



MSES students 'take portal' to Mexico City!

Ms. Bradbury and Mrs. Marquardt combined their homeroom and TEAMS time to visit the Manitou Art Center's world portal this week.

The Manitou Springs Elementary School students connected to a portal in Mexico City and practiced the Spanish that they have learned throughout the year with Mrs. Lillimon.

The students asked questions about culture, weather, landscape, food, etc. "It felt like we were actually in Mexico City!" one student said. "It was so fun to communicate, especially with the four gentlemen that showed up to answer questions!" said another.

What an experience! The students were so inspired!



Connect14 Winter Session underway!

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

Please visit our website or contact Arts14 Director Joye Levy at jlevy@mssd14.org, Sports14 Coordinator Danny Gieck at dgieck@mssd14.org or STEM14 Supervisor Chris Picinich at cpicinich@mssd14.org with any questions!

Owning their future at Ute Pass Elementary School

This past fall, the Town of Green Mountain Falls invited our fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms to participate in the GMF Comprehensive Town Plan development. This joint project with the GMF City Council seeks to obtain citizen input about future land use and development in the region.

UPES's students took this assignment very seriously. Guided by Miles Groth, Greg DiFiore and UPES fifth- and sixth-grade teachers, students planned a walk-through of potential development areas, used topographical maps and talked with community members.

On Dec. 11, the students presented the findings of their hard work and research to the assembled community.

As one community member said, "Sometimes the recommendations of the students are more realistic than those submitted by adults!"

Among the recommendations of these two classes were: closer access to orthodontists (the kids hate taking time off from UPES to go to appointments), a dog park, and a medical center and library in the center of town.

The staff at UPES is so proud of these children who demonstrated to the rest of our community that kids can make real impacts, for the good of the whole, even while they are still in school.

Best of all, for some of these students, they may grow up to experience some of the ideas they suggested to the Comprehensive Plan as adults and taxpayers!



Artist of the Week



Artist:
Weston Czarnecki,
Kindergarten,
MSES

Employment Opportunities

You can become a part of the Manitou Springs School District Staff! See our job postings at http://www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities

The district is looking for bus drivers, a MSMS Harmony/Para-Professional, MSMS lunch room support and a high school English teacher! Come be a part of our Manitou Herd!

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEB. 18, FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

