

McAuliffe International School News

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Dear McAuliffe 8th Grade Families,

It is with crossed fingers and toes that I am sharing upcoming plans for our 8th-graders' final week of the school year. (Please know that all of this is subject to change depending on COVID restrictions from both the district and state.) Click [here](#) for detailed information on the final week activities.

Friday, May 28th will be the last academic day of the school year for 8th-graders. Tuesday, June 1st will be a day to celebrate all that we have achieved over the past three years and practice for the continuation ceremony. Students will follow a normal schedule, but will be released to go home after lunches at 1:30pm. Wednesday, June 2nd is a big surprise for our 8th-graders! (SHHH, they do not know yet!!) A few parents are graciously sponsoring an additional Day of Celebration at Elitch Gardens. More information will follow! Lastly, Thursday, June 3rd is the 8th-grade Continuation at 5:30pm. As we are still under restrictions set by the district, so I would like to thank you for your understanding. Attached [here](#) are DPS 5 and COVID protocols for the celebration. If weather does not cooperate with us on this day, we will have a virtual ceremony for all families to participate remotely from their homes.

It has been a joy to work with these students over the past three years. They are an intelligent, funny and energetic bunch of young people. They have grown so much academically and socially, and in these last months I have really seen them finding strength in their compassion. I will miss them dearly, and am confident that they will continue on successfully in high school.

Respectfully,

~ Gus Johnson, 8th-grade Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4/23/21

Remote Learning Day / CMAS Testing

Thursday 4/29/21

CSC Meeting, 8:30am

7th-grade RISE Day

TOP NEWS

Remote Day - Friday, April 23rd

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Friday April 23rd will be a remote learning day for all students who are not taking the CMAS test. These students will follow the regular [bell schedule](#). Students who are taking the CMAS test should refer to the CMAS testing schedule which is included below and posted on our [website](#).

April 23rd CMAS Schedule

Please see the [testing schedule](#) for students who are taking the CMAS on Friday, April 23rd. If your student opted out of CMAS, they will attend their classes virtually on Friday, April 23rd.

Prep Soccer & Baseball Tryouts Rescheduled for Next Week

Tryouts have been postponed until next week due to weather and the field conditions. See below for updated information. Students must sign-up using the below links in order to tryout. Students must provide proof of a physical or have a physical on file in order to tryout. Masks are required to participate.

[BUBBLE PROTOCOLS BASEBALL/SOCCER 2021](#)

- Boy's Soccer tryouts will be Tuesday, April 27th - 3:50pm-5:20pm and Thursday, April 29th - 3:50pm-5:20pm. Sign-up for tryouts [here](#).
- Girl's Soccer tryouts will be Monday, April 26th - 3:50pm-5:20pm and Wednesday, April 28th - 3:50pm-5:20pm. Sign-up for tryouts [here](#).
- Baseball tryouts will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 3:45-5:00pm

each day. The first practice is planned for Thursday 3:45-5:00pm. Sign-up for tryouts [here](#).

So Many 8th Grade Pictures!

Thank you so much for helping our students with their 8th-grade magazine by fulfilling my call for support last week and sending in photos from the first day of 6th-grade. It's been so fun to see how much each of our kiddos has grown over the past three years!

We had many more photographs than the students have space for in their magazine, but we will have a slide show available at continuation and I will use as many as I can in that as well. Thank you again for reading all of my many emails and jumping in for my many requests this year!

~Ms. Howes

Early Bird Registration Opens April 26th

Save time during fall registration by updating your student's information online during the "Early Bird" window! The "Early Bird" window for registration is April 26th -May 21st. To register online, primary legal guardians of current DPS students must have an active DPS Parent Portal account. Visit myportal.dpsk12.org to sign up, or to check that your account is active and ready. For more information on how to complete online registration visit schoolchoice.dpsk12.org.

CSC Meeting – April 29th

The next CSC meeting will be Thursday, April 29th at 8:30am on Zoom. During this CSC meeting we will be discussing our spring re-opening plans. If you are interested in attending, please email Mr. Dennis at kurt_dennis@dpsk12.org and he will share the Zoom link.

Opportunities to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

- [Denver Health](#) will host pop-up Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinics for DPS students aged 16 and older at the following DPS sites and dates. Appointments are required. Students can check their DPS email for more information or call our [School-Based Health Centers](#) at 303-602-8958 to make an appointment.
 - South High School: First dose on Saturday, April 24th; second dose

- on Saturday, May 15th
- Manual High School: First dose on Sunday, April 25th; second dose on Sunday, May 16th
- North High School: First dose on Saturday, May 1st; second dose on Saturday, May 22nd
- East High School: First dose on Sunday, May 2nd; second dose on Sunday, May 23rd
- Children's Hospital - Register online [here](#). Families with questions about receiving the vaccine at Children's Colorado can review these [FAQs](#). Questions regarding scheduling a vaccine appointment can call the Children's Colorado COVID-19 vaccine hotline, 720-777-8889.
- Second Chance Center - April 23rd & 30th - Register online [here](#). For more information, including FAQs click [here](#).

As a reminder, DPS students are not required to get the vaccine, however it is encouraged that all members of the school community receive the vaccine in order to increase our collective health and safety. DPS has created this [webpage](#) for families with all the information they need regarding student vaccinations.

New Computers For All McAuliffe Students!

Next school year, McAuliffe will be participating in the My Tech one-to-one computer program. Every McAuliffe student will return their current technology device and receive a brand new Chromebook in return. In order to participate in the program, all families and students will need sign agreements regarding Chromebook use and care. These agreements will be included as part of the registration process.

Space Available for Additional Students Next School Year

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our incoming class of students is smaller than in previous years. McAuliffe still has a limited number of seats available in all three grade levels, so if you know of a family that is moving into the area or is looking for a new middle school, please let them know about this opportunity.

WEEK IN REVIEW

8th-grader Brady Anderson Raises Money for Nonprofit

Congratulations to 8th-grader Brady Anderson for his outstanding work on his 8th-grade Community Project! Brady held a bake sale and raised \$400 for [The Bohdi Battalion](#), a nonprofit organization that supports military veterans reintegrate into civilian society.

Brady selected The Bohdi Battalion because he wanted to raise money for a smaller nonprofit organization that might not get as many donations as larger, more well-known organizations. He especially liked that The Bohdi Battalion trains service dogs to support the veterans who are injured, or are dealing with anxiety or mental health issues.

Brady was recognized this week by some Bohdi Battalion staff members who thanked him for his efforts and his donation. For more information about The Bohdi Battalion, please visit their [website](#). Great job Brady!

6th-grade Entrepreneurs

Check out and support the [YouthBiz Marketplace](#)! Many of our young entrepreneurs participate in and sell products through this supportive and encouraging non-profit youth organization. Today's student business spotlight is Lily Grey and founder 6th Grader Katherine Whitley. Check out her great work!

IB CORNER

IB Learner Profile for April is **Communicator**.

This month we will be celebrating students who are exemplary communicators.

IB descriptor: *We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.*

Be sure to ask your student how they communicate in different situations and in different classes. If you have an 8th grader, ask them how they have had to communicate or change their communication style throughout their work on the community project.

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 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)

REMINDERS

Updated Calendars

Please note the following school calendar changes: April 30th and May 14th will be in-person learning days (for all in-person learners). Updated calendars are below.

- [20-21 Calendar](#)
- [Red/White Calendar](#)

2021-22 School Calendar

We have adjusted our Fall Break for the 21-22 school year to align with the DPS calendar, [attached](#) is the updated calendar.

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 or call (303) 602-8958

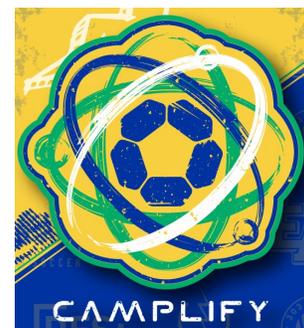
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Start following our Instagram page [@McAuliffeIntlSchool](#) and use [#MISyouSunDevils](#) to connect our community and to share how you and your family are doing and keep our community strong.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Camplify - Soccer, Movies, Art

We're teaming up again with the [Denver Film Society](#), [Denver East High School](#) and other local partners to organize the seventh annual "CAMPLIFY" (previously "Summer SOCCER and a MOVIE Camp").



Campers play games and develop their soccer skills with experienced soccer coaches at East High School's soccer stadium in the mornings, followed by lunch in the shade, outdoor ART / STEM sessions with expert teachers on campus and closely supervised 10-minute walks to the Sie FilmCenter for age-appropriate movies. Campers receive a tee shirt and a ball and will be assigned to small training groups based on CDC / DPS COVID-19 protocols and soccer experience (coach / teacher to player / student ratio is 1:10 or better).

Click [here](#) for more information or visit their [website](#).

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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