

McAuliffe International School News

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Greetings McAuliffe Families,

Welcome back and happy 2021! I hope that you all had a restful break and an enjoyable holiday season with your families and loved ones.

I would like to remind 8th-grade families and/or families that are considering another school for their child that Round 1 of DPS SchoolChoice opens January 15th and ends February 16th. We do encourage all 8th-grade families to complete a Round 1 Choice application even if your student plans to attend their boundary high school. Eighth-grade students can check out the [High School Bulletin Board](#) for more information on local High Schools including virtual tours and open houses.

Thank you,

*~ Gus Johnson, 8th Grade Assistant Principal*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 1/8/2021**

Virtual First Friday Coffee, 8:30am

**Monday 1/18/2021**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

## TOP NEWS

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## Virtual First Friday Coffee BYOC - January 8th

Please join us tomorrow, Friday, January 8th for our Virtual First Friday Coffee from 8:30 - 9:30am. Hosted by our Dean of Operations, Sherry Beardshear and our Community Liaison, Michelle Moore, First Friday Coffees are a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, and hear from different staff members and students. On January 8th, our coffee will begin with an update from Mr. Dennis, a showcase of our Arts program at McAuliffe, information Community Projects for 8th graders as well as information on upcoming events. Hope you can join us!



Zoom link for First Friday Coffee:

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

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## Student COVID Testing

DPS is expanding their partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado to offer free



COVID-19 testing to students to support a safe return to school. Students will now be able to take an initial COVID-19 test before coming back to school as well as ongoing screening tests every other week.

The tests are free, fast and reliable. [Testing sites](#) include Montbello campus, Abraham Lincoln, North, All City Stadium and a new site at George Washington. Tests will be completed via nasal PCR test or SalivaDirect™, and results will be returned within 36-72 hours.

DPS students and team members should use [this link](#) to register for a test. Family members and community members should use the [community link](#) to register.

## Stagecraft Club \*Online\*: Coming Soon!

Have you ever wondered what goes into some of our amazing productions here at McAuliffe (or...ANY theatre production for that matter)? Stagecraft Club \*Online\* is an exciting step into behind the scenes of the theater, as well as into creativity, partnerships, & responsibility. Together on Zoom, we will explore the world of theater from “backstage”, by investigating, designing, and creating both 2D and 3D (mini) sets for a variety of plays. No experience needed; students of all grade levels are welcome! For more details and information on

how to register, please visit our Virtual Clubs homepage on the [McAuliffe website](#).

### **Eighth Grade Community Project Updates**

This week our 8th-grade students will meet with their supervisors and start their community project journey. Then, throughout the month of January students are launching the investigating and planning phases of their project. Students will define a need in a community based on their personal interests, identify prior learning about the issue, and conduct further research. Students will plan and record the development of the project in a process journal as they are scored on their process, not so much the product. A draft of their proposal is due to their supervisor by 4:00pm on Thursday, January 28th for review and the final proposal is due to supervisors Monday, February 1st. Each year this has been an exceptional opportunity for students to take local action that has global significance, but I think it is even more important this year. If you have any questions about the project please contact Becky Middleton at [Becky\\_Middleton@dpsk12.org](mailto:Becky_Middleton@dpsk12.org).

### **Eighth Grade Baby/Kid Pictures**

Since we won't be doing the normal, big, bulletin board farewell tribute to our 8th graders this year, I'd like to do something virtually for them that I can send them off with this spring.



Please send me a baby or younger pic of your kiddo (clothed) and if you have the ability on your smart phone or computer to add their name (see example) that would save me some time. Please send it to my .NET account - [katherine\\_howes@dpsk12.net](mailto:katherine_howes@dpsk12.net) with the title "baby pic" so I can organize them as best I can.

~ Ms. Howes

### **NDIZ Black Excellence ZIP**

If you are a parent/guardian of a Black student at Northfield, McAuliffe at Manual, McAuliffe International, Swigert, Willow, or Montclair, please complete this [contact sheet](#). We have an NDIZ Black Excellence ZIP (Zone Impact Parents) and we want to be sure that you are getting all of the communications.  
~ Vernon Jones Jr., NDIZ Executive Director

### **NDIZ ZIP (Zone Impact Parents)**

Connecting parents/guardians within the Northeast Denver Innovation Zone to co-create, co-deliver, and to be co-accountable for the transformations that we

seek to benefit students served within our zone. The ZIP is open to participation from all parents/guardians within NDIZ.

Meeting Date: Second Thursday of every month (Two meeting options)

Times: 8:00am or 5:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us>

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## IB CORNER

At McAuliffe we are kicking off the new year as **risk-takers** for our Learner Profile Attribute. In the IB being a risk taker means, *“We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.”* (ibo.org) If you have a chance in the next few weeks, help your middle schooler to reflect about the health risks they may be taking in their lives, in school, sports, relationships, etc.

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## COUNSELOR CORNER

### High School Open Houses

Eighth graders – don’t forget to check out the [High School Bulletin Board](#) for new updates. High schools continue to add opportunities for virtual shadows and open houses. Both South and George Washington have some opportunities coming up. Information can be found on the [bulletin board](#).

### Meeting with Counseling Staff

Students who wish to meet with their grade level counselor should fill out a CARE (Counselor Assistance Request) Slip in the virtual [Counseling Suite](#) to request to meet with their counselor. Counselors will follow up with students within 48 hours. Make sure you and your student also check out the Mindfulness Room through the [Counseling Suite](#) as well for tips, tricks and coping strategies as we navigate a difficult fall.

**If there is an urgent safety issue**, please contact Safe2Tell (also located in the virtual counseling center) AND email your student's counselor AND administrator.

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**If you are worried about your student's immediate safety, please call 911.**

**You can also get immediate assistance through:**

- Colorado Crisis Services (1-844-493-8255)
- Safe2Tell (1-877-542-7233)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK)
- Denver Police Department Non-Emergency Line (720-913-2000)

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## REMINDERS

### **Denver Health's School-based Health Centers**

Denver Health's School-based Health Centers (SBHC) provide health services at no cost to all DPS families. Services include medical, mental health, dental, health education and family planning, as well as insurance enrollment and advising services. SBHCs are located at [18 sites](#) throughout Denver.

For more information and to register click [here](#). If you have questions, please email [SBHC@dhha.org](mailto:SBHC@dhha.org) or call (303) 602-8958

### **Follow us on Instagram!**

Start following our Instagram page [@McAuliffeIntlSchool](#) and use **#MISyouSunDevils** to connect our community and to share how you and your family are doing and keep our community strong.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **East High Girls Softball Informational Meeting - January 12th**

All rising 8th-grade girls who are interested in the East High Girls Softball program are invited to join the East High School Softball coaching staff and players to learn about the 2021 softball program and answer any questions you may have for the season. Join the Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th from 7:30-8:00pm. Click [here](#) to register.

### **Northfield High School Virtual Event - January 13th**

Eight-grade Families - Northfield High School is hosting two upcoming virtual events for prospective students and their families. Our [Virtual Open House](#) will take place on January 13th from 6:00-8:00pm. We are also offering a Spanish

language Information Session on January 14th from 6:00-7:00pm. If you would like to attend either of these, please fill out [this form](#). Or, click here for a [virtual tour video](#) of Northfield High School and learn what it means to be a Nighthawk!"

### **Move the Ball with SOCCER ELECTRIC**

What kids need now are safe places to play, connect and grow. [SOCCER ELECTRIC](#), McAuliffe

International School and Zerosun Creative co-

produced a new video as a call to action to continue to MOVE THE BALL through changes and challenges as we move forward into 2021. Visit [SOCCER ELECTRIC](#) to see the [video](#) and please check back to learn more about projects in the works and how to get involved.



SOCCER ELECTRIC

### **Talk to the Camera**

Talk to the Camera Classes fuse art and technology with authentic learning to help students develop 21st Century technology skills and strong social communication skills through on-camera activities. Our fun, innovative, STEAM-based after-school enrichment and camp programs were created to spark imaginations and boost self-confidence through filmmaking & video creation. Click [here](#) for more information or visit their [website](#).

### **Art-n-Motion Creativity Studio Outdoor Classes**

Art is in motion at [Art-n-Motion.com](#)! Let's get away from our screens and take-in some fresh air while exploring! Whether you're on a bike with a sketchbook; spinning colors in the garden; or you're being a nomad in our mobile art studio; art is in motion. [Join the movement!](#)

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## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

[McAuliffe Website](#)

[Calendar and Bell Schedule](#)

[McAuliffe Facebook page](#)

[DPS Choice and Enrollment](#)

[DPS Transportation Services](#)

[DPS Parent Portal](#)

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