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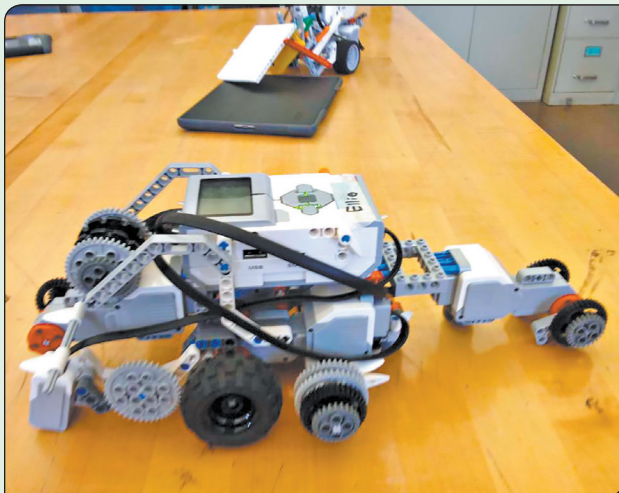


On Friday, Dec. 13, MSES fifth graders, UPES fifth and sixth graders, and choice families joined the staff at MSMS while MSMS eighth graders and choice families joined the staff at MSHS for a sneak peek at all they have to look forward to for the 2020 school year! Students were able to spend time with mentors and tour the buildings and classrooms. Students enjoyed their time in their future buildings and look forward to seeing their new classmates in 2020!

Connect14 for winter and spring ... registration open!

You can register your students online at www.connect14.org for the upcoming winter and spring season of Connect14! This season will be 14 weeks long and offers classes as low as \$5.00 per instructional hour! Registration closes Jan. 6, with classes beginning the week of Jan. 27. Make sure to go online and register for your favorites ... they'll fill up fast!

Please reach out to Connect14 Director Joye Levy at jlevy@mssd14.org with any questions!



Robotics is one of the most popular Connect14 classes.

Manitou Springs High School alumni news



University of Tampa volleyball player, Katie McKiel, has earned All-Sunshine State Conference honors. McKiel earned first-team honors and was also named Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year.

McKiel, an outside hitter from Colorado Springs, Colorado, becomes the 11th Spartan to be named Player of the Year and the first since 2016.

For the season, McKiel led the league in total attempts (1,160), kills (433), and kills per set (3.77). She was also 21st in digs (277) and 29th in digs per set (2.41).

Career and Technical Education Corner

In this time of giving and generosity, we reflect on how we have increased access and equity for all kids in the past year.

What good are the Career and College Readiness programs if they can't be accessed by all students? How can we build on the work being done?

Paying for all 10th and 11th graders to take a SAT prep class on a Saturday is one way to help give advantage to all students.

Paying for all on campus Concurrent Enrollment and Career Start at Pikes Peak Community College is another way to ensure that all students can take advantage of these opportunities for deep learning.

Having on campus Concurrent Enrollment so students don't have the barrier of transportation. Having a bus available for Career Start so students can engage in Career and Technical Education beyond what we offer limits transportation barriers as well.

Paying for all of our students to take the PSAT starting in the fall of eighth grade to practice and monitor their own progress and growth toward career and college readiness is another.

Offering ten Advanced Placement courses and exams on campus along with a multitude of Concurrent Enrollment and articulated credits courses to give our kids a leg up on college and career readiness. Creating these "set aside" resumés for our students.

As we think of gratitude this time of year, nothing could be possible without our educational staff, support staff and community who all work together to support our students. They create the daily relationships, deep learning, and opportunities to grow the next generation of leaders, thinkers, inventors, and healers, and we thank them

New District Facebook page!



Please follow us on Facebook @[manitouschools](https://www.facebook.com/manitouschools).

We'll post announcements and events to this page regularly and it will be a great way to stay up-to-date! We'll be looking forward to seeing your "likes."



No school Dec. 23-Jan. 8 for Winter Break!

