

McAuliffe Lion Prints Newspaper

McAuliffe Cuts the Ribbon on its Vintage Shoppe



On Thursday, January 31st,

McAuliffe's Vintage Shoppe opened its doors thanks to the vision and collaborative effort of Mrs. Crate, Mrs. Hay, Administrators, the Kindness Club and those who donated. The ribbon cutting took place at 8:00 AM with many spectators excitedly awaiting its launch. Some notable spectators included Jackson Superintendent Dr. Genco, and McAuliffe Principal Mrs. Phillips.

The Vintage Shoppe, located in the back office of the IMC, was transformed into a boutique- like shop offering various clothing, school, and personal items for students for only \$1 price tag regardless of the item. Mrs. Crate and Mrs. Hay, along with all of their helpers, worked to create a "safe, fun place for students to shop for gently used clothing". All clothing and items in the Shoppe were gathered through donations from McAuliffe staff and the surrounding community, creating a variety of options and styles to suit every preference.

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Now that the Shoppe is officially open, students are welcome to shop during designated times including homeroom, lunch periods, and certain days after school. Only five students are permitted to shop at a time allowing for a cozy, unique experience. So far the Vintage Shoppe has sold over 160 items to the McAuliffe students it serves.

If you haven't checked out the Vintage Shoppe yet, be sure to stop by the IMC to see for yourself.



*Shown above: Opening Day at the
Vintage Shoppe*



McAuliffe Kicks Off the Holiday Season with a NEW and IMPROVED Spirit Week 2018



The week before Winter Break, McAuliffe students and staff got in the holiday spirit dressing up each day following a unique theme. This annual event known as “Spirit Week” really gets all in the spirit for the upcoming holidays and winter break. Each day homeroom teachers tallied up the participants, the number of students dressed following the day’s theme, in order to add to the points earned by the grade-level team.

The week culminated in Friday’s Pep Rally where 6th, 7th, and 8th graders cheered on their grade-level teams while taking part in a variety of competitions. Student participants were nominated for the pep rally by teachers to represent their grade-level teams. These students were chosen based on a variety of qualities that teachers and staff felt would make them the best ones to represent their grade.

Day	Theme
Friday 12/14	Ugly Sweater or Sweatshirt Day
Monday 12/17	Pajama Pants Day
Tuesday 12/18	Crazy Hat or Sock Day
Wednesday 12/19	Sweats Day
Thursday 12/20	Sports Day
Friday 12/21	School Colors Day 6th Grade: White 7th Grade: Gray 8th Grade: Red



Shown above: The theme calendar for Spirit Week

Spirit Week Pep Rally

By BrookLynn Caruana and Arianna Montesdeoca

After about a month of hard work and precision, the 2018 winter Pep Rally came to be on December 21st. This tradition started a few years ago but this year the coordinators upped their game. Teachers were given the chance to choose their representatives for their class for the games. These games, and the whole idea, is based on school spirit and bringing everyone together before our winter break.

The games that were played at the Pep Rally allowed 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to go head to head by playing games like basketball, navigating an obstacle course on scooters, and wrapping participants in toilet paper to look like snowmen. But that's not where the fun ends. Spectators also watched a crazy performance done by our cheerleaders, and an amazingly choreographed dance by our building staff.

Students at McAuliffe had a lot of feedback to say about this Pep Rally. Peyton Blasi said " I thought it was very fun and entertaining". Ella Brown agreed saying " It was fun and it was a good way for the different grades to interact with each other". In addition, Ally Crawley said " It was a good day and pretty fun", while Kayla Carvajal exclaimed " I thought it was a was a fun thing to watch from the band in the beginning to the cheer dance".

Other students like Aryanna Cucciniello said " It was fun and cool I liked it a lot". Savanah Still also told reporters, " It was fun with the games and activities that students played, I also like how 8th,7th and 6th were on different teams.It was fun to watch especially the teachers". Julia Kasnowski said " It was fun to watch students participate and I loved when teachers danced also the cheerleaders were great.Also it was really fun to cheer people on and I thought it was funny, I had a great time". Delaney Spalthoff said " It was an amazing experience and I loved it because it was so different from the Elementary ones". As you can see many students had a overall good time at this year's Winter Pep Rally.



Photo Credit: Ms. Salemi



New Staff Highlight: Ms. Rose

By Jordy Ubiera Reynoso



McAuliffe always loves welcoming new staff to the building and this year we are welcoming Ms. Rose, our new ESL teacher. Lion Prints members interviewed Ms. Rose and asked her a few questions to get to know her better. Find our interview below:

Lion Prints: Tell us a little bit about yourself and where you are from.

Ms. Rose: I am from Puerto Rico originally.

Lion Prints: How do you like McAuliffe so far?

Ms. Rose: Everyone here at McAuliffe is so nice. I have felt really welcomed by all of the teachers and staff I have had the chance to work with so far.

Lion Prints: What is the most rewarding part of being a teacher?

Ms. Rose: The most rewarding thing for me is watching my students succeed. It feels so great when you see a student understand a concept they have been struggling with; when you see they finally get it!

Lion Prints: How long have you been teaching? Did you always teach ESL?

Ms. Rose: I have been teaching for 13 years now, and have taught ESL for 11 of those years.

Lion Prints: What inspired you to become an ESL teacher?

Ms. Rose: I was a basic skills teacher and wanted to do more to help students who did not speak English. I wanted to create a place where students were not embarrassed to take risks speaking another language. I think that watching a student come into my class who doesn't speak any English become fluent is so exciting for me.

Lion Prints: If you weren't a teacher, what do you think you would be doing instead?

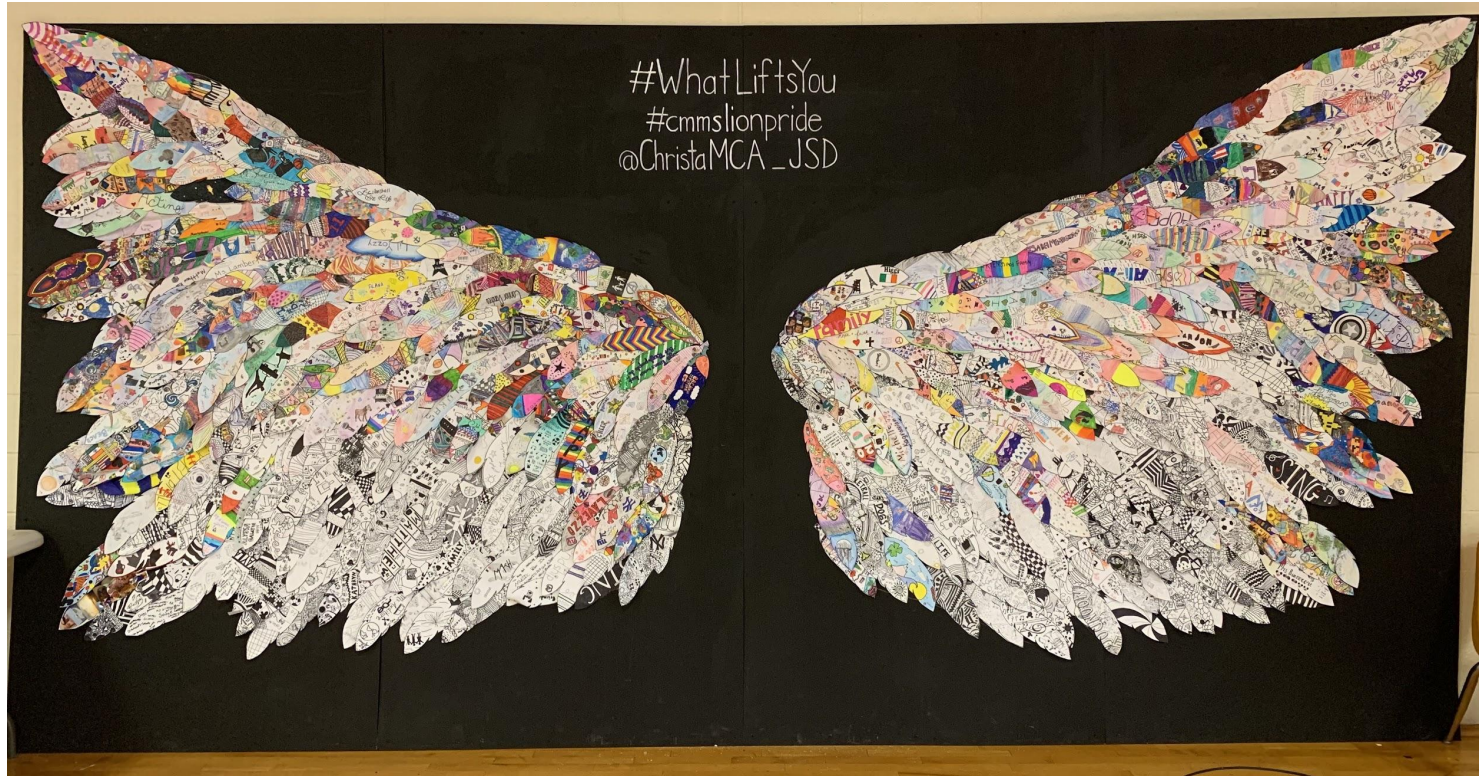
Ms. Rose: I think if I weren't a teacher I would still be doing something working with kids. That or traveling.

Lion Prints: What do you like to do for fun outside of school?

Ms. Rose: I have three daughters so I love spending time with them. We like to travel to new places and go out to eat a lot! We are always trying out new restaurants. We also love to dance and sing. One of my favorite hobbies is baking and shopping for good deals.

Thank you to Ms. Rose for talking to Lion Prints reporters and for telling us a little about herself. Welcome!

#WhatLiftsYou: McAuliffe's Very Own Art Installation



McAuliffe's Art Department, along with the support of administrators, teachers, students, and staff, created an art campaign and installation recognizing what inspires the individuals in our building. Each staff member and student was given the opportunity to create a feather symbolizing them, and the things that inspire them. Feathers were both colorful and black and white, hand drawn and printed from the computer, and included all different sources of inspiration. These feathers were then added to a large set of wings to be put on display in the McAuliffe cafeteria on stage for all to see.

The art department teachers explained what inspired this project at McAuliffe. They said, "Our goal was to promote the positive attitudes of our school, public art, and personal motivation" with the hope of leaving those who view it inspired.

The "#WhatLiftsYou" inspiration for this project came from artist Kelsey Montague who began the campaign creating murals throughout the world, starting in New York City. These murals were intended to "provide people with the opportunity to share more about what inspires them in their life". Her murals have since been created around the world, as far as New Zealand and Australia.

Be sure to take the chance to stop and look at McAuliffe's own "#WhatLiftsYou" installation!

Drama Club's Spring Production: Madagascar

By Michael Murphy and Aiden Perez

Lion Prints Newspaper Club members were given the opportunity to interview Mr. Vaughn, director of the McAuliffe Drama Club's newest play coming out this spring: Madagascar. Read all the details of their interview below:

Lion Prints: Why did you pick Madagascar and what were some other options?

Mr. Vaughn: A lot of thought goes into choosing a show. Returning cast members is probably the biggest concern. We have to figure out if the returning students can handle particular roles. This year we lost a few talented boys to graduation and were only left with 2 returning guys so we had to find a show in which many of the characters could be played by males or females.

Lion Prints: What does the cast work on in each practice?

Mr. Vaughn: A scene is chosen for a particular day and only the cast members in that scene are required to attend.

Lion Prints: How did you choose roles?

Mr. Vaughn: The students must learn parts to a song that their character would sing in the show, and must sing in this audition.



Other things can enter into the decision such as personality, and how comfortable the student was while auditioning and how they may have performed for us in a previous grade.

Lion Prints: What are the different ways students can participate in drama?

Mr. Vaughn: There are basically 2 different groups in the club. One is the on-stage performers and the other is the backstage crew. The stage crew is the group that works in the dark, changing scenery, opening and closing curtains at the right times. It not as simple as it sounds. The stage crew is every bit as important as the performers.

Lion Prints: When is the show performance?

Mr. Vaughn: This years shows are on March 15th at 7pm, and March 16th and 17th at 1pm.

Lion Prints: What advice do give the cast before showtime?

Mr. Vaughn: I like to remind the cast and crew to remember how hard they have worked for 5+ months and how now is the time to show everyone how we started with nothing and have turned it into something that their families and teachers will be talking about for the next week! Most of all I remind them to have fun!



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