

MANITOU SPRINGS GO MUSTANGS! **SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**

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Holiday help 2020

Each holiday season, Partners for **Healthy Choices of Manitou Springs** School District 14 coordinates supporting families in need with food and gifts for the holidays. Taking care of our Mustang family's needs during this season is only possible because of the support of several local agencies and families that come alongside MSSD14 during the holidays.

Staff members and families connected to our school district or perhaps that have no connection at all, local churches, and our partners at Westside CARES purchase clothing needs and gifts such as books and toys for the children.

Our very own Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department joins in with tremendous support by shopping for and putting together an amazing food box with fresh meat, vegetables, fruit and dairy; items that families cannot access from our district food pantry.

The volunteers support PHC the day families come to pick up gifts by loading all the items in the families' cars as well as jumping in to hand deliver the items when a family cannot come in person. One year they even rescued a family with a flat tire; they went to the family's location and changed the tire on the side of the road.

We as a district feel so fortunate to have the support of so many partners to make this event every year a wonderful success.



Virtual concert a hit



The MSHS and MSMS Band, Choir and Orchestra's Dec. 16, drive-in holiday concert, presented at the high school parking lot, was a huge success.

Donning their holiday finery ...

UPES Principal Chris Briggs-Hale and Secretary Dani Hainds show their festive spirit!



Employment opportunities

The district is hiring bus drivers! Please reach out to the District Human Resources Office with any questions about this position: mweimer@mssd14.org.

mssd14.ss16.sharpschool.com/join_us/employment_opportunities

Message from the Board of Education

During the December Board of Education regular meeting, the board members voted to continue to approve full funding of total program (at 25 percent) as allowed by the voterapproved removal of the cap on the mill levy in 2018.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we accept accountability for our decisions made after thoughtful deliberation, knowing these actions

impact residents, business owners, students, staff, families and the community — both short-term and longterm. We publicly thank the community for your continued and long-standing commitment to supporting Manitou Springs School District 14.

We are proud to serve each of you and are honored to be in these board member roles, especially as we lead through a pandemic and start 2021.



MSSD14 Board of Education members, from left: Gustav Moen, director; Natalie Johnson, vice president; Tina Vidovich, president; Jack Sharon, treasurer; and Gary Smith, director. The board members are thankful for the community's continued support.

District plans return to in-person learning

Happy 2021! We are looking forward to a strong start to the second semester.

SECOND SEMESTER START AND RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

Students Return:

- Friday, Jan. 8
- Return to remote learning (all grades)
- Remote learning from Jan. 8-15

Monday, Jan. 11:

- Students with an IEP attend in-person
- Preschool students attend in-person
- Students participating in FuelEd begin coursework

Monday, Jan. 18:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day no school

Tuesday, Jan. 19:

- Students return to in-person learning
- MSES & UPES: All students fully in-person
- MSMS & MSHS: Hybrid in-person





