



This Week At MSES!

Monday, May 21

1:00pm- 3:00pm

MSES 5th-Grade Promotion Practice- MSES Auditorium

Tuesday, May 22

8:00am

Preschool's Last Day

8:00am- 11:00am

MSMS 8th-Grade Promotion Practice- MSES Auditorium

1:00pm- 3:00pm

MSES 5th-Grade Promotion Practice- MSES Auditorium

Wednesday, May 23

8:00am- 11:00am

MSMS 8th-Grade Promotion Practice- MSES Auditorium

10:30am- 12:30pm

Preschool Picnic--Memorial Park

12:00pm- 2:00pm

3rd-Grade Walking Field Trip- Memorial Park

12:30pm-

Woytko-Morris- 2nd-Grade Classroom Plays-Woytko- Morris' Room

1:00pm- 3:00pm

5th-Grade Movie- MSES Auditorium

3:00pm- 4:00pm

Pokemon Go- Ms. Koriath's Room

3:00pm- 4:00pm

Jr. Robotics (Extended Edition)--Mr. Wood's Room

5:00pm- 8:00pm

MSMS 8th-Grade Promotion Ceremony- MSES Auditorium

Thursday, May 24

8:30am- 10:00am

5th-Grade Promotion Ceremony- MSES Auditorium

8:30am- 11:30am

4th-Grade End of Year Pool Party- Manitou Springs Pool

10:00am- 1:00pm

5th-Grade Promotion Party- Mansions Park Pavilion

12:00pm

Early Release

Noon Release Thursday for the Start of Summer Break!

MSES students will release for summer break at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 24. All students will have eaten lunch before release. Buses will run their regular routes at that time.



Ask Your Expert!

Family Questions From Your Mustangs' Lessons This Week

All Grades: We're wrapping up all of our CKLA domains this week, as well as our academic year! Ask your expert what they wish to learn with you this summer -- and we'll ask them all about it next fall!

As a Good Year Ends, We're Looking Forward!

As we wrap up the 2017-2018 school year -- looking back on all the UP! learning projects and field trips, the concerts and field days, spelling tests and long division problems, service projects and celebrations — we are already beginning to plan for an even greater year in 2018-2019! Among the highlights:

Many of you have already met our excellent new secretaries, **Shanda Glasener** and **Caitlin Morissette**. Both are MSES moms – and we're very excited to have them represent our school at the front window and phones, serving kids and fellow parents. As the fabulous **Julie Meier** puts the finishing touches on their orientation before she retires, we look forward to the new school year with Shanda and Caitlin up front.



Many of you may not know that our wonderful, helpful custodian these many years, **Stan Sheloski**, is also retiring after serving our majestic old building so well. He, too, is training in a new replacement in **Colton Sherraden**. Colton is a high-quality young District 14 grad who has transferred to MSES from working at Ute Pass Elementary School.

Another big change for us will be the transfer of our innovative and supportive building tech, **Marsha Weimer**, to central office as a human resources specialist. Her role will be filled by the transfer of super capable MSMS building tech **Elizabeth Eubank** to MSES. Liz has been doing a great job supporting tech and library at the middle school, but has a desire to work with younger children like ours starting next year!

On the academic side, with the retirement of **Lisa Dillinder** after 30 years(!) at MSES, we are excited to bring on board Ms. **Natascha Leonardo** in Third Grade. Natascha is an experienced, dedicated, and highly recommended elementary school teacher—and also an MSES mom!

In First Grade, as another long-term master teacher, **Melissa Loftin**, retires, we're bringing aboard Ms. **Paige Carley** in her place. Paige, who has had longstanding connections to Manitou through her parents' businesses, has volunteered and student taught at MSES over several past years.

In our Special Education department, the excellent **Emily Groth** is leaving MSES to stay at home with her son and new baby (due in June). She will be turning over the support of our students with severe needs to Ms. **Jenna Conlin**. Another MSES mom, Jenna joins us from Ute Pass Elementary School as we consolidate the district's Severe Needs Program at our school. Also from our SPED department, we note with a touch of both sadness and celebration the departure of one of our fabulous paraeducators, **Natalie Thorndyke**, to a new career in business.

I'm absolutely delighted to announce that MSES will be adding a fulltime Spanish teacher to our exploratories rotation next year! I've been pursuing the creation of such a program at MSES for years and, thanks to strong support of whole-child education from Supt. **Ed Longfield**, our dream is coming true. Ms. Alejandra Lillemon, a Panamanian native and most recently a Spanish teacher in District 49, will establish her program for students in grades K-5 next year in the former computer lab down in the Collaboratory.

In our process of making the computer lab into a Spanish room, we will be transferring the computers into the main media center room—and, to make space, transferring our library books and shelves to the area near the building tech's room in the Collaboratory, where Liz Eubank will support kids with checkout.

I also need to announce another significant change in our building/grounds area: Alas, our beautiful decades-old wooden structure on the playground, already several year's past its predicted lifespan thanks to the maintenance hard work of our custodians, is at the point where it needs to be retired. This summer, we will disassemble the South section (where many of the play features were already worn out and removed from the frames) and put in place several exciting new pieces. Over the course of next year, we will hold a major fundraising campaign to replace the North section with something equally fabulous. (Right now, I have my eye on a giant pirate ship with slides, cargo nets, and many other cool features.) We will also be constructing a new feature – Austin's Garden – a raised garden plot accessible to students in wheelchairs for gardening.

Look for more details on all of these developments in my annual Fall letter in August. For now, please accept our school's ongoing gratitude and admiration for the support this school community gives MSES! Have a wonderful summer -- and we'll see you next August 24 for the first day of school!

-- Russ Vogel, Principal

Final Edition of MSES Student Newspaper, *Straight from the Mustang's Mouth*, Available!

Our final edition of *Straight from the Mustang's Mouth*, our student-written and student-designed newspaper, is now available! Photos, stories, and features can be found by following this link: [may-2018-edition.pdf](#).

STRAIGHT FROM THE MUSTANG'S MOUTH

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Serving the amazing citizens of Manitou Springs Elementary School and beyond...
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Manitou Springs in a...

By Owen Gerbig

Hi there, time travelers! Now for the wonderful history of the iconic cog railway. The first cog railway was built in New Hampshire in 1869. The Swiss, seeing the good thing of such a system, were quick to make use of this technology and numerous rack or cog railways were built in Switzerland. Indeed, Switzerland is the country where most rack railways are located. The Pikes Peak Railway, however, is the highest rack (cog) railway in the world as well as the highest railway in North America. The Pikes Peak Railway also has a perfect safety record! But as all things have to come to an end, so might the cog railway.

The future of the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway is in jeopardy. It closed this winter for some major maintenance and renovation work. Now it will be closed through the 2018 season and possibly 4 years more. The exciting and unique railway has been taking people to the top of Pikes Peak for more than 125 years. The age of the train has been evident during recent maintenance. "As that happened, we realized that a lot of the equipment was specialized equipment and had outlived its usefulness," says the owner of the cog railway.



CLAY TIME

By: Naahla O'Brien and Eve Terley

We know that you know that we're all doing clay. Working on clay may seem easy, but if you actually think about it, there are lots of steps.

Hello chaps! It is Alexandria and Anastasia. Today we are going to teach you about the clay projects done throughout all the grades. We will also tell about the tools and show you what all the grades did as their projects.

These are the tools students use:



The tools are a spray bottle, a popsicle stick, the kiln, and a roasting stick. You use the spray bottle to keep the clay moist to stop the cracking. Use the popsicle stick to smooth out cracks and make the seams. The roasting stick is for all your little details to finish of your project before going into the kiln. The kiln hardens your clay so you can paint your project.

Here are some of the projects that were done by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade students: animals in their habitat, looms, soap dish monsters, gargoyles, and creative choice.



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There is Still Time to Sign Up for District 14 Summer Athletics Camps!

Kids looking for something to do in the summer? Manitou Springs High School offers several different camps that are low-cost and high quality opportunities for your son or daughter to improve their skills. All of our camps are run by our own coaches and student-athletes and provide a wonderful opportunity to meet the Mustang coaching staff and athletes. Camps vary in days and times so please check the link for more details. Please also check back soon as we frequently add more camps! GO MUSTANGS!

<https://sites.google.com/a/msssd14.org/summer-camp-information/>

Camp Invention Partial Scholarships Now Available!

During Camp Invention's daily course, 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m., students entering Kindergarten through 6th Grades will use creative problem solving, teamwork, and curiosity to learn about the technology of self-driving cars, energy smart homes, and robotic dogs. Please contact director Kristen Kanaga to discuss how we can help your child attend the 2018 MSES Camp Invention week, from July 23rd through July 27th. Families will be considered on a case by case basis until all support funds are used. Call 685-2195 or email kkanaga@msssd14.org for more information.

Schoolkidz Program = Hassle-Free Supplies



Dear Parents,

Teachers are excited to announce their support of the SchoolKidz, School Supply Kit Program! The supply kits create a uniform and organized learning environment and your child will be prepared for the 1st day of school with a kit that contains the exact items required for the year.

Back-to-school shopping has never been so easy! Your supply kit will include quality supplies needed for success in the classroom. Plus, this program will save you time and money.

Ordering info will be coming soon. Make sure to place your order during the sale.

Thank you from the teachers!

FREE bonus items
with every kit!
¡ Artículos adicionales, gratis!



- One Personalized Reusable Heavy-Duty Archival Box
Caja personalizada y reusable
- 10 "Money From Home" Envelopes
10 - sobres para enviar dinero de la casa a la escuela
- 40 Personalized Student ID Labels
40-etiquetas con el nombre del estudiante



You could win an iPad® Air or an iPad® Mini when you place an order with SchoolKidz this year!***



***Valid to U.S. Residents Only. A Teacher Tailored kit must be purchased in order to be eligible. One grand prize winner for an iPad® Air and 5 runner-up winners for an iPad® Mini. Visit TTKITS.COM/GOLD for full details.

Manitou Springs Elementary School

Invites your child to our. . .

Growing Gardens, Cultivating Kids Summer Program

This year's theme is... ***Geology Rocks!***



**Again this year - ONE Great THREE WEEK Session:
Monday through Thursday , June 4th - 21th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Three weeks of fun hands-on experiences in our mountain environment.

“Earth is ancient now, but all knowledge is stored up in her. She keeps a record of everything that has happened since time began. Her mud and lava is a message from the past. Of time to come, she says much, but who listens?” ~ [Jeanette Winterson](#)

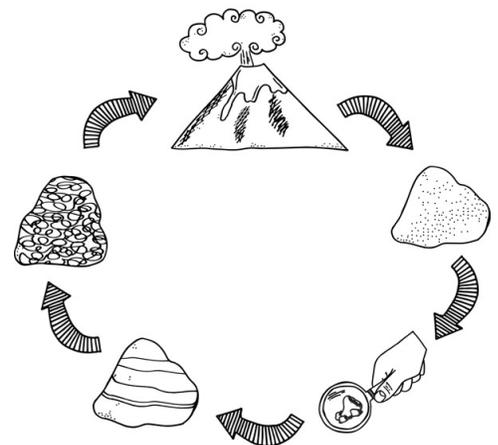
Who Should Attend? Any child entering 1st - 5th grade with a curious mind and a love of the outdoors. No green thumb required!

Where? Manitou Springs Elementary School Library and school grounds. (Enter at library door on north end of building.)

Three Week Session June 4th -21st

- ◇ Explore the effects of weather on soil erosion
- ◇ Create a small-scale rock garden
- ◇ Hands on exploration
- ◇ Plant a rock garden
- ◇ Nature scavenger hunt
- ◇ Explore what's in the soil
- ◇ Mindful/sensory walks
- ◇ STEM activities
- ◇ Digital photography
- ◇ Summer's bounty cooking

The Rock Cycle



Session includes:

- ◇ nature journaling – reading, observing, and sketching

- ◇ outdoor hands-on activities
- ◇ investigating the outdoors through math, science, art, and literature
- ◇ challenges for a curious mind
- ◇ connecting art media with nature
- ◇ dirty hands and happy smiles!



This program is designed to cultivate kids by engaging them in experiential learning in an outdoor setting and offers reading, math, science, art, and social studies enrichment; “whole child” education in the best, MSES, sense of the word!

Geology Rocks!

Registration

Enroll now to ensure your child a spot!

Student Name _____ Parent’s Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Email: _____ *(Email used for initial communication, please print clearly.)*

Emergency Contact and Phone _____

Grade Level Next Year _____ (open to kids entering 1st – 5th grade)

Please indicate transportation means: ___ I will pick up my child after school. ___ My child will walk home after school. ___ My child may be picked up by:

\$150 for the 3 week session (\$5 early bird discount for registrations received by May 11th.)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Send registration form and payment to: MSES Growing Gardens, Cultivating Kids, Manitou Springs School, District 14, 405 El Monte Place, Manitou Springs, CO, 80829

MANITOU MOUNTAIN BIKING

2018 Season Registration

Who: Rising 6th - 12th graders interested in Mountain Biking with the Manitou Monsters MTB team. Open to students outside of MSSD14!

What: A multi-ability level club. Beginners to Racers welcome (HS have option to race). We have multiple ability groups, choose your challenge. Full insurance coverage, safety oriented, and exceptional coaching by qualified Ride Leaders.

When: June 9th - November 2018, Saturday mornings, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

Where: Local and regional trails in Colorado Springs, “destination” rides (and camping!), and premier race courses around our beautiful state.

How to sign up? or find out more:

Visit www.manitouMTBteam.com, then click on JOIN!

Have questions? Need Guidance? Want to know more?
See reverse page for relevant contact info.
Our motto for every outing is BEST. RIDE. EVER.



SUMMER CAMPS

Regular Registration:

April 1-May 15
\$85

Late Registration:

Begins May 16
\$90

Landsharks CAMP t-shirt is required for a cost of \$15. For those registering for multiple camps, another purchase is not necessary.

Applicable discounts:

*3rd sibling discount (\$10 off 3rd child)

*Multi Camp discount (Register for 2 Camp sessions and receive \$10 off each athlete's complete registration.)



TRACK CAMP

Athletes will learn the fundamentals of form, pacing and racing as the kids progress through sprints into distance running. They will also learn how to throw a javelin and shot put, jump over the hurdles and take on the long jump. Camp is open to K-8th graders.

Locations:

Session 1- Mountain Ridge Middle School
Monday-Friday
June 11-15, 2018 9-11:30am

Session 2- Monument/Bear Creek Elementary
Monday-Friday
June 25-29, 2018 9-11:30am

CROSS COUNTRY CAMP

Athletes will get the upper hand on their Cross Country season as we push up hills, perfect our form and get into great shape. Games will be introduced to learn a new skills set. Camp is open to K-8th graders.

Location:

Session 3- Cottonwood Creek Park
Monday-Friday
July 30-August 3 5-6:45pm

Please call with questions: 719-623-5314

Register at:

www.Landsharksrunningclub.com