



## SCHOOL EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### HOMECOMING WEEK!

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 17

- Powder Puff Game, 6:30 p.m., Richardson Field, 401 El Monte Pl.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

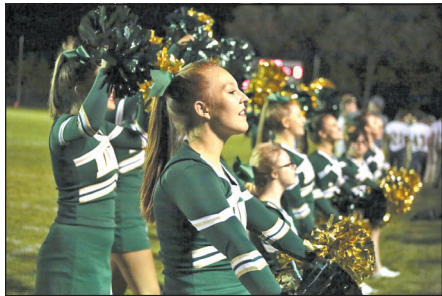
- Volleyball vs. Florence, 6 p.m., Manitou Springs High School Gym, 401 El Monte Pl.
- Bonfire (after volleyball game), approximately 7:45 p.m., Upper Activity Field, Manitou Springs Middle School, 405 El Monte Pl.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

- Homecoming Parade, 1:30 p.m. along Manitou Avenue
- Football vs St. Mary's, 7 p.m., Richardson Field, 401 El Monte Pl.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

- Homecoming Dance, 8-11 p.m., 401 El Monte Pl. (High School students only)



## THOUGHTS FROM THE HEAD LEARNER

"Coming home" means so many different things to different individuals and families. Growing up in a military town (my great-grandfather moved to Colorado Springs in 1897), and having both of my grandfathers serve in World War II, coming home usually is associated with seeing loved ones return from deployment, serving, and sacrificing for our freedom.

Homecoming in Manitou Springs is steeped in rich tradition as well. In August, I had the wonderful privilege of serving pancakes to past graduates of Manitou Springs High School returning home to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the school/school district.

I was humbled by the opportunity to stand in front of our "Mustang giants," and thank them for building a town, a school system, and traditions of "excellence," "community" and "family!" There were graduates from the 1940s all the way up to the 1990s. It was glorious!

We have the opportunity to welcome in Homecoming week on Sept. 17 and ending on Sept. 21 with our traditional parade at 1:30 p.m. and athletic games that evening.

The rich tradition, close relationships and community support for the school system it owns and operates is matchless. Thousands of "Mustangs" attend the parade and celebrate learning, children, memories and connection.

I hope you come and participate too! It's a simply inspiring tradition, and I guarantee that you will feel all "green and gold" inside! Go Mustangs!



~ Ed Longfield  
Superintendent and Head Learner, MSSD 14

## CONNECT 14 ONLINE REGISTRATION ... OPEN!

<https://www.connect14.org>

Connect 14 offers after school athletics and activities for all grade levels!

The mission of Connect 14 is to offer students the opportunity to "disconnect and reconnect."

Students have the chance to try sports, fine arts, clubs and activities to keep them engaged with their peers, local community volunteers, artists and coaches.

Activities include experiences like camping, fishing, hiking, rock climbing, Trax car racing, skiing and river adventures! Students can also try painting, music lessons, sculpture, drama, chess, robotics ... the opportunities are endless! We encourage kids to try something new, be outdoors and make new friends!

## ONLINE RESOURCES

iPad Fees, Yearbook purchases, etc.:  
[www.mssd14.org/enrollment/online\\_payment](http://www.mssd14.org/enrollment/online_payment)

Pay lunch fees online:  
[www.payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login](http://www.payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login)

New Student Enrollment:  
[www.mssd14.org/enrollment](http://www.mssd14.org/enrollment)

Choice Student Enrollment Process:  
[www.mssd14.org/enrollment/choice\\_student\\_enrollment\\_process/](http://www.mssd14.org/enrollment/choice_student_enrollment_process/)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Artists — kindergarten through fifth-grade — were welcomed into their new art space and have started their creative year working on a collaborative mural inspired by kindness and Peter Reynolds' book, "The DOT."

In this story, a discouraged child is encouraged to make a mark on her paper in art class. This mark leads to her discovering her artistic talent.

Just as a creative mark can lead to a

masterpiece, an act of kindness can have a similar impact and affect.

Teachers, support staff and children have all made their mark on this mural. We will proudly display our school's masterpiece in the art plaza near the commons as a reminder of the kindness we embrace at MSES.

Welcome to a new year! ♥

~ Carrie Dunlap  
MSES art teacher



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

You can become a part of the Manitou Springs School District Staff! We have job postings at [www.mssd14.org/district\\_information/employment\\_opportunities](http://www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities)

Currently, the District is looking to fill custodial, food service and substitute para-professional positions! Come be a part of our Manitou Herd!

