



Weekly Update—Friday, March 19, 2021

New Updates:

1. **Spring Break—March 22-26**—I hope that everyone has a wonderful Spring Break. We sure are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of Colorado (and the world) where we have access to amazing outdoor spaces and adventures.

On Monday, March 22, members of our Nutrition Services Department will be providing five days of breakfast and lunch for all children through age 18. These meals are free to all.

- Manitou Springs Elementary School & Ute Pass Elementary School
- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

2. **Kindergarten Enrollment**—For families who live in the district and who also have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year, it is now time to complete the New Student Enrollment. Here is the link: https://www.mssd14.org/student_enrollment/new_student_enrollment
3. **Choice Enrollment Reminder**—The first choice window comes to a close on Wednesday, March 31. All applications that have been submitted by that date will be reviewed by the Choice Committee on April 6. Decisions will be communicated on April 15. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school's registrar. Their contact information can be found here ([along with the applications](#)).
4. **New Assistant Principals**—Let's welcome our two new Assistant Principals (Jennifer Sueppel—MSES and Anna Conrad—MSHS). For each position, there were over 65 applicants. They will not start until August, but you might see them around. Welcome to Manitou Springs School District 14! Here are their bios:

Manitou Springs Elementary School Assistant Principal Jennifer Sueppel

Hello, my name is Jennifer Sueppel and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Assistant Principal of Manitou Springs Elementary School. I graduated from the University of Redlands with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies with a minor in music, and spent the next 6 years working for Hesperia Unified School District in California. During this time, I got my Master's Degree in Educational Administration at California State University at San Bernardino. In 2010, our family moved to Colorado Springs, and I spent five years teaching in Harrison School District and four years teaching for Fountain Fort Carson School District 8. The last two years I have served as the Dean of Students in District 8. The best parts of my day are seeing children excited about mastering a new skill or discovering the potential they have for success.

I am originally from California, but fell in love with Colorado's beauty and am so pleased to call it my home. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for almost 18 years and our 12-year-old son is finishing his 7th grade year. We grew up in a small mountain town in California, and since moving to Colorado, it has been our dream to once again return to small town, mountain living. We enjoy hiking, biking, playing board games and most recently we have begun training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.



I look forward to working with all of you.



**Manitou Springs High School
Assistant Principal
Anna Conrad**

Raised in the mountains of Colorado, Anna Conrad is thrilled to return to a small-town community as she transitions to the Assistant Principal role at Manitou Springs High School. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Whitman College, Anna completed Teach For America and taught at Harrison High School (HHS) for eight years. During her career, she has taught six different English courses (including International Baccalaureate) and two AVID classes (a college and career readiness course). In 2016, Anna earned her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Critical Pedagogy in Urban Education from the University of Colorado, Denver. Furthermore, she attended the University of Denver Educational Leadership and Policy Studies program to earn her Principal's License in 2018. Throughout the last five years, she has led curriculum writing and editing work as well as authoring a social-emotional curriculum specifically supporting freshmen. In addition to teaching students, Anna has deeply enjoyed partnering with staff as the HHS Instructional Coach (two years) and the HHS AVID Coordinator (three years). Anna is thrilled by the opportunity to learn alongside Manitou staff, students, and the community in partnership of pursuing Deep Learning, Relationships, and Opportunity, principles that closely mirror her personal core values of leadership, learning, and love. Outside of the classroom, Anna has been the Varsity Volleyball Coach, Junior Student Government Advisor, and Minds Matter at Harrison Site Director. In her free time, she loves backpacking, Nordic skiing, doing yoga, and reading. Anna was honored with CSML Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2018, HSD2 Teacher of the Year in 2019, and was a finalist for Colorado Teacher of the Year 2021.



5. **COVID Update.** Thank you for continuing to remain diligent with support students and staff to remain in-person by:
- Staying home when a person is sick.
 - Staying home when a person has been in close contact with someone who is being evaluated for COVID.
 - Wearing a mask.
 - Washing hands frequently.