



# MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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## Honor and Improvements at MSES

In the MSES Commons, we're installing a large, heart-themed, staff-wide art project, created to honor the legacy of our beloved former colleague Debbie Heidenreich who passed away last year.

Also dedicated to Debbie's memory will be the new book nook reading area on the playground, from a design by her husband, Dan Heidenreich, and her daughter, Lindsay Hammel.

We are also proud to announce that we have built a wheelchair lift in one corner of our historic district auditorium stage!

After years of struggling to help students and guests in wheelchairs onto the stage, we can finally welcome them up with safety and dignity!

— Russ Vogel,  
Principal MSES



## Meet our District Social Workers

### Maggie Ellias, Secondary Schools

I am originally from Philadelphia, and have lived in Colorado Springs, since 2004. I attended the University of Arizona in Tucson, and graduated with a bachelor's in psychology with a minor in family studies in 1995. I received my master's in social work from Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Penn. in 1997. My primary area of focus has been working with children and adolescents, in various clinical settings, homeless teens in Tucson as well as in Chicago, partial hospitalization programs, outpatient mental health settings and, lastly, school settings. I have chosen to focus on being a school social worker so that I am available to more teens as they grow up in a more modern environment. Social media and the internet have changed the way that people connect with one another. I am looking forward to becoming a part of the staff, student, parent, and community in Manitou Springs.



### Christina Zakrzewsk, Primary Schools

I was born and raised in southern New Jersey until 2017, when I moved to Colorado Springs. I received my master's in social work from Rutgers University in 2011. My passion for working with children started as an intern on a children's behavioral health unit. After I graduated, I worked as a therapist in a residential treatment facility serving inner city youths. After moving to Colorado Springs, I found a new passion working with special education students and their families. My desire is to build strong relationships with students, families, staff and the community in Manitou Springs.



## Connect14 online registration OPEN!

[www.connect14.org](http://www.connect14.org)

Connect14 fall term classes run Sept. 9 through Dec. 13, 2019. All classes will be 13 weeks to align with the semester schedule. There are several BOGO classes. We've added lots of new offerings like, Flamenco, Hip-Hop, Cooking, Into the Woods, Mural Painting, Yoga, Robotics and Street Soccer, as well as all your old favorites! In addition to our student offerings, there are classes 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! Please refer to our website for updated change and cancellation policies. Please visit our website or contact Connect14 Director Joye Levy at [jlevy@mssd14.org](mailto:jlevy@mssd14.org) with any questions!

## Important dates

### First Day of School — Aug. 23

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| <b>Aug. 22:</b> UPES & MSES Meet Your Teacher, 3-4 p.m.; | <b>Aug. 23:</b> UPES Kindergarten Orientation, 8 a.m. |
| MSMS Back to School BBQ, 4:30-6 p.m.;                    | <b>Aug. 28:</b> MSHS Open House, 6:30-8 p.m.          |
| MSHS Freshmen Orientation, 8 a.m.                        | <b>Sept. 2:</b> Labor Day, no school                  |
|  | <b>Sept. 10:</b> MSES Open House, 5-7:30 p.m.         |
|  | <b>Sept. 13:</b> HOMECOMING!                          |

## New and returning student registration is online!

<https://www.mssd14.org/cms/one.aspx?pagel=164702>

Visit our website to register returning students, download Choice Applications or register new in-district students. Your school registrar is happy to help if you have any technical issues or need use of a computer. Please stop by your school for assistance!

## MSMS GALLOP Program and Flying Pig Farm



Manitou Springs School District 14 has partnered with Flying Pig Farm to bring exceptional hands-on learning to hundreds of students. From Language Arts courses to after-school programs and summer camps, hundreds of Manitou students are flocking to the community learning garden, where they write expansively, research local history, create artistic gathering spaces, learn to

love healthy food and build a resilient academic community.

District leaders and teachers are working hard to bring more students out, integrating science, math, social studies and English courses with the farm. Students are clamoring to return to their outdoor classroom, and this promises to be another amazing year for the collaboration.

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