



Colorado College Brain Labs help MSMS students think like Leonardo da Vinci!

Jennifer Weimer's 8th-grade MSMS Gifted and Talented/Exceptional Scholars recently partnered with students in Colorado College's Outreach Program for Neuroscience Education to learn about their brains.

In a January introductory lesson for an elective class designed to help them "Think Like Leonardo da Vinci," CC students introduced MSMS students to basic neuroscience by providing them with hands-on experience with brain tissue at the gross and microscopic level.

Last week, CC Psychology and Neuroscience undergrads returned to Manitou to conduct a perceptual distortion lab to introduce the da Vinci class to the topic of sensation and perception in the human brain.



Artist of the Week



Artist: Manny Aviles, 4th Grade, MSES

MSES — kindness and service abound!

Manitou Springs Elementary School has been involving a rotation of all students in Mustang Service Corps service projects each week.

Students are learning the importance of serving others. On Thursdays, kindergarteners, first- and second-graders are chosen by teachers to come and spend lunch time with Ms. Bradbury and the service corps team working to create items for our fundraiser. Third-, fourth- and fifth-graders are chosen to come on Fridays.

The next Mustang Service Corp Project is Steps for Sonny!

Manitou Service Corps has decided its next fundraiser will be centered around one of its very own students, Sonny! MSES would like to help him receive a surgery he needs for his muscles to function properly.

Sonny is 4 1/2 years old. He is the sweetest, bravest little boy you'll ever meet. He has spastic diplegia cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy is caused by the brain being deprived of oxygen. Before 2017, he used a wheelchair to get around. Sonny had a major spinal surgery in October and was finally able to walk! Sonny's muscles

were unable to grow at the same rate as his bones because his muscles are too tight, which is why he requires another surgery this June. Unfortunately, this surgery is not covered by insurance, since it needs to be performed by a top surgeon in St. Louis. With the help of this surgery, Sonny will be able to continue walking.

Please support MSES in raising the money needed to help Sonny's surgery become possible and keep him running and playing with his siblings and friends! Mustang Service Corps has been busy making individual donation bins for each student to bring home and collect change from family, friends, neighbors, etc. MSES students want to show kindness is contagious and the mission for Service Corps is to serve others. Everyone is excited for students to see what can be accomplished when they work together as a community! Fundraising started Friday, Feb. 15 and goes through March 1. The goal is to raise \$3,000.

Here are other ways you can support Sonny and his family:

Go Fund Me Campaign

https://www.gofundme.com/sonnys-tendon-surgery&rcid=r01-154989948242-284e835515e84db4&pc=ot_co_campmgt_m

Chipotle Night

4-8 p.m., Feb. 26 at Chipotle 1370 W. Garden of the Gods Road. 33 percent of proceeds go to MSES to support Sonny!

In their school kindness campaign, MSES students who have shown intentional acts of kindness received a kindness heart from teachers and other staff. Here's a list of student recipients:

- ♥ **Felix Banagale**, for always helping above and beyond to be sure the computers are left in good condition for the next class.



- ♥ **Claire Bauch**, thank you for being thoughtful. (Mrs. Andrea)
- ♥ **Devin Belle**, for cleaning up after others in class.
- ♥ **Larkspur Benton**, who was kind to her classmates in music.
- ♥ **Clayton Brown**, for giving hugs when someone's feelings were hurt.
- ♥ **Max Clark**, for being an excellent listener and always caring for others.
- ♥ **Kruz Couture**, for helping above and beyond (Mrs. B); and for helping cleanup above and beyond expectations.
- ♥ **Greisan Follari-Jespersen**, who brought in and shared his Medieval project castle that he built, which tied in with our CKLA unit!
- ♥ **Ariel Gomez**, for helping others in TEAMS class.
- ♥ **Journey Hobbs**, for fixing my stapler and bringing it back to me! (Mrs. Thomson)
- ♥ **Jack Huddleston**, for helping without asking. Above and beyond work! (Mrs. B)
- ♥ **Arabella Jensen**, for helping classmates with being prepared.
- ♥ **Cole Maida**, who plugged in Art iPads without being asked.
- ♥ **Rachel Martinez**, for having excellent listening skills in class and being kind to the teacher.
- ♥ **Abigail McGlasson**, for always using kind words with her classmates! (Mrs. Thomson)
- ♥ **Kleone McVerry-Reece**, for helping cleanup extra in TEAMS class.
- ♥ **Olivia Morsean**, for working with love to listen better.



Connect14 spring class registration COMING SOON!

www.connect14.org

Connect14 Spring Term Classes will be posted at connect14.org and registration opening soon!

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!

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

Currently, the district is looking for substitute teachers and paras, bus drivers, a MSMS evening custodian, a MSMS Harmony/para-professional, MSMS lunch room support and a high school English teacher! Come be a part of our Manitou Herd!

- ♥ **Raymond Pacheco**, for demonstrating respectful listening and being an awesome leader! (Mrs. Dunlap)
- ♥ **Sabine Palmer**, very graciously offered to share a snack with a hungry friend.
- ♥ **Jaedyn Quigley**, for cleaning up iPads when others didn't, (Mrs. B); and for supporting another student.
- ♥ **Jaxson Sawyer**, for being so kind with another student. (Mrs. B)
- ♥ **Colson Stallard**, for helping others in TEAMS.
- ♥ **Liam Shamah**, was kind to his classmates in Music.
- ♥ **Colson Stallard**, for being a SUPER helper. (Mrs. B)
- ♥ **Miles Tegan**, for sharing kindness and patience.
- ♥ **Nolan Barrett, Maya Harris, Katherine Honchey, Cora Lengerich and Lyric Robinson**, for being great role models in Art class and for always being willing to help and inspire others.



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