Happy Black History Month McAuliffe Families,

My name is Rashad Younger and I am the 2nd Vice President of the Denver NAACP Branch. On February 12, 2021, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) celebrated 112 years of fighting for social justice. The organization is known as the United States oldest civil rights organization. The NAACP was birth from the Race Riot of 1908 in Springfield, Illinois. The founding members included four African-Americans: W. E. B. Du Bois, Archibald Grimeke, Mary Church Terrell, & Ida B. Wells along with six whites: Florence Kelley, Henry Moskowitz, Mary White Ovington, Charles Edward Russell, William English Walling, and Oswald Garrison Villard.

Today, the NAACP is working “to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality (and equity) of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination”. In the city of Denver, the NAACP Branch has achieved legislation to further the fight of social justice locally. One accomplishment was to stop discrimination of hairstyles, hair texture, and hair type which is associated with culture or race by assisting the state in passing the CROWN Act. The Branch has also been helping the community with other projects like holding an educational boot camp for elementary students. The camp will continue again this summer. NAACP Denver’s current outreach is working with our community to assist our unhoused neighbors with socks and other clothing during the cold months.

The NAACP Denver Branch along with the National NAACP will continue the work until the day everyone sees Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream become a reality. The NAACP is Black History, and Black History is the United States’ History, as well as the world’s history. One Month cannot define the impact Black People have brought to the world. We also must be mindful Black History is currently being written as I writing this excerpt. Celebrate Black History with pride and take time to learn and understand all the inventions and great work that Black People have given to the world.

Happy Black History Month,

~ Rashad Younger, 2nd Vice President of the Denver NAACP Branch

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday 2/26/21**
Remote Learning Day For All Students

**Monday 3/1/21**
Red Day Classes Resume
TOP NEWS

Eighth Grade Community Project Update
Community projects are well underway. Most projects are in the middle of their taking action phase. Please take a look at the Community Projects webpage for information on how you can support some of the great projects that our students are working on. Please check back often as we will be updating this page as students request help for their Community Projects.

McAuliffe is fortunate to have as a community partner, Brian Weber and the Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities. Mr. Weber will be conducting interviews this week with students who applied to receive grants from the foundation in order to help their projects along. Good luck to those students and their projects!

7th Grade Language Arts Materials Distribution
The 7th-grade language arts materials (Frederick Douglass spiral and narrative) will be distributed next week. In-person students will receive theirs in class from teachers. Remote learners can pick up their materials beginning Monday, February 22nd, during regular office hours (7:30am-4:30pm M-F).

McAuliffe Club Sports Update
Sadly, due to the pandemic we will not be able to offer a Club Sports Program this spring. In lieu of this we would like to direct you to some of our community partners that are offering sports programming. If you are interested in any of these organizations, please contact them directly through their website. If you would like us to add you to our list and you are part of our community, we are happy to do so and thank you for your support. Please email Kendra Collings at kendra_collings@dpsk12.org.

Connect with us on School Deets Mobile App
We have resumed using our mobile app - School Deets! While most communications will continue to come through our messenger system, you can use School Deets to access calendars, staff contact information and other resources. Here is how you can sign-up:
1. Head to www.schooldeets.com or download their mobile app
2. Sign-up and connect to your child. (You will need you student’s ID)
3. Choose your notifications preferences (push or email)

**NDIZ Viewing of Black Boys Documentary - February 19th**

The NDIZ Black Excellence ZIP (Zone Impact Parent) group would like to invite our community to a powerful shared viewing of Black Boys, a Peacock original documentary followed by a community conversation. This event will take place on Friday, February 19th at 5:15pm.

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/99463099965?pwd=d3ExZVRwTkVHOVd0bm5OeHAyWTdnQT09
Meeting ID: 994 6309 9965
Passcode: 787746

**Free Suicide Prevention Course For NDIZ Parents - February 25th**

The QPR Institute is offering a FREE certification course ($30 value) on suicide prevention to our parents, guardians and adult community members who support our students outside of school. Click here for more information and to register. Please contact Allison Walsh with any questions at allison_walsh@dpsk12.org.

**CMAS Testing Information**

Per the Colorado Department of Education, we have been directed to administer the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments in April, 2021. We understand that many families may not want their student(s) to participate in testing this year due to the amount of instructional time that students have already lost because of COVID-19.

*If you choose to have your student take the CMAS test this spring, you must email Natalie Barrios Marquez at natalie_barrisomarquez@dpsk12.org by February 26th. For students choosing to take the CMAS test, the assessments will be administered on campus on 4/16, 4/23, and 4/30.*

*If you choose NOT to have your student take the CMAS test, you do not need to take any action. We appreciate your support, and support whatever decision you make.*
you make as a family. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Natalie Barrios at natalie_barriosmarquez@dpsk12.org.

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**WEEK IN REVIEW**

**McAuliffe Spellers Moving on to the State Bee**

Please join me in congratulating these five McAuliffe spellers who all qualified to represent DPS and McAuliffe at the Colorado State Spelling Bee hosted by The Denver Post and Scripps. All five students placed in the top 8 of the Citywide Spelling Bee and eighth-grader Lindsay Sieja, took top honors! The state bee will be held on Saturday, March 13th. Please congratulate these students and wish them luck.

![Spellers](image)

Starting at the top left: Lindsay Sieja (8), Rithvik Iyer (8), Numair Jaiya (7), Ayden Nguyen (7), and Amelia Thomas (8).

**Spread the Love Campaign Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Spread the Love campaign to benefit pancreatic cancer research. Collectively we raised $1741, surpassing our goal of $1500! We are so proud of our 7th graders who led this campaign - each of them has a big heart and caring spirit.
IB CORNER

This month we will be highlighting the learner profile trait of what it is to be principled.

IB Descriptor: *We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.*

Talk to your student about what it means to be principled at home, at school, and out in the community.

COUNSELOR CORNER

**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.

**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)

NORTHEAST DENVER INNOVATION ZONE INFO

**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) - 3rd Tuesday & Thursday of Each Month**
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.
Next Meeting: February 18th, 9:00am & 6:00pm - [Zoom Link](#)

**Cross Zone Parent Advocacy - First Monday of Each Month**
Next Meeting: March 1st - [Zoom Link](#)

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**REMINDERS**

**2021-2022 McAuliffe School Calendar**
In order to allow our families the opportunity to begin making plans for this summer, we are releasing the [MIS calendar for the 2021-2022 school year](#).
Please note that Denver Public Schools has not shared their calendar yet. When the district calendar is released, we may have to adjust fall or spring break to align with those dates.

**Way to Go Schoolpool**
Needing help getting your student to campus? McAuliffe has teamed up with Way to Go Schoolpool, a carpool matching service which allows families to coordinate their own carpool. This is a free program and families are under no obligation to participate. Sign-up for Schoolpool [here](#).

**Student SafeAccess Screening**
All students coming to school must be screened prior to entering the building. This screening can be done at home using the student QR code or they will be screened prior to entering the building. Parents and guardians can refer to this [at-home symptom screening guide](#) for reference.
**Student COVID Testing**

Students can get free COVID-19 tests to support a safe return to school. [Testing sites](#) are located throughout the metro area. DPS students and team members should use [this link](#) to register for a test. Family and community members should use the [community link](#) to register.

**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, & more. 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**

**HBCU Virtual College Tour Series**

In celebration of Black History Month, The College Place is hosting an HBCU College Tour Series. Throughout the month of February, we will feature virtual tours of over 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm MST. [Zoom link](#)

**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.

**PGA Junior League**

[Fuel the Drive](#) will be offering 6 spots for the PGA Jr. League to athletes from ages 8-13. The PGA Jr. League is perfect for beginner golfers utilizing a unique approach that highlights team play versus individual competition. For more
information on the PGA Jr. League visit their website. For more information about Fuel The Drive or the PGA Jr. League, individuals can contact Michelle at michelle@fuelthedrive.org.

**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. 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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