



THE WEEKLY

District Updates from
Elizabeth Domangue

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April 12, 2022

Dear Manitou Springs School District Community,

I have a few updates:

- First, I want to acknowledge the 2022 recipients of the **Spirit of the Mustang Award**. This is the 24th year that this award has been given to Manitou Springs School District staff who are nominated by colleagues. This year's recipients are:
 - Kevin Connors
 - Carrie Dunlap
 - Matt Rogge
 - Jane Squires
 - Suzi Thompson

Congratulations to these well-deserving staff! The celebration will be on May 2 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the District Auditorium at Manitou Springs Elementary school.

Thank you to Melissa McElhaney for all that she does to keep this important tradition going and the committee who selected these deserving individuals.

- **Principal of Manitou Springs High School Principal Search.** Yesterday, the position was posted in multiple places across the state and with a national reach through Frontline.

We hope there will be significant interest in parents, staff, and students desiring to serve on the search committee. Here is the timeline for hiring:

POSTING DATE:	April 11, 2022
CLOSING DATE:	May 2, 2022: 4:00PM
PAPER SCREENING:	May 3, 2022
CANDIDATES NOTIFIED:	May 5, 2022
INTERVIEW DATE:	May 9, 2022

If you are interested and able to participate in the interview process on May 9, please email Marsha

Weimer at mweimer@mssd14.org. Please note...this is a full day of interviews.

- **Manitou Springs School District 14 will soon be celebrating our 150th Anniversary. Manitou Springs Elementary School will soon turn 100 years old.** These are tremendous milestones for our district and community. There will be several different ways we will celebrate starting in August.

Save the Date—On September 30, we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of MSSD during the annual Homecoming parade. The parade will include alumni from across the decades.

Please see some of the ways we are planning to celebrate.

MSSD—150th Anniversary	MSES—100th Anniversary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kickoff at the Start of the School Year ● Community and Alumni Celebration Homecoming Week (e.g., parade to include alumni by the decades)-- September 30 ● Time Capsule (150 Years to be Opened in 50 Years) ● Spotlight of Alumni Impact Stories ● 150 Years Community Service Day ● Plant a Tree ● And other celebrations! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kickoff at the Start of the School Year- Community Celebration ● 100 Years Essay Contest ● 100 Days and 100 Years (October) ● Alumni Day at MSES ● Plant a Tree ● And other celebrations!

We want to make these events memorable for students, staff, parents, alumni, and community members.

We hope that lots of people will be interested in serving on the planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Melissa McElhaney at mmcelhaney@mssd14.

- **State Assessments** are off to a great start. Please remember that there is no late start this Wednesday.

A few upcoming events:

- Pikes Peak Battle of the Books at MSES—April 16
- MSMS’s STEAM Night—April 21
- Community Appreciation Event—Celebrating MSSD’s Educators—April 22
- UPES’s All School Hike In Red Rocks Open Space—April 26
- MSES’s Night of Excellence—April 26
- UPES’s Walk-a-Thon—May 4
- MSHS’s 8th Annual World Language and Culture Night—May 5
- MSHS’s Signing Day—May 10
- Class of 2022 Graduation—May 22

Appreciation days/weeks:

- Administrative Assistant Day—April 27
- Teacher Appreciation Week—May 2-6
- School Nurse Day—May 4

- School Lunch Hero Day–May 6
- Speech Pathologist Day–May 18

QUICK NOTES:

- The Choice Enrollment Window is open. Here is a link to the website...
<https://www.mssd14.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=164702>
- Follow [Manitou Springs School District 14](#) on Facebook. This is a great way to learn about opportunities for students, staff, and families, while also celebrating along the way.

Late Start Wednesdays:

- April 13–No Late Start Wednesday
- April 20–No Late Start Wednesday (No School–April 22)
- April 27
- May 4
- May 11
- May 18

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue
Superintendent of Schools