



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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A tribute to Sue Wilfong, Manitou and Ute Pass Teacher



Ute Pass Elementary School and the Manitou Springs School District would like to honor Sue Wilfong for her 46 years of service to our children, (40 years as a teacher and six years as a sub). Sue embodies the true, master teacher — her love for children, literature and learning made teaching way more than a profession for her.

As a foundational staff member in the development of Ute Pass Elementary School years ago, Sue's almost daily presence is a reminder of all the beautiful people (families, former students, former teachers and community) who believe that a tiny school in the mountains is what's best for children.

Today, her near-daily visits to our school have been a delight to our children. Always carrying a book, she passionately promotes her love of literature to children and adults.

During Ute Pass Elementary's tribute to her last Friday, during which all the students lined the hallway to honor her, a sixth-grader was overheard saying, "Can I adopt you as my grandmother?"

Ute Pass Elementary was delighted to celebrate this milestone in Sue's life last week — her first and last day of teaching, across 46 years, happened in this tiny school! A complete, beautiful, glorious circle of love.

Sue, although you are retiring, we love seeing you here. The coffee will always be on for you, the library will be open, our pencils will be sharp and blank paper ready for the words you so love to teach.

MSMS journalism students get some time on the air!



The advanced journalism class toured KOAA to learn more about journalism careers, how professional news broadcasts work, and were even invited on camera to give the live farewell. Students in the journalism class film broadcasts for the school, write the school newspaper and create the annual yearbook. The middle school journalism classes, created by Jennifer Weimer and supported by Raquel Knapp, are in their third year and continue to grow!

Bringing history to life



MSMS students performed as characters from history at the Young Chataqua at The Colorado Springs Pioneer's Museum!

MSES hatches chicks!



Chicks have arrived! This past week five beautiful Pavloskaya chicks joined MSES via the MSES incubator. They are unique in that they are the oldest breed in Russia. They were nearly extinct at one time until the breed was reintroduced in the 1990s.

They are known to be extremely cold-hardy and have unique feathering on their feet. These chickens don't have any wattles or combs, which prevents them from getting frostbite. Their head-tuft replaces having a comb so they have spiky head feathers.

The chicks will be in the TEAMS room until the school year is over and then living at Mrs. B's house this summer. She will be giving weekly updates on the MSES Facebook page.

Important dates

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

MSMS 8th Grade Promotion: May 22

MSES 5th Grade Promotion: May 23

UPES 5th Grade Promotion: May 23

Last Day of School: May 23, Half Day

Connect14 summer offerings

48 Hour Musical camp will take place June 5-7 at the District Auditorium.

EAT SLEEP FILM camp for middle-schoolers will take place in Green Moun-

tain Falls June 10-21.

Connect14 is also offering many sports camps such as baseball, cheer, basketball, soccer, volleyball and wrestling!

Register for all MSSD14 Summer programs at www.connect14.org and look for the Summer14 tab.

Sports physicals night

Manitou Springs High School Commons
5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23

Centura Health is sponsoring our first annual sports physicals night, open to all MSSD14 students. Sports physicals are required to participate in any school sport for grades 6-12. All proceeds of this event to benefit the MSSD14 athletic training program. Contact Nick Nunley at nnunley@mssd14.org with any questions.

Employment opportunities

MSSD14 and Ute Pass BOCES are currently looking to hire for the following positions for next school year: MSMS science; MSMS art; MSHS English; MSMS and MSHS Gifted & Talented coordinator, Buildings and Grounds, Bus Drivers and BOCES speech language pathologists. Be a part of the Herd and apply at: https://www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — MAY 23RD



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