



McAuliffe School News | November 11, 2021

On this Veterans Day, we want to honor all veterans
and active duty service members.
Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thursday 11/18

8th Grade Congressional Hearings, 9:00am

Friday 11/19

No School

Monday 11/22-Friday 11/26

Thanksgiving Break - No School

TOP NEWS

Winter Enrichments Have Been Posted - Sign-up Today!

Winter Enrichment offerings will run before school Monday through Thursday from November 30th through February 25th. All enrichments are free of charge but parents/guardians MUST sign-up their student prior to a student attending a class. Attendance will not be taken in enrichments but enrollment is still required so that we may plan for appropriate staffing, space, and supplies. Students may choose to attend an enrichment every day they are offered (Monday - Thursday) or just sign-up for a specific day or class.

For more information on the Winter Enrichments, check out the [Enrichments webpage](#). To sign-up your student for any of the enrichments below please click [here](#). Questions regarding enrichments please reach out to Sherry Beardshear at Sherry_Beardshear@dpsk12.org.

1st Trimester Grades Available Through Parent Portal

First trimester grade will be posted by Tuesday, November 16th. Parents can access report cards through their [Parent Portal account](#). Sign-in or sign-up [here](#). To locate the 1st trimester grades, click on 'See All Apps' at the top of the page, and then 'Infinite Campus'. You will then be brought to Infinite Campus and can click on 'Grades' on the left column to see 1st trimester grades. Click [here](#) for an explanation of our grading system. If you have any questions about specific grades, please contact your student's teacher directly.

If you are having problems with Parent Portal please contact [Parent Portal support](#). If you are unable to access the Parent Portal (after working with PP support) and wish to have grades mailed home, please complete this [Google form](#). Please note – mailing grades home is only offered as an exception, and only for those unable to access Parent Portal.

Congressional Hearing Judges Needed - November 18th

The 8th grade Congressional Hearings have been moved to Thursday, November 18th. We will need 75-80 judges for the Congressional Hearings. If you are available and willing to serve as a volunteer judge, please fill out this [Google Form](#). We will be providing breakfast and snacks in the morning, as well as reviewing the scoring process and the logistics of the day. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!

~Jennifer Kershaw, Allison Rase, and Caroline Law, 8th Grade Social Studies

No School Friday November 19th

Per the DPS directive, there will be no school next Friday, November 19th. The 8th grade Congressional Hearings scheduled for that day will occur on Thursday, November 18th instead. Please see the updated school calendar and Red/White day calendars on our [website](#).

12th Annual REALGiving Campaign for Thanksgiving

The 12th annual REALGiving Campaign is underway to provide King Soopers gift cards for families in need at Thanksgiving. To donate, click [here](#). Thank you as always to the Westerly Creek PTA for powering the secure giving site to donate! Donations are tax deductible. For more info and updates please visit the [REALGiving Facebook page](#)



ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan)

All grade levels have had their first ICAP lessons of the year. This will be the

only lesson this year for 6th and 7th grader, however 8th graders will have an additional ICAP lesson focusing on High School Readiness in the spring.

ICAP is a part of a students [GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS](#), and begins in 6th grade. Students must complete all ICAP lessons from 6th to 12th grade to be eligible to graduate on time. If your student was absent during their ICAP lesson, they can use the slides and instructions found in their Grade Level Schoology Homeroom page to make up the lesson.

If they want to double check that they completed the assignment, they should log into Student Portal, Click on MY ICAP PLAN, and ensure that they answered the questions for their grade level ICAP. Thank you for your support!

~McA Counselors

Resources About COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children Ages 5+

Vaccines are the most powerful tool we have to ensure that our schools are healthy and safe for students and staff. Currently, vaccines are available in Colorado for those age 5 and older. DPS' healthcare partners encourage our staff, students and their families to access the COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible. Check out the [DPS COVID Resources page](#) for more information and to find out where your student can receive a vaccine. Click [here](#) for additional resources about COVID-19 vaccines for children 5+.

Kenzi's Causes Annual Toy Drive - December 4th

The 15th Annual Kenzi's Causes Toy Drive will provide toys to 3,500 children ages birth to 18 on December 4th at the National Western Stock Show. Registration is REQUIRED and will open on December 1st, on their [website](#) at 9:00am



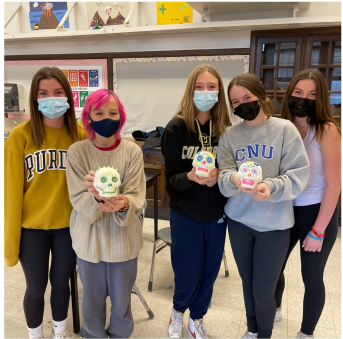
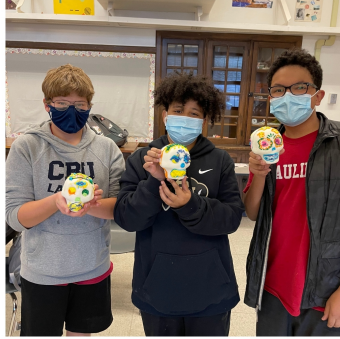
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Birth certificates are REQUIRED for each child you would like to get toys for. Parents MUST bring a photo ID. No exceptions to these rules will be made. For more information and to sign-up for the Toy Drive visit their [website](#).

WEEK IN REVIEW

Sugar Skulls

The annual Sugar Skull making and decorating fundraiser was a huge success! Señora Gonzales with the help of Señorita LLorente and Mrs. Eubanks, students were able to make, and then decorate sugar skulls with royal icing to help celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead.



During Day of the Dead in Mexico, children and adults purchase decorated Sugar Skulls to consume or decorate their altars to honor the lives of the ancestors who have died. However, when Señora Gonzales couldn't purchase skulls for her students, she decided to start making them. Now this is a fun McAuliffe tradition where students get to learn about other cultures beyond the classroom.

The money raised in this fundraiser was donated to the Smiley Foundation to help finance a student on a McAuliffe trip to Washington D.C. or Costa Rica.

COMING EVENTS

CSC Meeting - December 3rd

Due to Thanksgiving Break, the next CSC meeting will be December 3rd. Thanks and hope to see you there! If you are interested in attending this virtual meeting please email Mr. Dennis and he will share the Zoom link.

Coffee & Community - Friday, December 3rd

Please join us for our next Virtual Coffee & Community Friday, December 3rd at

9:30am. Hosted by our Dean of Operations, Sherry Beardshear and Community Liaison, Michelle Moore, this is a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, and hear from different staff members and students.



8th Grade Drama Performance - *Shakespeare and the Muses*

William Shakespeare has writer's block! What is a playwright to do? Thankfully, the Muses of Greek mythology arrive to help Shakespeare, sharing stories that later inspire his most famous works. Join us and laugh your way through this creative retelling of mythology, Shakespeare's plays, and more!

Dates: November 30th, December 1-3, 7-9

All performances begin at 6:00pm

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the main office. There will be limited seating capacity for each performance and masks are mandatory.

Mark Your Calendar! Colorado Gives Day - December 7th

If you are able, we would like to ask for your support the McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation on Tuesday, December 7th for [Colorado Gives Day](#). Funds raised go toward staff support as well as our Critical Needs program which provides necessities such as backpacks, school supplies, coats, uniforms, and vision care to our students in need. The Foundation also provides support in the form of scholarships for field trips, special educational outings, and other activities.



Colorado Gives Day is an opportunity for your donation to go even further. Thanks to a \$1 million incentive fund from Community First Foundation and FirstBank, the value of your gift will be proportionally increased based on the total amount of money we raise. Schedule your donation in advance [here!](#)

REMINDERS

***City of Thieves* Author Visit - November 15th**

Author Alex London will be making a virtual visit to our school on Monday, November 15th to promote his newest book, *City of Thieves*. If your student is interested in attending this virtual event, they can sign-up by emailing at emilie_nicotra@dpsk12.org or stopping by the library. To purchase a print copy of *City of Thieves* with a bookplate signed by the author, please (1) complete the [order form](#), and (2) bring a check for the total amount (payable to McAuliffe



International School) to McAuliffe librarians Emilie Nicotra and Blythe Kingsbury. All order forms and checks must be received by November 17th, and books will be distributed after students return from Thanksgiving Break.

Reminders from our HPE Team

- **Warm Clothes for PE** - As the cold months are upon us, we wanted to remind families that Health & Physical Education classes will continue to go outside for class. Unless the weather is unbearably cold, students are expected to bring warm clothing for outside HPE classes.
- **Dismissal from PE** - If you need to pick your student up from school during PE, please understand that your student will most likely be out on the field participating in activities. It can take up to 15 minutes for a student to retrieve their belongings and report to the office for dismissal depending on where our classes are located and how fast the student moves. Please consider this if you are picking up a student for an appointment or event that starts at a specific time.

~ Thank you! The MIS HPE Team

Lattes for Teachers

Show your child's teachers how much you appreciate them with a coffee from [Lattesforteachers](#)! Teachers can access these coffees and lattes anytime during the day at the automated machine in the staff lounge - so easy! AND you'll be supporting a local business with your purchase – double win!! To send an eNote and a beverage, click [here](#). All staff email addresses can be found [here](#). You can also sponsor a free coffee day for ALL staff for only \$75!

Order McAuliffe Hoodies

As a reminder, even with the cooler weather, students still need to be in McAuliffe uniform during the school day. If they wear a jacket or non-uniform hoodie, students need to keep it in their backpack while in the building. If you need to order a hoodie, you can do so here: [Impact We Print](#).

21-22 Yearbooks are on Sale!

Go to [myschoolbucks.com](#) to purchase a yearbook for the 2021-22 school year. This is the only way to buy a yearbook, there will NOT be any sales at school. The yearbook cost is \$35. Your child/children will thank you when they get handed a yearbook in May! If you have any questions, please contact Molly Walsh at molly_walsh@dpsk12.org.

Connect with us on the Digital Deets Mobile App

Connect with us on our mobile app - Digital Deets! Access calendars, staff contact information and other resources easily from your mobile device. Here is how you can sign-up:



1. Head to [Digital Deets](#) or download the 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)

Carpool Options

We know it can be very congested around school during drop-off and pick-up! If your student cannot walk or ride their bike to school, please consider creating and/or joining a carpool. Below are two carpool options for families.

- [Park Hill/Central Park Carpool Facebook Page](#)
- [Way to Go Schoolpool](#) - Schoolpool is a free carpool matching service which allows families to coordinate their own carpool.

2021-2022 McAuliffe School Calendar

The 2021-2022 McAuliffe International calendar can be found [here](#). Please remember that our calendar differs slightly from the [DPS calendar](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discounts for Climbing Shoes and Biking Shoes

The climbing and biking company [Unparrallel Sports](#) has graciously given McAuliffe students a generous discount on their climbing and biking shoes. Please use the following codes when purchasing:

- McAuliffe International School UP Bike
- McAuliffe International School UP

Project Worthmore - Donations Needed

The mission of Project Worthmore is to provide programs that foster community, self-sufficiency and increase quality of life among Denver-area refugees. Project Worthmore was founded in 2011 by McAuliffe parents Frank and Carolyn Anello as a response to the acute need for assistance of the refugee families in the community. For more information on the services that Project Worthmore provides click [here](#), or visit their [website](#).



Project Worthmore is currently collecting donations to help the refugee community, including recent refugees from Afghanistan. For a list of needed items and to donate, click [here](#).

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to our **Gold Sponsor**: [Central Park Scoop](#).

Check out the [Central Park Scoop](#) for everything going on in Central Park!



Support McAuliffe and Become a Sponsor!

We love the collaboration with our community and how much we can also help support the local businesses in our neighborhood! As we begin another year for our amazing students, we are reaching out to community leaders, businesses, and partners to sponsor our school again.

The McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation exists to support McAuliffe and aims to raise money each year to help fund the costs of student enrichment programs, critical needs (student uniforms, food bank, school supplies, etc..), and building improvements for the McAuliffe at the Smiley campus. We are looking forward to an awesome year for our students and the community!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our Community Liaison Michelle Moore at michelle_moore@dpsk12.org.

Follow us on Instagram [@McAuliffeIntlSchool](#) and check us out on [Facebook](#)!

IMPORTANT LINKS

[McAuliffe Website](#)

[Calendar and Bell Schedule](#)

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