

McAuliffe International School Weekly News

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McAuliffe School News | April 14, 2022

Dear McAuliffe Community,

If you routinely read the weekly newsletter, you might have read that we're gonna Fling the heck out of Spring this month! This event is part, "Oh my word, how I have missed your face!" and part fundraiser. We know, we have all missed the community that is McAuliffe, but we also need to talk about the fundraising aspect.

Are you aware that when DPS changed the bell schedule, McAuliffe put together a morning enrichment program without funds from the district? Next year we are already planning a more robust enrichment program, offering even more opportunities to our students before the school day starts.

Are you aware that our Critical Needs program provides support to hundreds of our students each year? Critical Needs does precisely what its name says and more. If a student and family are in a tough spot, we do what we can to help them get through it. Critical Needs helps with uniforms, school supplies, personal care products, food backpacks, and even gifts during the holiday season. Ensuring our students have their critical needs met is one of McAuliffe's most significant commitments, and in the last two years, we've had more students than ever relying on our program.

These are just two of the reasons why we desperately need to raise funds for our school. McAuliffe has always been a school that offers engaging programs and supports ALL students, and we need you to help us continue these things that make McAuliffe... McAuliffe.

Please join us April 29th from 6:00-8:30pm! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and most importantly some funds to help support our school!

*~ McAuliffe at Smiley Foundation Board*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Wednesday 4/20**

Coffee & Community, 9:30am

**Friday 4/22**

CSC Meeting, 8:15am

7th Grade RISE Day

**Friday 4/29**

Spring Fling Fundraiser, 6:00pm

**Friday 5/6**

8th Grade Capstone Presentations

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## TOP NEWS

**8th Grade Capstone Project Support**

As our 8th graders take action with their Capstone Projects this month, they are reaching out to the community for help. Please check out the following projects that need your support. We will continue to post additional projects on our [Capstone Projects webpage](#). Thanks in advance for your support of our 8th graders and their drive to take local action that has global significance!

- [Save the Children - Campaign to Help Children of Ukraine](#)
- [School Supply Drive](#)
- [Fun Run to Support Safehouse Denver](#)

**Coffee & Community - Wednesday, April 20**

Please join us for our Virtual Coffee & Community next Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30am. Hosted by our Dean of Operations, Sherry Beardshear and Community Liason, Michelle Moore, this is a chance to learn about upcoming school events, how to get involved, and hear from different staff members and students. Hope you can make it! [Zoom link](#)

**Electronics Recycling Event - April 22nd**

Celebrate EARTH DAY! Bring your old electronics for recycling on Friday April 22nd to McAuliffe. Drop off location will be at the corner of 26th Ave & Kearney St. (by the garden) between 8:00-9:00am. Please see the [attached flyer](#).

**Save the Date! Spring Fling Fundraising Event - April 29th**

Please mark your calendars for April 29th at 6:00pm for an evening with friends

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and food trucks, an inflatable obstacle course, a DJ and a dance party, a small silent auction, and most importantly, our community! We can't wait!

### **Carpooling for 22-23 School Year**

Already wondering how you're going to get the kids to school next year?

Please join this [Central Park/Park Hill Carpool Facebook group](#) to plan carpools with other families and help the environment at the same time!

### **Items Needed for 7th Grade RISE Day**

On April 22nd, our 7th-grade team is hosting a RISE day for students! It will be a day of health, wellness, and fun! We are in need of some items to help make this day of success. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring these items to the Community Office by 4/21. Thank you all again for being such an AMAZING community!

- **Healthy Snack!** - Nature Valley Bars, Kind Bars, Fruit Bars, 20 Boxes of Fruit Snacks, SmartPop Popcorn, GoGo Squeeze pouch, Water, Bananas, Cutie Oranges
- **Yoga Mats!** We are in need of about 40 used yoga mats. If you have an extra mat or know of someone that is getting rid of some old mats, we would love to have them!
- **Magazines!** The students will be creating vision boards and we would love to have magazines geared towards health, wellness, and inspiration. If you have old magazines that you are looking to recycle, please bring them over to us!

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## **WEEK IN REVIEW**

### **8th Grade Service Capstone Project Update**

This has been a busy week for the capstone project! Students received support and pertinent information in their social studies classes about the action and reflection phases of the project and, on Wednesday, they had their second meeting with their supervisor. In addition, ten groups learned that they received a grant from the Foundation for Sustainable Urban Communities to help further their projects. Please join me in congratulating the following groups and individuals pictured below.



Logan Snyder, Dillon Bader, McCormick Shaw. Oliver Michalec--Puff Police (anti-vaping)

Stella Mullins--Hygienic products

Silas Arora, Quinn Ochsenbein, Calvin Georgeson--Staff Wellness

James Danneil, Ethan Hudock, Christopher Danneil, Graves Beltzer-- Opportunity LAX

Brittany Booker, Destiny Ward, Kris Redwine--Staff v. Student basketball game

Ellena Kuhns--Cloves Syndrome

Amelia Cullip and Greysen Friedman--One Thing at a Time

Chloe Erbecker, Mena Dorsey, Abbie Miller--Baking for Shelter

Ingrid Merkner, Ava Lowery, Margaret Martin--fun run to benefit survivors of domestic violence

Aurora (Rory) Jones and Anna (AJ) James--children's shelters

Missing from the pictures are Kris Redwine, Logan Snyder, and Greysen Friedman

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## COMING EVENTS

### **CSC Meeting - April 22nd**

The next CSC meeting will be Friday, April 22nd. If you are interested in attending, please email Mr. Dennis and he will share the Zoom link.

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## REMINDERS

### **How Sick is too Sick to Send Your Student to School?**

With COVID restrictions and protocols changing, we wanted to share [this information](#) from the Colorado Department of Health about when you should keep your sick child home from school.

### **Substance Abuse Resources For Parents**

The DPS Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Program was created to support schools with prevention and early intervention supports for youth substance use. Click [here](#) to learn more about the programs utilized by the Substance Use Prevention Program at DPS.

### **Mental Health Support for Colorado Youth**

I Matter provides up to 3 free behavioral health sessions for youth in Colorado. Visit [I Matter.com](#) for more information.

### **Safe2Tell Colorado**

[Safe2Tell Colorado](#) offers anonymous reporting for ANYTHING that concerns you, your friends, your family or community. If you have any concerns whatsoever, please call 1-877-542-7233 or submit a report [online](#).



### **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

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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!

### **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)

### **2022-23 McAuliffe School Calendar**

[Attached](#) is the proposed calendar for the 2022-23 McAuliffe school year. We hope this is helpful for families in planning summer travels.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Friday Night Lights, Shining a Light on Mental Strength Event - May 6th**

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month in May, NFL player Ben Garland and his Wingman63 Foundation is hosting the 2nd Annual "Friday Night Lights: Shining a Light on Mental Health" stair climb event. The focus of this event is to raise awareness of mental health, reduce the stigma of asking for help, and equip attendees with practical tools to support mental health. For more information and to RSVP click [here](#).

### **Free Presentation: "IEP and 504 Frequently Asked Questions" - April 13th**

Understanding the special education process can be confusing— leaving families, caregivers, and even educators with many unanswered questions. During this presentation, participants will explore helpful resources as well as ask questions of local experts from the DPS Child Find Private School Evaluation Team and Special Education Consultant at Project Idea. Use this [Evite link](#) to RSVP and to gain access to the Zoom link for this free presentation hosted by [DenCoKID](#) .

### **Current 7th Grade Families - Regis Jesuit Admissions Information**

The admissions season for the Regis Class of 2027 has arrived and we want to

be sure all families, interested in exploring Regis Jesuit, have taken the first step in the admissions process by creating an online admissions account. Through your [online admissions account](#), we will communicate with you about all upcoming admissions events, including family tours, the practice HSPT entrance exam, and our Summer Kickoff Carnival for the Class of 2027. Your admissions account will also serve as your one-stop to register for events, apply to Regis Jesuit, and track your application materials. Visit the [Regis Jesuit Admissions website](#) for more information.

### **Northfield High Cheers, Poms & Drumline Tryouts**

Eighth graders who will attend Northfield next year - If you're interested in trying out for [Cheers](#), [Poms](#), or the [Drumline](#), tryouts are coming up in May. Click [here](#) or email [enockina@ocansey@dpsk12.net](mailto:enockina@ocansey@dpsk12.net) for more information.

### **Summer Programs & Activities**

Please see the below options for summer activities for your student.

- [DPS Summer Programming Website](#)
- [City of Denver Youth Programming Website](#)

### **Tween Boutique - Promoting Inner Beauty First**

Tween Boutique is a clothing brand in your neighborhood that encourages TWEEN-age girls to attain confidence towards their outer appearance by identifying true beauty within. We now offer a venue for girls to discover who they are capable of becoming through our TWEEN acronym - Tenacious, Well Spoken, Educated, Esteemed, and Noble.



We are available by appointment only which gives girls exclusive attention for inner selfie reflections, shopping, and time to take pictures at our new and improved #Inner Selfie Studio. Book your Tween's Birthday, individual Tween Time, or group Tween Time now!

You can book your appointment [here](#) - visit our [website](#) for more information!

### **Purler Wrestling Academy @ Northfield**

Northfield HS is thrilled to host the [Purler Wrestling Academy](#) and holding a 5 Day Summer Wrestling Camp in June. Every wrestler attending camp gets a free \$179 set of the video instruction for everything they learn at camp. All wrestlers between the ages of 10-18 are welcome. You can find more



information at our [registration page](#) or at [Purler Wrestling Academy](#). We have opened registration for 90 wrestlers. Contact Coach Startzer at [coachstartzer@gmail.com](mailto:coachstartzer@gmail.com) for more information!

### **7th Annual Summer Sports Camp at South High School**

Denver South Athletics will be hosting their 7th annual summer sports camp in partnership with nationally recognized non-profit [2-4-1 Sports](#). 2-4-1 Denver South will take place the weeks of June 13th and June 20th. Our camp is run and led by our highschool coaches and varsity athletes at South High School. For more information click on this [flyer](#) or visit the [2-4-1 website](#).

### **Soccer Electric**

McAuliffe Community Partner [SOCCER ELECTRIC](#) is teaming up again with the [Denver Film Society](#), [Denver East High School](#) and other local partners to organize the 8th annual "CAMPLIFY" summer soccer camp June 6 - 10 @ Denver East High School and [Sie Film Center](#). Campers play games and develop their soccer skills with experienced soccer coaches at Denver East High School's varsity soccer stadium in the mornings, followed by outdoor ART / STEM sessions, and then age-appropriate movies at the Sie Film Center. Campers receive a tee shirt and a ball, and will be assigned to small training groups based on soccer experience. Visit [soccerelectric.com](http://soccerelectric.com) for more information and registration links.

### **Denver Wolfpack Youth Rugby Club**

The Denver Wolfpack Youth Rugby Club is a rugby club for both boys and girls in Colorado. Our focus is on safety, sportsmanship and the strengthening of youth character by introducing the core values of rugby into a team sports experience that will endure for a lifetime. Our spring season is rapidly approaching and registration opens soon. Please follow us [Denver Wolfpack Youth Rugby](#) or reach out to us at [contact@denveryouthrugby.com](mailto:contact@denveryouthrugby.com).

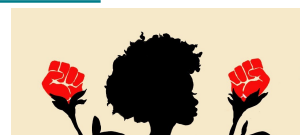
Click [here](#) for more information on the girls rugby team. Click [here](#) for information on the spring rugby season.

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### **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](mailto:michelle_moore@dpsk12.org).

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## **IMPORTANT LINKS**

[McAuliffe Website](#)

[Calendar and Bell Schedule](#)

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