



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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6th annual World Language and Culture Night: What to know

¡Hola! Bonjour! Hallo!

World Language and Culture Night 2020 is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Manitou Springs High School, 401 El Monte Pl. World Language students will perform and then present their learning during one incredible evening, which celebrates and engages students, educators and the community in world language, culture and arts.

The WLACN 2020 program and performances begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium, when high school students will begin presenting their projects and several interactive workshops will take place.



WLACN 2020 features and highlights:

This year we welcome back Dallo and African drumming group *Jamoral* to host a spirited drumming and dance workshop. We are pleased to announce that Brazilian Capoeira of Colorado Springs is joining us for a demonstration and free workshop! WLACN would not be the same without the annual piñata celebration for elementary students, grades Kindergarten-Second and Third-Fifth, hosted by our own MSES Spanish instructor Alejandra Lillemon! The Products, Practices, and Perspectives Art Gallery will also be open for viewing in the Media Center. Do not miss the WLACN 2020 App at check-in, which includes the performance lineup, important details about student presentations and the many activities taking place.

Several food trucks featuring international cuisines will be on-site and ready to serve by 5 p.m. Please help us keep our school clean by enjoying food from vendors in the cafeteria and commons areas only. Please do not bring food into the gyms or presentation areas.

Thank you to our WLACN 2020 Food Vendors: Go Fish!, Johnny G's Mexican Soul Food, Lucy's Armenian-Mediterranean Grill, Ricky's Island Grill, The Cupcake Doctor and Totally Nuts and Company!

Where to Park:

Please plan to carpool if at all possible in order to conserve parking. Parking at the High School is very limited and we anticipate high attendance. Some parking is available at the middle school. Parents can also drop students off at the high school, park on Manitou Avenue, and walk to the high school for the event. Please arrive early to negotiate parking and enjoy the food trucks and presentation tables in the Commons area of the high school.

We are looking forward to seeing you during this festive and unique MSSD14 community celebration!

On behalf of the WLACN Planning Committee, thank you!

— Terrence Batson, Luisa Dick, Claudine Huntington, Alejandra Lillemon, Amy Rodearmel, Alice Stoneback and Madison Stuart.

Important Dates:

SPRING BREAK: March 23 through March 27 — no school!

UPES Birdhouse building

Ute Pass Elementary students spent the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 28 building bird houses with the entire community. These students researched the specific types of bird houses needed to replace habitats and designed, organized and built the whole school process for completing the build of these houses.

Designed also as a fundraiser for a new microscope that can travel between UPES classrooms, the experience integrated math, design and science into a particularly memorable experience for our whole school! UPES would like to thank our numerous parent and community volunteers, sixth grade teacher, Miles Groth and his class of

student leaders, Mr. McMartin and Dr. Domangue, and all the teachers and students for making this a priceless learning experience!



MSSH Robotics team wins competition

This week our High School Robotics Team, the Steel Mustangs #2945 with FIRST Robotics Competition, won the Del Mar, California Qualifier!

There were 58 teams present and the team progressed slow and steady and sought the best alliance partners for the win! This means that they qualified for the World Championships in Houston in April!

The team that represented was: Kaynen C., Madison C., Liam D., Ki'Ara F., Lisa G., Elena R., Jaxen S. and Mackenna Y.! Our total team also includes: Atticus B., Sofija C., Riley D., Michael P., Jason S. and Avrie T.

The team built a metal, 150 pound robot that can traverse a field the size of a volleyball court with five other robots. Teams go through eight qualifying matches to be able to pick teams for the Alliance Rounds.



The team took all three levels, (quarters, semis and finals), to all three games, (best 2 out of 3), and won the ninth match by one point!

Head Coach of 12 years is Todd Reavis, with staff supporters of Andrew Slama and Christi Marquardt. The team is also supported by five other adult mentors including two graduates of the program. Way to go, Mustangs! MSSD14 is on the map — literally and figuratively! Del Mar Champions 2020!

Career and College Readiness Corner

Everywhere you go you see big cranes and new buildings. The Pikes Peak region is growing, growing, growing. Being ready for the changing economy and job market is a constant conversation in Manitou Springs School District. This month alone Manitou has participated in several advisory board meetings with industry partners, including a meeting on the state of work in Colorado.

What did we learn? There is a need to get kids connected at a young age

to industry skills and that soft skills are critical.

Where do you learn soft skills? At home? Yes. In the classroom? Yes. But at Manitou, you also learn them at the amazing opportunities we offer as well. Just this past weekend both of our basketball programs were in the regional tournament, our choir students competed in a state honor competition and our robotics team traveled to California to compete. These opportunities give

students the experiences needed to develop and polish the soft skills needed to be competitive in the changing economic landscape.

Teamwork, problem solving, communication and sacrifice were all mentioned in the meetings we attended. These skills are interwoven in the core values of our district. These opportunities, these relationships, these instances of deep learning are what makes Manitou Springs School District unique.

The teachers and staff members who give up their evenings and weekends to mold our young people into tomorrow's leaders are the backbone of these core values.

We are meeting with our Manitou Springs community members every week to partner with our students. If you would like to partner with us or have your community partner with us, please contact Kolleen Johnson, director of student success at kjohnson@mssd14.org.

