MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

GO MUSTANGS!

Thoughts from the Head Learner …

Great news from Manitou Springs School District 14!

For the first time in the school district's history, the state of Colorado has accredited Manitou Springs School District 14 with the highest rating possible: "Accredited with Distinction!"

Congratulations go to: the students who worked very hard to learn, and demonstrated that learning, in multiple ways (i.e. state assessments, graduation rates, post-graduation readiness for college and career); the teachers and staff members who have delivered rigorous, authentic and engaging lessons each and every day; and to the parents who have assisted their children every step of the way.

Additionally, it is critical to thank our community for supporting the district in a plethora of ways. You have always been our greatest partner — providing financial and moral support each and every year! I am extremely proud of our district's successes.

However, I am overfilled with appreciation and joy for the way those successes were achieved — never, ever compromising those things we all value: loving, kind relationships; whole-child learning experiences that include math, robotics, science, language arts, foreign language, fine arts (band, orchestra, ballet/dance, drama, choir, painting, sculpting), physical education, and much more; and opportunities for students to participate in their learning and apply the skills and knowledge they are acquiring in a variety of authentic ways.

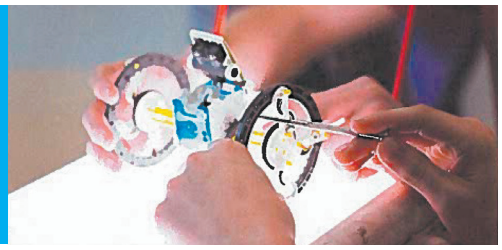
Achievement the "Manitou Way" — high levels of learning, playing, exploring, dancing, singing, painting, building — all surrounded by the most passionate, kind, positive, child-centered people on the planet! Way to go Mustangs and thank you again for being our District 14 family!

*~ **Ed Longfield***
Superintendent of MSSD14

School Events and Happenings

arts 14

Nov. 14
5-7:30 P.M.



Winter Arts14 Launch Party
@ The Manitou Art Center
For classes Jan. 14 – March 14

HOME OF THE MUSTANGS
Manitou Springs School District 14

Join the party as we launch our winter class offerings. Enjoy Muffin Topz deliciousness and the sounds of Restoration Brass Ensemble. Meet the teachers and play!

Registration opens Nov. 14.

www.connect14.org

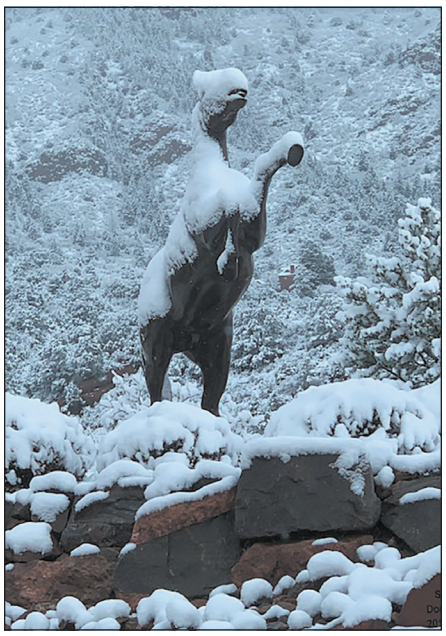
Employment Opportunities

You can become a part of the Manitou Springs School District staff! We have job postings at **www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities**

Currently, the district is looking to fill High School Chemistry and substitute Para-Professional and Teacher positions! Come be a part of our Manitou Herd!

Artist of the Week

Artist: Taylor Hansen, eighth grade



Manny the Mustang is saddled with snow on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Connect14 registration opens Nov. 14 for next term!

https://www.connect14.org

Connect14 is an after-school program bringing students together with local volunteers and district staff to help kids "disconnect to reconnect!"

Students have been gardening, playing sand volleyball and street soccer, baking muffins for a cause, designing and building Trax racecars, and taking martial arts, dance, music, art, film and theater classes! Next term's classes will include creative writing, book club, "Minds on Hands on" engineering application and an elementary school folk tale theater class, along with many returning favorites!

Connect14 will also be offering an optional Connect14 Club to allow parents flexibility in registering their students for later classes during the next term! Visit our website or contact Arts14 Director Joye Levy at jlevy@mssd14.org or Sports14 Coordinator Danny Gieck at dgieck@mssd14.org.

Seventh-grader Jack Boyd models a cardboard helmet crafted in the Arts14 body adornment class.