



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! We had a strong start to the second semester and 2020. It was wonderful to greet students as they stepped off the bus and walked excitedly down the hallways to their next class. Returning to see staff eager to be with students and do what they love was fulfilling and heartwarming.

On Friday, I stopped by Manitou Springs Elementary School to visit classrooms (around teaching and learning) with Mr. Vogel. It was the best way to finish the week. I stopped in Mr. Niebuhr's physical education class to see students participating in cooperative locomotor activities. They collectively loved the opportunity. One student's words to her classmate really stuck with me. He was hesitant to participate. She turned to him and said, "I know you can do this. You just can't give up." These words were so powerful.

Before visiting the physical education class, we stopped in the fourth grade classes. All of the students were authentically engaged in the Core Knowledge lesson Eureka! Student Inventor. The students worked in small groups and communicated positively, thoughtfully and creatively. Their excitement and enthusiasm for the content and the opportunity to think deeply was palpable.

These two brief descriptions of these classroom observations do not even begin to capture the amazing opportunities our students get to experience every day in Manitou. I am looking forward to a tremendous second semester and beyond.

Please be on the lookout for a survey, near the end of January, that will be going out to students, staff and families. The feedback from this brief survey will be used to finalize the strategic plan for the District.

Finally, I want to thank the five members of the Board of Education for their willingness to serve our community: Natalie Johnson, Gus Moen, Jack Sharon, Gary Smith and Tina Vidovich. January is National School Board Appreciation Month.

Our school board members are volunteers who shoulder critical responsibilities and tremendous advocacy for students, staff and the community. If you have a moment, please take the time to send a quick note of gratitude.

~ Elizabeth A. Domangue
Superintendent of Schools



Fun and engaging lessons, such as Eureka! Student Inventor, abound in MSSD14 classrooms.

New MSSD14 Facebook page!

Please follow us on Facebook @manitouschools. We'll post announcements and events to this page regularly and it will be a great way to stay up-to-date! We'll be looking forward to seeing your "likes."

2020 Manni Award finalists

Congratulations to the three teachers and four students of MSSD14 for their Manni Award nominations!

The Mannis honor those whose contributions have enhanced, enriched and even beautified life in Manitou Springs.

Please come out and support these finalists at the Sixth Annual Manni Awards ceremony and potluck dinner, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 30, at City Hall.

EDUCATION AND LEARNING:



Christi Marquardt



Lisa Mussi



Alice Stoneback

YOUTH VISIONARY LEADERSHIP:



Se'amus L.



Melissa M.



Caden S.



Mackenna Y.

UPES Young AmeriTowne

AmeriTowne is a financial literacy curriculum where students learn all about the economy, banking, how businesses run and much more.

In two weeks, the students will be going up to Denver and going to Young AmeriTowne, a children's bank. Upstairs in the bank, is a complete town with all the businesses set up.

The students will run the town for a day.



MSSD14 Alumni News



Zach Hager, a 2013 graduate of Manitou Springs High School, was just promoted to Corporal.

He is a United States Marine and is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Zach is the son of our own Judi Johnson (Nutrition Services) and K.C. Hager.

Important Date:

Jan. 20: No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CTE Corner

January starts the second semester and has the graduating class of 2020 looking at life beyond Manitou Springs High School. This group of seniors includes AP scholars, Concurrent Enrollment College Credit earners and Career and Technical Education certificate recipients.

For the first time, students leaving the Careers in Construction program will have earned OSHA certification, hands-on training from IBEW electricians, interviewing and resumé building skills from our partners at the Home Builders Association and national training through the Home Builders Institute.

Our computer science and advanced math and science programs will be taking more than 20 students to the National Cyberspace Symposium at the Broadmoor in February. MSHS will be adding another

AP class in computer science next school year as well.

Our technical theatre program is currently working with an internationally known filmmaker on a series of vignettes about Manitou and Manitou Springs School District.

These real world experiences, integrated with classroom instruction, are critical to having our students be ready for the changing economic landscape.

Four of our Concurrent Enrollment Courses are also in full swing this semester and students are working to earn FREE college credit while attending their normal day at high school.

As we look ahead, we can be sure students are gaining exceptional educational opportunities to make them career and college ready!

