# MUSTANG TALES

# This Week At MSES!

**Monday, January 15**
No school today – Martin Luther King, Jr's. Birthday

**Tuesday, January 16**

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| 7:15am – 7:50am | Morning Ensemble – ARTs14 – MSES Music Room |
| 8:30am – 9:30am | Empower Testing – 4th Grade Math 2 |
| 3:15pm – 4:15pm | The Art of Gardening – ARTs14 – MSES Collaboratory |
| 3:30pm – 4:15pm | Martial Arts – ARTs14 – SILC |
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| 4:15pm – 5:00pm | Martial Arts – ARTs14 - SILC |

**Wednesday, January 17**

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| 7:15am – 7:50am | Morning Ensemble – ARTs14 – MSES Music Room |
| 8:00am – 9:00am | Empower Testing – 4th Grade Reading 1 |
| 8:05am – 2:30pm | 5th Grade GT Student Shadowing - MSMS |
| 9:30am – 10:30am | Empower Testing – 5th Grade Math 1 |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | Empower Testing – 3rd Grade Reading 1 |
| 3:30pm – 4:15pm | Dance Combo – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 3:30pm – 4:15pm | Ukulele – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 3:30pm – 4:45pm | High Altitude Youth Choir – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 3:30pm – 4:45pm | Overture Performance Prep – ARTs14 – SILC |

**Thursday, January 18**

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| 8:00am – 9:00am | Empower Testing – 4th Grade Reading 2 |
| 9:30am – 10:30am | Empower Testing – 5th Grade Math 2 |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm | Empower Testing – 3rd Grade Reading 2 |
| 3:00pm – 4:30pm | Destination Imagination – Meet in MSES Commons |
| 3:15pm – 4:15pm | Piano for Little Fingers – ARTs14 – MSES Piano Lab |
| 3:15pm – 4:15pm | Playing with Color – ARTs14 – MSES Art Room |
| 3:15pm – 4:15pm | The Art of Gardening – ARTs14 – MSES Collaboratory |
| 3:30pm – 4:15pm | Martial Arts – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Tricksters, Jesters & Clowns – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 3:30pm – 6:00pm | Incredible Years |
| 4:15pm – 5:00pm | Martial Arts – ARTs14 – SILC |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Daisies' meeting |

**Friday, January 19**

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| 7:30am – 8:00am | Walking School Bus – Miramont Castle & Memorial Park |
| 6:00pm – 8:00pm | Pack 18 Scout Meeting – MSES Commons |

# Ask Your Expert!

## *Family Questions From Your Mustangs' Lessons This Week*

**Preschool:** We started our Animals Domain and we also talked about Martin Luther King Jr.: Why do we celebrate MLK day? (Because of his belief in kindness and peaceful solutions to problems and his desire that all people be treated fairly.) We were looking at a photograph of Martin Luther King, Jr., in our book *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King* and one preschooler asked, "Why is that picture not colored?" It was a great opportunity to discuss black and white photographs from that time, as well as the comparison of real photographs of people becoming drawings in books.

**Kindergarten:** Native Americans Domain: Where did the Lakota Sioux live? (The Great Plains.) What are some ways Native American tribes used buffalo? (Buffalo helped provide food, clothing, and shelter for Native American Tribes.) What is the name given to the houses in which the Lakota Sioux lived? (Tipis).

**First Grade:** This week in our Astronomy Domain, we learned about the stars! We learned that in ancient times, people could only make assumptions about things in space based on what they could see looking up in the sky from Earth: What types of things did ancient people believe about stars? (They twinkle, they are tiny, sometimes there are shooting stars.) What is actually true about stars? (They are enormous, they actually shine consistently instead of twinkle, and shooting stars are actually meteors!)

**Second Grade:** We finished our War of 1812 Domain and learned more about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Why do we have a day off every third Monday in January? (To observe MLK's birthday.) Who was he? (Civil Rights leader who helped end segregation.) What was his dream? (That all people would be treated fairly.)

**Third Grade:** In our Vikings Domain, we are focusing on the elements of a story as we read about that Viking troublemaker, Loki, as well as listening to a fictional story about a boy named Bjourn, who has to sail to Iceland to live with his uncle. Keep asking who the characters are each day, where and when the setting is, and what important event happened in the plot. It changes daily, but your child should be able to retell to you a story every day!

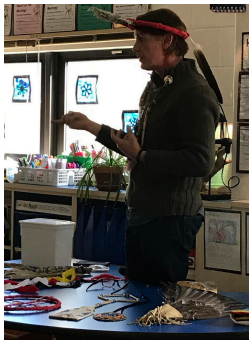
**Fourth Grade:** We are starting our Islamic Empires of the Middle Ages Domain. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Europe went into the Middle Ages, when the Christian church dominated. In the East, a new religion emerged. What was that religion? (Islam.)

**Fifth Grade:** Renaissance Domain: What is the "big mystery" behind the Duomo in Florence according to the video the students watched last week? (In the time period it was built, construction of a structure as large and complex as the Duomo had never been completed.)

**Art:** 4th-grade Art students are creating optical illusion drawings based on radial symmetry. What is radial symmetry? (Symmetry around a central axis, like a bike wheel or clock.)

# Speaker Shares the Lakota Sioux with Kindergartners

Don Goede, owner of Manitou's Sunwater Spa and husband of MSES Kindergarten Teacher Jeana Farrell, has studied and connected extensively with the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota. He visited Ms. Farrell's kindergarten classroom last week and presented to all our K students, sharing Lakota Sioux cultural and practicel artifacts and sacred symbols. Kindergartners are studying various First Nation peoples in their current CKLA domain, and Mr. Goede's visit was part of the team's UP! activity to support the domain.



## Love & Laughter!

### Your kids' kindness, wit, and wisdom last week!

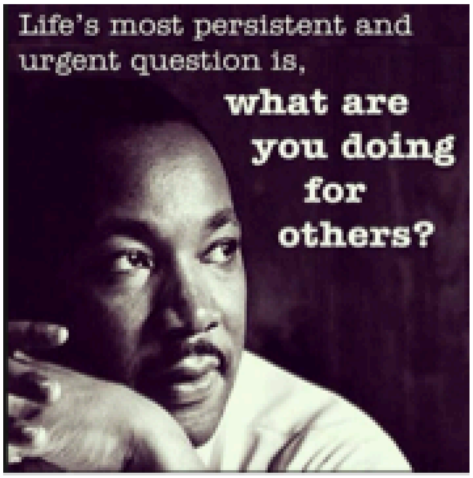
**Ms. Pearson**: Second graders are such sweet, loving little people...and problem solvers:
Student: "Can I hold your hand, Mrs. P?"
Mrs. P.: "No, we are trying to protect ourselves from germs, remember?"
Student: "Okay, then can I hold your arm?"

**Ms. Knezha**: It feels like a win when the kids go home and do extra science work-- and send you emails telling you how much fun it was. From fifth-grade student Marianne Jackson: "I did the candy cane experiment at my house and the hydrogen peroxide made the candy melt in 10-20 minutes! So that means if (the) Table 4 (kids) put their candy cane in first, theirs was the fastest to melt! I am comparing the hydrogen peroxide with the oil: So far the hydrogen peroxide is winning!"

**Ms. Delarm:** Speaking of Marianne, her parents told me at the Christmas party that she saw a teddy bear in our lost-and-found that had a hole in it. She took it home and repaired it herself (sewing!), then returned it to the lost-and-found. The bear is gone, so we're hoping the owner took it back, repaired.

# MSES Imagineers!

Calling all difference makers! Do you care about animals, people or the environment? This is the club for you! Dream up a team project and see it through to completion in service to others. Come be creative with us!




We will start with a walking field trip to decide what fun Manitou service project to create this session. The group will choose what matters the most to them and make it happen. Past projects include: planting an apple tree, running a food drive for Westside Cares, fundraising for the Pikes Peak Humane Society, making birdfeeders, supplying dog water bowls for Manitou Ave., and collecting supplies for Safe Place for Pets. The sky is the limit!

Grades: 3-5 Limited to 20 students each session
Thursdays 3:00-4:00 Cost: Free
*(6 week session---must commit to entire session)*
Sessions are 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

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Student Name: _____
Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Email:_____
Parent/Guardian Contact Phone Number: _____

By signing below you are giving your child permission to participate in Imagineers including walking or bussed field trips, and you are agreeing to pick your child up promptly at 4:00. Repeated disruptive behavior may cause your child to be dropped from the class.

Parent Signature: _____

# *The Incredible Years* Parenting Class is Returning to Manitou Springs Elementary!!

Listening to teacher

- Is your child between the ages of 3 and 6?
- Do you want to meet other parents and enjoy a night of adult conversation?
- Do you want to build a more positive relationship with your child?
- Looking for more ideas when your child says "no", refuses to listen, or hits?
- Need more ideas for helping your child do better in school?

Please join our co-leaders, Julie Lavigne and Amanda Hendrickson, in our *Incredible Years* parent group this year!

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**When? Every Thursday for 14 weeks**
January 18th-May 10th (some weeks off because of MSES schedule)
Class is 3:30 to 5:30
Dinner is 5:30-6:00

**Where?** At Manitou Springs Elementary

**Who?** Parents or caregivers of children aged 3-6

**How much will it cost?**
Everything is FREE. And there will be prizes and incentives for all who sign up and attend!

**BUT…**
**I have no time…**
We'll provide dinner for you and your children!

**What about a babysitter?**
No problem. We'll provide free childcare here at school!

**Will I have fun too?**
Absolutely! It's a great way to meet other parents and families.

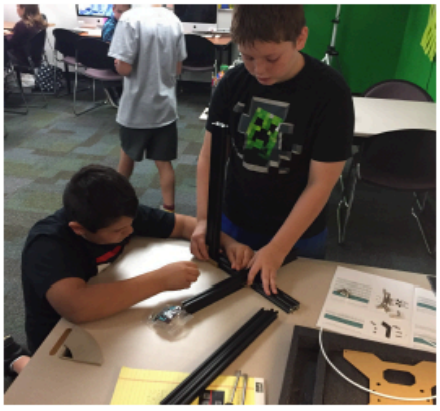
**How do I sign up?**
Contact Angela Geick at 719-339-6058 or ageick@mssd14.org to reserve your spot.

**Want to know more? Join us for an informational Meeting at 3 p.m., this Thursday, January 11, in the MSES library.**

# MSMS to Host Gifted & Talented Parent Night

## 5th Grade Gifted & Talented and Exceptional Scholars Program Transition

### Parent Night



Please join us for a 1 hour introductory presentation on the Manitou Springs Middle School Gifted & Talented and Exceptional Scholars Programs.

This is the perfect event to learn how your student can be a part of the exceptional offerings for Gifted & Talented and high achieving students at MSMS. The program is in its 2nd year and continues to grow and develop.

Manitou Springs Middle School
School Commons
Tuesday, January 30, 2018 6-7PM

**Please call or email with any questions.**

**Jennifer Jones, MSMS GT Coordinator**
**(719) 685-2122**
**jjones@mssd14.org**

# We're Taking Orders for Annual MSES Yearbook

## Friends And Memories For A Lifetime

Time to order your 2017-2018 Yearbook. This year, the yearbook will be in color instead of black and white.

The price is $24.00 for a FULL-COLOR yearbook this year.

Please fill out the form below to order your copy or copies of the 2016-2017 Manitou Springs Elementary School yearbook. Order your yearbook ASAP or before March 9th, 2018.

To order with debit/credit card, please go to:
https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/
Enter School id: 9518218 or search for our school.

Any questions? Please call or email Ms. Woytko-Morris at 685-2172 or mwoytko@mssd14.org

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Manitou Springs Elementary School 2017-2018 Yearbook

Child's name_____ Grade_____

Teacher's name_____

____ Yearbook @ $24.00 _____

Make checks payable to MSES.

# District Offering Elementary Love & Logic Classes

## Manitou Springs School District 14

Presents

America's Most Practical and Entertaining Parent Training

## *PARENTING THE LOVE AND LOGIC WAY®*

A six-week parent training program designed by the Love and Logic® Institute, Inc.

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
Would you like to have more fun parenting?
Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

Answers to:

- "How do I get them out of bed in time to catch the school bus?"
- "How can I stop my children from bickering and fighting?"
- "How do I get my children to help with the chores without an argument?"
- "Is there a way to discipline my teen in public without creating a scene?"
- "How can I get my teenage daughter to come home at the agreed-upon time?"
- "How do I get him to stop arguing with me?"

. This course in parenting is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately.

Dates: January 24,31 February 7,14,21 and 28th Wednesday's
Time: 6 pm to 8 pm.
Location: Manitou Springs District 14 Administration Building
Cost: **FREE for all attending**

Please register me for your upcoming *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®* seminar!

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ E-mail:_____

If have questions, please contact Alice at / 210-4612. Registration will be collected at first class. She will be offering this program as a *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent* Facilitator.

**Please contact Laurie Wood 719-685-2004 for further information**
**To find more information visit www.alicebarnett.com**

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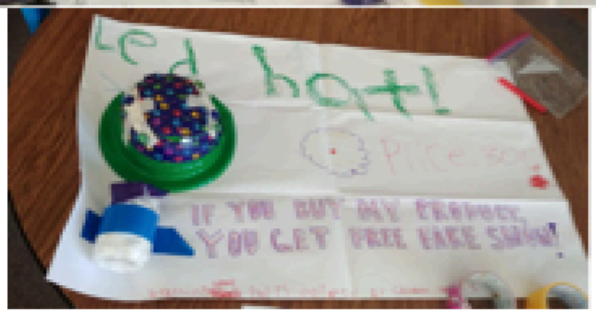
# Registration for MSES Camp Invention, Summer 2018 is now open…



Wild and crazy ideas become reality in this year's all-new Camp Invention program, Fast Forward! As a nonprofit program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Camp Invention allows children in kindergarten through 6th grade to experience real-world problem solving, creative thinking, invention, and teamwork – all while having FUN!

Activities include challenges and achievements from the brightest thinkers around—National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees – to inspire children! This year, campers will bring their "smart" home to life with smart furniture and eco-smart energy, design a robotic dog and diagnose puppy problems, explore sensors by designing tracks for an Optibot, a robot that senses dark and light surfaces, and build Cake Catapults!

MSSD14 teachers and high school interns lead the week of fun, hands-on, STEM activities that allow children to think big, explore their curiosity, and never give up. Early registration discounts are now available. *Visit campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to register.* Use promo code Ideas25 to save $25 (expires 3/23) and Ideas15 to save $15 (expires 5/4).

MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

# What is ARTs14?

## What is ARTs14?

ARTs14 is an innovative, yet highly affordable after school initiative in Manitou Springs School District. A truly unique program to the Pikes Peak region. We partner with established local organizations such as, the Manitou Springs Arts Academy, Concrete Couch, E11 Creative Workshop, The Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, Manitou Art Center, Partners for Healthy Choices and Shorin Kung Fu to provide high quality, affordable arts learning opportunities beyond the school day.
Our Winter 2018 Semester starts on Tuesday January 16th - Registration is open now! See below for registration instructions.

## ARTs14 Facts & Figures

### Types of Classes

- Music, theatre, visual art, movement/dance, design, community, culinary and martial arts

### Who can participate?

Open to all!
Adults and children ages 5+
Students from any school district in the Pikes Peak Region
Homeschooled students who reside in any school district in the Pikes Peak Region
D14 students have the added benefit of being able to use the discount coupons.

### When and how long are the classes?

- Our Winter Semester starts on Tuesday January 16th
- 9 weeks of classes from Sept to Dec
- 9 weeks of classes from January to April
- 1 FREE month of intensives called, Arts-in-April
- Most classes are 3:30pm to 4:30pm, 4:30pm to 5:30pm or 3:30pm to 5pm

### Who teaches the classes?

High quality specialist teachers from D14 and partner organizations

- Colorado Springs Children's Chorale
- Manitou Springs Arts Academy
- Concrete Couch
- Shorin Kung Fu
- All teachers are background checked by D14
- 3:30pm to 5pm

### Where are the classes taught?

Manitou Springs Elementary School
Ute Pass Elementary School
Shared and Integrated Learning Center SILC (D14 Admin Building at rear of High School)
Manitou Art Center

### How does my child get from their school to their class at the SILC?

- Students are supervised from the end of their school day until they are collected by their parents/guardians after class:
- Transportation is provided from UPES and MSES to the SILC building
- Transport is also available, by prior arrangement, from the SILC and MSES back to UPES after class

### What is the cost and are there discounts for multiple classes?

- $64 per 9-week session
- Arts-in-April 4-week session is FREE
- Coupons always available
- BOGO: Buy 1 Class Get 1 FREE
- STAFF: D14 Staff can participate for FREE
- FEEMAX: Manitou Springs Middle and High Schoolers pay $120 max per year for all afterschool activities
- SCHOLARSHIP: Request a scholarship

### How do I register and pay for ARTs14 classes?

- Visit www.mssd14.org/art_s_14 and click on the REGISTER tab
- CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT if you haven't registered before
- Click SELECT CHILD and choose the student from the dropdown menu, next to the chosen class
- Click ENROLL
- Click on CART at the top of the page when you are ready to pay
- Apply coupons - use the cashcheck coupon if you would prefer to pay with cash or a check
- Click on the box "I agree to all ARTs14's policies"
- Pay with a credit/debit card at checkout
- Email arts14@mssd14.org with transportation requests

### How many enrollees in ARTs14 classes per week?

We are proud that our programs are able to offer high quality instruction to so many participants each week. In Fall 2017 there were 266 enrollees in 47 classes!

### Does ARTs14 offer Summer Programs?

Yes! ARTs14 directs the Green Box Arts Camp in Green Mountain Falls for the Green Box Arts Festival. This is a FREE camp for students entering Grades 3 to 7, supported by an ARTs14 grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund. In 2018 we will also be offering two highly popular Manitou Springs Arts Academy camps for Middle and High Schoolers. Eat.Sleep.Film and 48hr Musical will be offered at a significantly reduced rate for participants, also with the support of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and under the umbrella of ARTs14.

### ARTs14 Team

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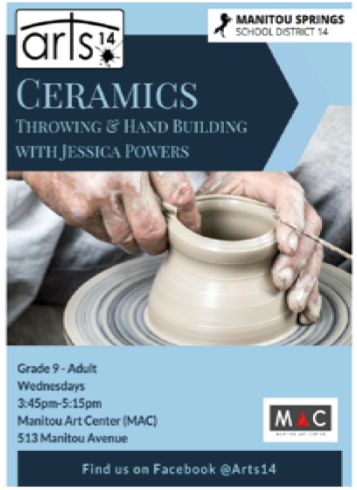
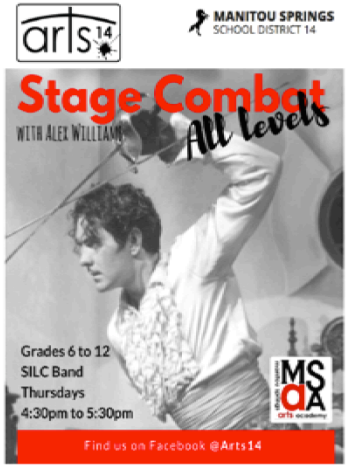
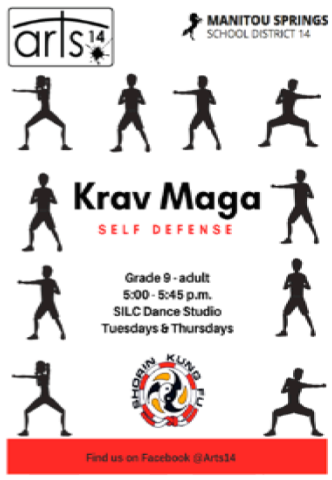
**Find us on Facebook @Arts14**

# Winter 2018 Highlights







MSSD14

LEADING, EXPLORING, AND CHANGING THE WORLD

# MOUNTAIN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES FOR 6TH GRADE

## OPEN HOUSE WED, JAN.17, 6-7 PM

You are invited to join Manitou Springs School District staff members at Ute Pass Elementary School to learn about the amazing 6th Grade options we offer! There will be Mountain Academy of Arts & Sciences instructors and Manitou Springs Middle School staff members to discuss the programs and answer questions. Snacks will be provided!

**The Mountain Academy of Arts & Sciences**

Our class blends all subjects into exciting integrated units. Students engage in active learning that includes independent studies, small class size, citizen science projects, leadership opportunities, personalized learning and engaging field experiences. All this and more in an elementary school setting. The program is open to MSSD14 students and accepting choice applications Attending student may participate in MSMS after school activities and sports.

**Manitou Springs Middle School**

We provide a comprehensive middle school experience for 6th through 8th grade students. Our Exceptional Scholars Program supports a third of the student body, including GT students with Advanced Learning Plans, students who have specific areas of talent, and students and families who are highly motivated and high achieving.

Ute Pass Elementary School, 9230 Chipita Park Road, Chipita Park, CO 719-685-2227

**Visit www.mssd14.org/schooles/msms and www.mssd14.org/schools/upes click on 6th Grade at UPE for more information.**