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From Mission Control

Dear Parents:

Exciting times are here as the intensity and level of expectations rises during second semester! The students are doing a fantastic job focusing and learning. Thanks so much for your support!

There are many State tests this month and next month so please check with your teacher regarding the scheduling. Please try to have your children present for these very important assessments. Thanks!

Parents, please remember that the **Local Soldiers in Need** jean day fundraisers are only on the **first and third Fridays of each month and participation is optional.**

Please remember to follow McAuliffe procedures for drop-off and pick-up. It is very important as we want to help you keep your children safe. Also, please do not leave your children at school in the morning before **7:45 AM** as there is no supervision until that time. Thanks for your understanding.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Carla Auld and David Morris

From the Office

Planning for Next School Year

You should have received a form asking about your plans for next school year and whether or not your student(s) will be returning to McAuliffe Elementary in the Fall. The information on these forms is vital to creating class lists for the 2017/2018 school year and will assist us in determining whether or not we are able to grant new choice permits. Please return these forms to your child's teacher as

soon as possible. The information provided on these forms helps teachers create balanced classes by size, gender, and student needs for the upcoming school year. **Please return one form for each student.** If you have not received a form for each of your students, please contact the office at 228-0900.

Kindergarten Enrollment for Next School Year

The official Kindergarten Registration date is **Friday, April 21, 2017.**

For information regarding Kindergarten enrollment for next school year, please visit the District 11 Enrollment website for information about enrolling your Kindergarten student for next school year at:

<http://www.d11.org/Enrollment/Pages/kindergarten.aspx>

All children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before **October 1, 2017.**

- Please bring a completed enrollment form for each of your students. If you do not have access to a computer and a printer, computers are available at McAuliffe Elementary.
- You will also need to bring the following documents:
 1. Birth certificates
 2. Immunization records
 3. Current proof of residency [Click here for acceptable forms of Proof of Residency.](#)

Please share this registration information with friends and neighbors who may not know about Kindergarten registration for next school year. If you have questions, please call the office at 228-0900.

McAuliffe T-shirts and Hoodies

McAuliffe T-shirts and hoodies are once again available for sale. We have long and short-sleeve t-shirts available in small, medium and large youth sizes. Short-sleeve shirts sell for \$9.00, and long-sleeve shirts sell for \$13.00. Youth hoodies are available for \$21.00. T-shirts and hoodies may be purchased (**cash only**) from the office during business hours. We also have a limited supply of adult size t-shirts and hoodies for sale. Pricing for adult sizes varies, depending on size. Please remember that McAuliffe t-shirts can only be worn by students on Mondays and Fridays.

Important Parent Reminders

Family Art Night



Please join us in a fun evening of art activities for the whole family on **Wednesday April 19, from 6:00-7:00pm for grades K-2, and Thursday, April 20 2017, from 6:00-7:00pm for grades 3-5.** Your child's artwork

will be hanging in the hallways throughout the school! Shop at the book fair! Enjoy refreshments with us!

Parents of 5th Grade Students

If you have been notified by a District 11 middle school that your child's Choice Open Enrollment Application (permit) has been approved for next school year, please let the office know which school they will be attending as soon as possible. The District 11 middle schools need to have next year's 6th graders future-tracked to their buildings in order to create next year's class schedules. If we do not hear from you, your child will remain future tracked to their "home" school, and their records will be sent to that D11 building at the end of this school year. If you live outside of District 11 boundaries and your student will not be attending a District 11 middle school, your student's records will remain at McAuliffe until we receive a record request from the receiving school, or October, 2017, whichever is sooner.

Immunization Requirement for Students Entering 6th Grade

All 5th grade students who will be entering Middle School in the Fall are required to obtain a **Tdap** immunization. This is a Colorado State requirement for all students entering 6th grade. If your student already received or will receive a Tdap immunization before the end of this school year, you may bring your student's updated immunization record to the office and their school record will be updated. If your student's school record is not updated before the end of this school year, proof of the immunization is to be given to the middle school before the first day of school, in order to receive a schedule of classes.

Comet Safety!

Playground Supervision - Staff members will supervise children on the school playground during school hours. Before and after school, there is supervision for 15 minutes. **Please do not send your child to school before 7:45 am, and do not allow them to stay on the playground to play after 2:45 pm.**

Kiss-n-Go Lane & Parking Lot Safety

Proper use of the Kiss-N-Go lane will ensure safety for students, parents and staff. Remember, the outside lane is never to be used to drop off or pick up students. This lane is for entry or exit only. When dropping your students off, please drive to the curb and have them exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side. Never stop in the crosswalk, and always give pedestrians the right-of-way. **Please, never park in the Kiss-N-Go lane and leave your car unattended, as it is a fire lane and must be kept clear at all times.** When possible, use the parking lot or park on the street and always walk in the crosswalk. Please do not block cars parked in the parking lot by parking behind them. Also, please do not park by the fire hydrant. This is illegal and unsafe. Legally parked cars need to be able to exit

their parking slots, as needed, and not have to wait for someone blocking them to move their vehicle.

Our children are far too valuable to take a chance with!



Visiting McAuliffe Elementary

The Board of Education encourages parents and other community members of the district to visit classrooms at any time to observe the work of the schools. The Board of Education believes that there is no better way for the public to learn what the schools actually are doing as long as such visits do not disrupt the educational process. In order to help ensure that no unauthorized persons enter buildings with wrongful intent, all visitors to the schools will report to the school office when entering to receive authorization before visiting elsewhere in the building. The principal has final authority to authorize a visitor.

All visitors must report to the Office before going to a classroom or any area on school grounds.

- All visitors are required to sign in.
- All visitors will wear a visitor's badge at all times they are on school grounds.
- All visitors will not interfere or intrude upon the educational program.

Other News



Dear Parents and Families: Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.* Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time with the help of Our McAuliffe Scholastic Book Fair. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Book Fair Dates: Tuesday, April 18th- Thursday, April 20th
 Shopping Hours: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
 Online Shopping:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mcauliffecomets>

We would especially love to see you on Wednesday or Thursday, April 19th or 20th when our school hosts Art Night from 6:00-7:00. We will be open during this time! You also have access to online shopping at the above website. You can see dates, preview books, as well as, order books online!

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school.



Looking for a Part-time Position?

Substitute Food & Nutrition Services positions are now available at both District 11 elementary and secondary schools. Work the days your children are in school and spend weekends, holidays, and vacations home with them! No experience necessary. Please go to www.d11.org/careers to complete an application.

Food & Nutrition Services

Did you know that you can check online to see how much money is left on your student's meal account? Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to monitor their account. You can also add funds to their account on this same website. Thank you for being diligent in maintaining your child's meal account.

For more information on District 11's Food and Nutrition Services, [click here](#).

If you have questions or concerns about your child's meal account, please call our Kitchen Manager, Victor Ransom, at [228-0932](tel:228-0932).



News from our School Nurse

Please help us minimize illnesses in our school setting. **These guidelines should be used to help parents decide whether or not their child should come to school.**

- ✓ Children **with severe cold symptoms** should not attend school. **Cold symptoms may include:**
 - a constant runny nose, especially with abnormal color or consistency (this is especially important if your child is unable to use a kleenex by him(hers)elf**
 - nasal or lung/chest congestion**
 - coughing that is constant or persistent**
 - recurrent sneezing that is not allergy related**
- ✓ **Do not send a child to school with an abnormal temperature-any temperature over 100 degrees F.** Symptoms to watch for might be a flushed face, chills, paleness or skin abnormally warm to the touch. One or all of these symptoms might be present. If in doubt at all, please take your child's temperature. Please keep an obviously sick child at home. **A child with a temperature needs to stay home for at least 24 hours. Remember, if you reduce your child's fever with medication like Tylenol, your child is STILL ill. Please do not medicate your child and send them to school. Children spread their illness most during the time they have a fever.**
- ✓ Do not send a child to school that has been **vomiting** within the last 12 hours.
- ✓ Do not send a child to school who has had **diarrhea** in the last 12 hours.

Flu symptoms: fever over 100 degrees (usually high) **and** one or more of the following: body aches, sore throat, cough, headache. **Do not send your child back to school until he has had no symptoms for at least 24 hours.**

Stay Connected



McAuliffe NTouch is a digital communications system that allows us to send targeted announcements and messages by email and text message to our parents and community members interested in news and events at our school. If you are new to McAuliffe NTouch and would like to receive these communications, [please sign up now](#). Don't forget to choose McAuliffe as a school you wish to receive communications from. If you are a returning user, please use your email address and password to login. If you forgot your password, click on the 'I cannot login' link and your password will be sent to the e-mail address you registered.

District 11 also has a mobile app that you can download to your smartphone

Volunteer Opportunities

All persons wishing to volunteer must first complete a Volunteer Registration form online. [Click here to register as a volunteer at McAuliffe Elementary](#). A separate form needs to be completed for each volunteer. Completed registration forms should be printed and brought into the office, along with a picture ID. If you do not have access to a computer and/or printer, you may complete your volunteer registration form at McAuliffe. If you have previously completed a Volunteer Registration form, there is no need to complete another one. The office can check to see if you are still a registered volunteer. If you have questions regarding the volunteer registration process, please call the McAuliffe office at 228-0900.

Also, please remember to sign in on the **gold** Volunteer Sign-in Form in the office, every time you volunteer at McAuliffe. In order for our Volunteer Coordinators to properly keep track of our volunteer hours, it is important that you log your volunteer hours online through the McAuliffe VMS Kiosk. [Click here to log your volunteer hours](#). There is also a link to the Kiosk on the community computers in the hallway at McAuliffe.

Coming in May

May 2-11	MAP Testing
May 4	Jean Day Fundraiser for Local Soldiers in Need-Pre-K
May 4	Band Orchestra Spring concert 6:30-7:30
May 5	Jean Day Fundraiser for Local Soldiers in Need – K-5
May 8	SAC Meeting – 5:00-5:30
	PTA Meeting – 5:30-6:30
May 12	PTA Carnival
May 13	Robotics Competition at Mitchell
May 18	Jean Day Fundraiser for Local Soldiers in Need-Pre-K
May 19	Jean Day Fundraiser for Local Soldiers in Need – K-5
May 23	Last Day of School – End of 4 th Quarter, Report Cards Distributed
May 23	5 th Grade Continuation Ceremony

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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