



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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Tailgating Fundraiser!

Please join our Mustang family for a Tailgating Fundraiser from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, before our home game against The Classical Academy. There will be food, beverages, music and games!

Several groups and clubs including: the Gay, Straight, Transgender Alliance, Sources of Strength, National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council are collaborating to raise equal donations for Urban Peak (now The Place), Inside Out Youth Services and Mission Critical Veteran Relief Fund. If you cannot make it out to the tailgate, but you would still like to donate, please contact club sponsor Jessica Moen at jmoen@mssd14.org for details.

The Place is the only non-profit organization in Colorado Springs that provides a full convergence of services for youth ages 15 through 24 experiencing homelessness or are at imminent

risk of becoming homeless. Their goal is to help the youth overcome real life challenges and reach their potential and to live a successful life. Inside Out Youth Services provides education, support and resources for youth in the LGBTIQ community, as they are at the highest risk in their peer group for various health-related problems, including substance abuse, dropping-out, unhealthy or abusive relationships, homelessness and suicide. Mission Critical Veteran Relief Fund provides support for service members and veterans who have been wounded or injured during combat-related operations. The organization assists them with everyday challenges that the families face. Their goal is to ensure that service veterans and their families have the support and resources they need to reintegrate successfully into society.

Climate Action Event!

Join MSSD14 and Partners for Healthy Choices this Saturday, Oct. 12, as we come together and partner for this community event.

Visit tinyurl.com/manitougreen for more information.

- **Tree Planting**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Hiawatha Gardens Clean Up**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Community Potluck**, 5-7 p.m. **Door Prizes!**

Career and college readiness corner

Three years ago Manitou Springs High School embarked on a few large changes, the first was a change in the building's daily schedule. This allowed for students to be in course work for an entire year allowing no gaps in instruction other than normal vacation times. It also allowed for the addition of Concurrent Enrollment and Advanced Placement or AP courses.

A dedicated group of teachers began the intensive work of training and the instructional work needed to provide college readiness coursework and the opportunity for students to earn college credits through the AP exam program. The high

school has expanded course offerings over the past few years with plans to add a few more courses over the next five years. The success has been extraordinary with students earning credits, and expanding their career and college readiness. The teamwork between teachers, students and families has resulted in dozens of AP scholars and college success. The following are the AP courses offered at MSHS: AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP World History, AP US History, AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Stats, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC and AP Computer Science Principles.

MSES students participate in Creek Week!

All students at Manitou Springs Elementary School helped clean up their playground, their outside spaces and Fountain Creek to do their part for Creek Week! MSES is the first school in the greater Colorado Springs area to have all students participate, preschool to fifth grade, when they first began this effort in 2015!



Important date

Oct. 18: No school for students, CHSAA Fall Student Council Conference

FallCo!



The MSHS Student Council will be hosting this year's CHSAA Student Leadership Fall Conference.

CHSAA Student Leadership Fall Conference

In the days leading up to Oct. 18, you may be wondering, what's causing such a stir at Manitou Springs High School. MSHS Student Council members will be working diligently as the high school prepares to host an event that caters to Student Councils from around Colorado: The CHSAA Student Leadership Fall Conference.

FallCo is a two-day leadership conference that invites Student Councils from around the state to participate in motivational seminars, workshops, bonding and team-building activities. During the course of FallCo, Student Council members will gain skills, learn tips and be supplied with the tools to make their impact in their school much more influential. This year, in recognition of both the mountain that makes up the skyline of Manitou Springs and the journey that student leaders walk as they progress through high school, the MSHS Student Council chose the tag-line, "The 14,000 ft. View — Your Why is Worth the Climb." FallCo will feature motivational speaker Houston Kraft deliver a presentation on "how to create a culture of kindness." Over the course of the two-day conference, participants will be involved in the following activities:



- Family Groups will engage in team-building and activities that will cause the students to question how they can have an impact in their schools and communities.
- Workshops, which will provide new and interesting ways to view activities and topics, that are generally routine, in a different light.
- The event showcase, which actually serves a double purpose: to showcase events that Student Councils can hold at their home schools. Since most Student Councils focus on keeping the student body engaged and connected, many events will showcase the best ways to do it.
- Geographic meetings give Student Councils a chance to connect with the schools around them to host fun combined events or volunteer efforts, such as a joint fundraiser, volunteer effort or school dance.
- Home school meetings give students a chance to take the things they have learned and share them with other members of the Council: a recap of what stood out to them over the course of FallCo.

As FallCo draws to a close, students will attend the closing ceremony where each school will participate in a unification activity, to show unity and leadership of the Student Councils across Colorado. After the closing ceremony, schools have the option to depart for home, or take a journey to the summit of Pikes Peak to enjoy the view from 14,037 feet.

Manitou Springs High School's Student Council hopes that all Student Council members will walk away from this year's FallCo with knowledge and tools that they can take back to their communities and make a difference with. Student leadership is making a change across our nation, and from such activities as FallCo comes the motivation and the image students need to make a positive and pivotal change in their communities, impacting the future of America as they do.

— Ben S., MSHS Senior

