



## MSHS All City Band and Orchestra



Manitou Springs High School Band and MSHS Orchestra had several students try-out and earn spots on the All City Honor Band and Orchestra! MSHS students performed with students from all over El Paso County and were conducted by guest conductors from as far away as UCLA.

The All City Orchestra performed on Jan. 16 at Wasson High School. The All City Band performed on Jan. 19 at Pine Creek High School. The crowds in attendance received a treat listening to these

top-notch performances!

The Manitou students selected for All City Honor Band are, above left from left: Devin Rocha, trumpet; Hailey Matas, First Chair clarinet in the entire city of Colorado Springs; and Kyla Carpenter, clarinet; along with Director Taylor Weimer.

The Manitou student selected for All City Honor Orchestra was, at above right, Owen White, First Chair violin and Concert Master in the entire city of Colorado Springs, with Director Danny Tramel.



## Connect14 Winter Session underway!

[www.connect14.org](http://www.connect14.org)

Connect14 winter term classes started the week of Jan. 14 and will continue through March 15. Students and adults alike are having a great time this term! They are creating ceramics, learning to sew, racing slot cars, playing ukulele, building robots, dancing, singing and acting! In addition to our student offerings, there are five classes at the MAC open to high school-age children through adult ... we'd love to see these classes become intergenerational. A lot of age-friendly rapport will grow from creative relationships between the generations in these classes!

- Mondays:** Rock Band and Advanced Guitar
- Tuesdays:** Creative Writing
- Wednesdays:** FAB LAB with Concrete Couch and Ceramics
- Thursdays:** Dye Weave Sew with Textiles West
- Fridays:** Acrylic Painting with Erin Gillespie from Bemis FAC

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## Join us in creating a new MSES playground!

As our fabulous old MSES play structures age — even with all of its foxy local fans — we're looking to create a new playground vision for our next-generation Mustangs. In that process, we're looking to collect ideas from all quarters — kids, big kids (parents and community members), and teachers. Indeed, we're already brainstorming with MSES fifth-graders — the experts — about what would make a fabulous new place for recess fun and after school play. From that input, we'll create an overall design, fund-raise, and build as a community one module or area at a time over the coming months and years.

Best of all, you're invited to join in dreaming! We've engaged Steve Wood, head of Concrete Couch and longtime Manitou resident, to facilitate our process. Concrete Couch, is an award-winning local nonprofit that has created dozens of projects in Manitou and the surrounding areas. (Concrete Couch is also doing the in-depth playground planning with the fifth-graders and their ideas will be shared in our process.)

Our initial planning meetings will be two separate sessions on Saturday, Feb. 9 — from 10 a.m. to noon, and from noon to 2 p.m. — to dream, make models, walk the grounds and share ideas. Participants at both sessions are welcome to join us for an informal lunch at 11:45 a.m. Everyone is more than welcome to attend either session to share ideas about what you would like to see as playground additions, share what time and expertise you can contribute and hear about your neighbors' ideas. This will be a hands-on workshop, with an opportunity to make drawings and models and also talk about ideas. All ideas will



be considered (commercial playground pieces, nature play elements, "loose play", etc.), including elements that can be created by our fifth-graders!

Then on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, we'll hold a follow-up session in which our fifth-graders will share the initial plans from the brainstorming sessions and invite your feedback. The Feb. 19 session will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will include dinner for the whole family!

Please consider attending these sessions; and please RSVP for the sessions you plan to attend, so we can plan for enough food for everyone. We'll need to know which Saturday session you'll attend, whether you can also attend the Tuesday night session and how many family members are coming. You can RSVP by emailing Shanda at [sglasener@mssd14.org](mailto:sglasener@mssd14.org) or Caitlin at [cmorrisette@mssd14.org](mailto:cmorrisette@mssd14.org) or by calling the school at 685-2195.

## Artist of the Week



Artist: Miranda Harangozo, 5th Grade, UPES

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