

McAuliffe News

September 2011



Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back returning and new McAuliffe families! This is going to be an exciting year! By now you have heard it is McAuliffe's 25th Anniversary. We have great spirit at this school and one can only imagine what is in store for the year!

We, the PTA board, have been spinning our wheels on ways to have this school year be a memorable one for all. The newsletter as well as the PTA website, www.mcauliffepta.org, should provide you with all of the important information you need to know. Don't forget to checkout McAuliffe's new school website, www.mcauliffe.lisd.net. Please let me know if there is other information you would like to see in the newsletter. I will try to make accommodations where I can.

September's newsletter is the **only** one you will receive in hardcopy form. Future newsletters will be sent via mass email through PTA membership, so don't forget to turn in your form. The newsletter is also found on the PTA website and is designed to be interactive. Watch for areas where you can click to receive further information. To get the full effect of September's newsletter check it out online.

Here's to a great school year! No question is a bad one and all feedback is important, so don't be shy!

Warmly,

Marnie Grodzin

VP Publicity

Website Manager & Newsletter Editor

Click on the Highlander to go to
McAuliffe Elementary PTA's
Facebook page



Upcoming Events

9/1	"Curriculum Night" 3rd 5:30-6:30 1st 6-7:00
9/5	NO SCHOOL
9/6	"Curriculum Night" 5th- 5:30-6:30PM
9/8	Student Council Elections
9/16	Movie Night 4th & 5th graders
9/28	Reflections Kick-Off
9/29	6pm-Family & Friends Math Night 7pm- PTA Gen. Mtg
9/30	Bike Rodeo K-2 Mound Showdown

From the PTA President...

Welcome back McAuliffe Families! We are so excited for the coming year and all that comes with it. Plans are in motion for some tremendous programs, activities and events. Your PTA board is full of willing and dedicated parents with talent and creativity that has already had great impact on this new year. We have spent a fair amount of time considering our goals as a PTA. We want to plan around what would be best for all of our families. We aim to improve on several levels. Fundraising efforts will be family centered (and limited in number)! Programs are set to work directly with the curriculum. We work daily with our incredible staff to find the best way to invest time and money back into our beloved school. It is my goal to create a friendly, fun and efficient environment that includes all that want to join in. We know that your time is stretched and we invite you to join us whenever you can. It means a lot to our children and that is what we are all here for. Stay tuned for some truly memorable moments.

Feel free to contact me, or any of our board members, with questions or concerns. Remember that every parent that serves our children is there as a volunteer. We are all just moms and dads up there to serve the school and children we adore. Each person's time is valuable and I want you to know that it is appreciated on many levels. We could not be what we are without each of you.

Thank you for all that you do and your passion for what is best for these children!

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Don't forget to get
Your spirit wear and
Great Expectations T-Shirt!

ORDER FORMS

Did you know McAuliffe
won \$10,000 last year
from "My School Is Cool"?

Let's do it again!
Click below to see how you
can help!

MY SCHOOL IS COOL

Check out a new program from The
Shops of Highland Village!



McAuliffe Can Win
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Bike Rodeo

McAuliffe Bike Rodeo Is Head'n Our Way!

On Friday, September 30th, our Kindergarten thru 2nd graders will be "rustling up" for the "Annual McAuliffe Bike Rodeo"! We are looking for a bunch of rustling volunteers to help man the posts! We have a few good cowhands, but it "ain't" nearly enough, as we've got too many cowboys and cowgirls to round up!

DO IT NOW!

To volunteer at Bike Rodeo or ANY McAuliffe event, you MUST complete a 2011-12 Volunteer Application Form. Go ahead and complete it now!

LISD BACKGROUND CHECK

PTA VOLUNTEER

WELCOME MRS. CROCKETT!

Hello McAuliffe Parents,

I am excited to be joining McAuliffe Elementary School as the guidance counselor this year! Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions, concerns or suggestions that you may have regarding your child as we begin this school year.

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Want to
Become a M&M?

McAuliffe Musicians



WHAT IS WEIGH WASTE?

Weigh Waste - This is a time that we will physically weigh the waste (trash) from the cafeteria each lunch. Who will throw away the most? Who will throw away the least? Let's wait and see!

Don't be left out of the loop!

In honor of McAuliffe's 25th Anniversary, the PTA will purchase a single PTA membership for each household. For further information click on the link below. PTA member benefits include a monthly newsletter, school-related announcements, such as: class postings, upcoming event reminders, school closings and many other important announcements via mass emails. (Your email WILL NOT be given to 3rd party groups!)

Only current PTA members will receive the mass emailing benefit.

[PTA Membership Form 2011-12](#)



From Nurse Robyn:

Students at McAuliffe will be screened by Health Services as required by Texas Health & Safety Code 37.002. If you have a child in Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, or new to the district, they will be screened for the following:

Kindergarten	Hearing and Vision
1 st Grade	Vision, Hearing and AN*
3 rd Grade	Vision, Hearing and AN*
5 th Grade	Vision, Hearing, AN*, and Scoliosis
2 nd and 4 th - new to district students only	Vision and Hearing

AN* or Acanthosis Nigricans - This state mandated screening requires that all students in the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades be observed for a velvety brown, rough skin condition usually found at the back of the neck. These marks can indicate that a person has high levels of insulin in their body, which can put them at risk for several medical conditions. If a student is identified as having a positive marker for AN, the nurse is required to calculate the student's body mass index (BMI) and to check the student's blood pressure. The results of these assessments will be sent to the parents as a referral recommending a physician consultation and follow-up.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these required screenings, please contact your Nurse Robyn.

McAuliffe PTA reflections 2011-2012...Calling all McAuliffe Students!!!

Are you looking for a way to express your Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts talents? We have the answer! The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance a quality arts education by providing an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents and recognition for their efforts. To get a jump start with your entry please go to the [McAuliffe PTA Website](#) and review the updated Rules and Entry Form for the 2011-2012 entries.

Theme for 2011-2012 "Diversity Means"

Important Dates:

~Reflections kick-off assembly on September 28th

~All entries are due Wednesday, November 2nd

~The Reflections Reception has been moved to the spring of 2012 to celebrate placement for School, District Level and/or State Level. More information to follow.

For Questions please contact: Shawntell Scott (McAuliffe PTA Reflections Coordinator)

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FROM MRS. THEIBAUD

Fourth and Fifth grade students are working on an international project. I am sending parent permission forms home. These are designed to be done at home and saved to my school-web. There will be a form that will be there listed under: Fourth and Fifth Grade Projects. The deadline is end of October. I will email them to the International Association of School Librarians. This is a big opportunity for our students to be recognized internationally! I am attaching the permission form! It is being sent home with students. Also, our fifth grade students have been assigned a school in Shanghai and I am working on locating other schools for the other grades to exchange handmade bookmarks with. What an amazing opportunity for our McAuliffe Highlanders!



PERMISSION FORM



PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!!!!



Friday, October 21st- 5th Graders Run with the Marauders/



McAuliffe Night *Get your tickets in advance



Saturday, October 22nd- Fun at McAuliffe



Editor of McAuliffe PTA

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Marnie Grodzin

Submissions for the PTA website
or newsletter should be submitted to
communications@mcauliffepta.org

MONTH	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	PUBLICATION DATE
October	Monday, 9/26	Monday, 10/3
November	Monday, 10/24	Monday, 10/31
Dec/Jan	Monday, 11/14	Monday, 11/28
February	Monday, 1/23	Monday, 1/31
March	Monday, 2/20	Monday, 2/27
April	Monday, 3/26	Monday, 4/2
May	Monday, 4/23	Monday, 4/30