](#).

**REMINDERS**

**T2 Grades are Posted in Parent Portal**
2nd Trimester grades have been posted in [Parent Portal](#) account. See view your student’s grades, click on ‘Report Card’ on the main menu, then make sure the trimester is ‘T2’. If you have an exceptional circumstance that required a mailed copy of your student's report card, please complete this [Google form](#).

**A Latte For My Teacher**
Want to show your child's teachers how much you appreciate them? Well, now you can treat them to a LATTE! "A Latte For My
Teacher" provides a variety of coffees from an automated machine in the staff lounge. To send an eNote and a beverage to a teacher/admin/staff, click here. All staff email addresses can be found here. You can also sponsor a free coffee day for ALL staff for only $75!

Thank you to The Slape Family for sponsoring a Free Coffee Friday this week!

2020-2021 Preliminary McAuliffe Calendar
The preliminary calendar for the 2020-2021 school year is now available here and on the homepage of our website.

Support McAuliffe Through Amazon Smile All Year Long!
Attention shoppers - you can support McAuliffe all year long by using AmazonSmile - McAuliffe receives 0.5% of all purchases you make! Simply visit AmazonSmile and select 'McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation' as your designated organization.

Way to Go Schoolpool
Want to set-up your own carpool or walking pool? McAuliffe has teamed up with Way to Go to offer Schoolpool, a free carpool matching service which allows families to coordinate their own carpool. For more information click here, or sign-up for Schoolpool here.

COMMUNITY NEWS

East High Production of Sister Act – March 5th-8th
"Spead the Love" with East Theatre Company for Sister Act. Join us for this fun, upbeat performance that is sure to make you "Raise Your Voice" from March 5th-8th at Denver East High School. Tickets are $8 for students and $15 for adults and can be purchased here. We hope to see you there to find out why "It's Good to Be a Nun."

DPS Garden & Sustainability Forum - March 14th
The DPS Garden & Sustainability Forum connects educators and families with local experts and community partners who bring standards-based curriculum
into classrooms. Get inspired and connect with community partners, resources, curriculum and opportunities for your students! Students and families are welcome. Click here for more information, register here.

**Denver Plan Conversation with the Superintendent – March 17th**

Our community is invited to the Denver Plan Community Conversation from 5:30-7:30pm on Tuesday, March 17th. Families can engage in conversation with Susana Cordova and Board Members. Refreshments, child care and interpretation will be provided. For more information, visit the event page or download the event flyer.

**2020 Census - Part-time Census Takers**

The 2020 Census needs part-time census takers. Work flexible hours, in and around your own community. Apply by texting "coloradojobs" to 313131 or online here. Applicants must be 18th years old and pass a background check.

**Snapology S.T.E.A.M. - Spring Break & Summer Camps**

Snapology offers the best S.T.E.A.M. camps in the area. Snapology’s mission is to provide educational play to children using LEGO®, K’Nex, computers and other interactive mediums. Children learn teamwork and collaboration and presentation skill development. Snapology's inclusive programs include Engineering, Robotics, Coding, Art History, Architecture, Archaeology and more! For more information and to sign-up click here or contact Stephanie Juhnke at stephaniej@snapology.com or 720-432-5144.

**Soccer Electric Summer Camp – June 8th–12th**

Soccer Electric camps, clinics and school-based soccer programs focus on fun, free play, skills work and small-sided games. Open to players at all levels, grades 1st-8th. For more information visit their website. Click here to register.

**Athena Project's Summer Camps**

Girls Create is a summer camp program for playwriting, improv & comedy, songwriting, and fashion. Click here for more information and to register.

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