



# MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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## MSES School of Excellence Night a rousing success!

Nearly 300 Mustang family members attended the annual School of Excellence Night, April 25 at MSES.

Presented by the incredible Special Education Team of teachers and paraeducators, School of Excellence Night offered parents a view of their students' creativity and rigor in classroom projects, art, music, science fair, GT and technology.

The dinner is catered by our excellent friends at the fabulous Adam's Mountain Café each year. (Please patronize Adam's as a way of thanking them for their support!) Thanks so much for joining us in our celebration of MSES students! See you again next year for more excellence!



## Important Dates

**Last Day for MSHS Seniors:** Friday, May 10

**Graduation:** 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Richardson Field

## Paul Bonner's "Wild Connections"

MSHS Art Teacher Paul Bonner recently completed his master's in art, culminating with his thesis art show, "Wild Connections," at Adams State University.

Bonner chose to pursue his master's to learn more about the very subjects he teaches and to embrace his passion for drawing wild animals. The drawings were based off of reference photos he's taken throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

Completing this process while teaching allowed him to be a model to his students while working alongside them and inspiring them to pursue a future in art.

Bonner's long-term goal is to become more of a working artist after he reaches retirement. Bonner currently teaches beginning art, drawing, sculpture and digital photography.



## Manitou Mustang Mural

The MSHS group, Teen Advocates for a Well Community, or TAWC, wanted to do a big project — in a fun way — to bring awareness to their group. Hailey M. shared that the group wanted to get the high school involved and put the club's name out there. The group did just that with a large, colorful, amazing mural on the wall on the south side of the high school parking lot!

Funded through a grant which can be used to promote healthy choices and the arts, the group worked with Rise Above Colorado and their local artists to design and create this impressive piece of art. Johnathan Judge, Director of Rise Above Colorado, works with teen groups across the region and has assisted TWAC in the past.

Hailey also shared that the group's goal for the rest



**TAWC members, from left: Mollie A., Kylie M., Hailey M., Kimi S., Jenny W., and Jane Squires.**

of the school year is to work on recruitment to grow the membership of TAWC for next year.

Mollie A. wanted to add color to the school and this mural has sparked requests from other teachers who

would like a mural. She is happy that other teachers want to add creativity and brightness to their spaces. There is talk about adding even more student involvement into murals in the future.

# Connect14 Summer Baseball Camp Registration OPEN!



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