



THOUGHTS FROM THE HEAD LEARNER!

Manitou Springs School District 14—Accredited with Distinction!

We are extremely proud to announce that the Colorado Department of Education has awarded the Manitou Springs School District 14 the rating of "Accredited with Distinction!" This recognition comes to us for the outstanding scores our students received on state assessments and on other critical items such as graduation rates and college and career readiness.

The district has provided outstanding opportunity and equity for all students by increasing academic rigor and assisting students to be fully prepared for college and/or their careers once leaving our system.

Recently, our district invested resources to put in place the Advanced Placement (AP) program for high school students. In the 2016-17 school year, we had zero course offerings and zero students enrolled in AP courses at school. In the 2017-18 school year, the high school offered nine AP courses at school and had 201 of its 475 students enrolled in AP classes. This year we are offering 11 AP courses at school and have 274 students enrolled in AP classes — tremendous!

Additionally, we offer the ACT Career Readiness assessment to students who may want to enter the work place after high school. At the end of the 2017-18 school year, we had 97 percent of our students pass the ACT assessment!

We are also extremely proud that all of the above

was accomplished in the "Manitou Way!"

We expanded our programs in the fine arts, increased healthy activities after school, and won the prestigious "Governor's Platinum Award" — the state of Colorado's highest honor for health and wellness for students!



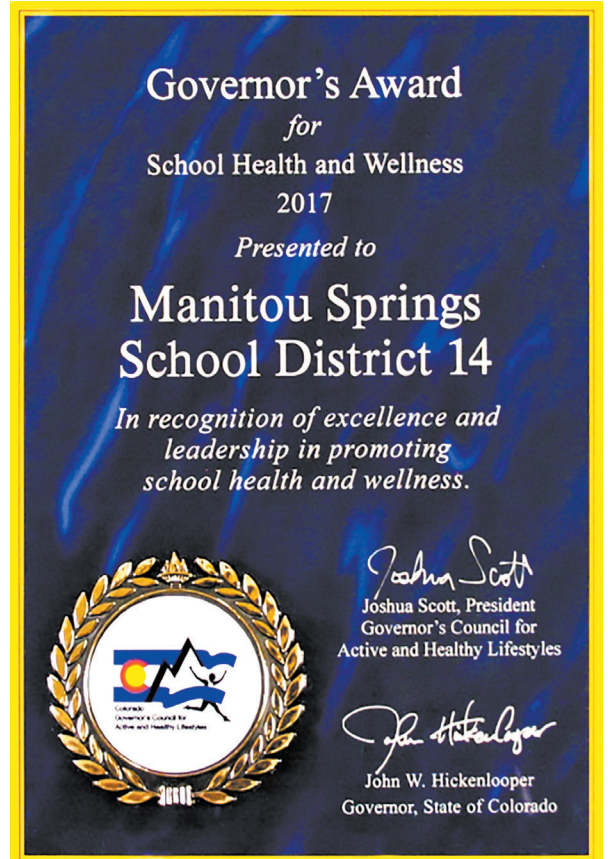
As you have been reading, we have recently added orchestra for all children in all schools, added Spanish as a course for all children in all schools, and are launching a new program called "Connect 14" that will create numerous activities for children after school such as camping, hiking, fishing, rafting, biking, skiing, rock climbing, and much, much more!

We believe in addressing all of the needs students have — a whole-child approach. Students need challenging courses to study, soul-inspiring classes in the fine arts, healthy and engaging (and fun) activities to develop wellness — all surrounded by the most caring, kind, positive and loving staff members imaginable. Relationships are the glue that holds it all together ... and in that category, we are "Accredited with Extraordinary Distinction!"

Thank you for supporting your school district in so many ways! It is an honor to serve you all each and every day.

~ Ed Longfield

Superintendent, Head Learner MSSD 14



CONNECT 14 ONLINE REGISTRATION ... COMING SOON!

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!

Some exciting opportunities coming in September are Girl's Sand Volleyball for grades 3rd-5th, Boy's Soccer for grades 1st-5th and Landsharks Running Club for grades Kinder-6th!!

Connect 14 will have online registration for all Sports 14 and Arts 14 offerings coming soon! Parents/Guardians — watch your email for the online registration link! Most classes will start the week of Sept. 10, 2018.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Artist: Anja Ladrigan, 10th Grade, MSHS

OPEN HOUSE / IMPORTANT DATES:

MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sept. 11: Fifth-Grade Parent Meeting, 5-6 p.m.; Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.

UTE PASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sept. 11: Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Parent Meeting, 5-6 p.m.; Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.

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

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

ONLINE RESOURCES

iPad Fees, Yearbook purchases, etc.:

www.mssd14.org/enrollment/on_line_payment

Pay lunch fees online:

www.payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login

New Student Enrollment:

www.mssd14.org/enrollment

Choice Student Enrollment Process:

www.mssd14.org/enrollment/choice_student_enrollment_process/

