MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

GO MUSTANGS!

School Events, Activities & Happenings

COMMUNITY: PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Would you like to help others in need?
Local agencies have come together to provide support to families who may have special needs (food, clothing, toys) during the upcoming holiday season. If you would like to learn more about how you can support these families in our community, please contact Partners for Healthy Choices.

WHAT: Providing assistance (food, some clothing, toys)
WHEN: Holiday Season 2017
CONTACT: Partners for Healthy Choices — Angela Gieck, Student Liaison; Laurie Wood, Director; or Jane Squires, Assistant Director
PHONE: 685-2004
Please contact us by November 27, 2017.

Thank you very much!

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Holiday Meals Served 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

Manitou Town Hall
606 Manitou Ave.

Woodland Park Church of the Nazarene, 750 N Hwy 67

719-636-3891
Limited transportation and meal delivery available to non-ambulatory with advance notice.

SAFEWAY

MSSD 14 Clothing Closet

Manitou Springs School District Clothing Closet is located at Manitou Springs High School. Please call the office of Partners for Healthy Choices at 685-2004 to schedule an appointment to shop. If you are in need of items, but can't make it during school hours; email us with your needs, we'll shop for you, then have it delivered to your child's school.

***We also accept donations of gently used clothes.**

agieck@mssd14.org or jsquires@mssd14.org

EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 28: COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL, 7 a.m. at Manitou Springs High School.

MSMS ROBOTICS TEAM IS GOING TO STATE
Hip Hip Hooray for Drip Drip Drop!
The MSMS Robotics Teams went up against 43 other teams to show their stuff at the Poudre Regional Qualifier. This year we had one team advance to the State Competition! Drip Drip Drop moves on to represent Manitou Springs. In addition, this team also took home the 2nd place trophy for Core Values and Dan Sieck received the "Outstanding Coach Award."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED: We are now accepting applications for qualified school bus drivers. More information: www.mssd14.org.

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Ute Pass Elementary: PARAPROFESSIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION /SEVERE NEEDS (part time, mornings). Requires lifting up to 40 pounds and diapering/toileting duties. Paraprofessional experience preferred. Must complete a fingerprint and background screening. More information: www.mssd14.org.

Pop Quiz

How many pounds of food did PHC collect during the 2016/2017 school year?

A. 1,587 lbs. **C.** 1,115 lbs.
B. 2,052 lbs. **D.** 2,463 lbs.

Last week's answer: E. $2,187,250 *– Manitou Springs graduates (120 students) earned $2,187,250 in college scholarships last year.*

Artist of the Week

Artist: Mia Mavety, MSES 3rd Grade
Title: Poisoned Serpent **Media:** Pencil and permanent marker

Thoughts from the Head Learner …

Thankfulness … As a matter of personal habit, I take five minutes each day and reflect on the things that I am most thankful for in my life. It certainly helps focus my mind and heart on those things that are positive and good and away from the stress and turmoil that are seemingly all around us.

I am extremely thankful for our wonderful community and your tremendous support for our school system and children. I am thankful that, at every turn, there are people who will lend a helping hand, who will volunteer to work in a classroom, and who will turn out to attend a musical, play or sporting event. Our community is so unique and special. I often reflect on the day that thousands of individuals dropped whatever it was that they were doing that Saturday to come to Manitou Springs with shovels, wheelbarrows, and buckets to dig out the downtown from a horrific flood. People were in 3 feet of "muck" working together, laughing, talking, and serving their fellow human beings. Frankly, it was the most incredible day that I have had in quite some while.

I am so thankful for our teachers and our students. They come to work and school each day with joy, with hope, and with life-giving spirit.

I am thankful for the beautiful landscape surrounding our glorious town. I am thankful for the herd of deer that helps us keep our grass cut on the athletic fields.

So as this time of year rolls around, I want to again thank each of you for affording me and my staff the most incredible opportunity on earth — the opportunity to serve you and your children each and every day!

~ Ed Longfield
Superintendent of MSSD 14

P.S. — I want you to know about our school district's holiday help program. You can see advertisements for it on this MSSD 14 page. We want to serve those who have a need this season, and we have teamed up with a few "powerhouses" to do just that.

The Manitou Springs Fire Department and the Kiwanis Club work with us to bring support to some of our families. Last year, our program — Partners for Healthy Choices (PHC) — supported 56 families, totaling 212 individuals.

Please contact Ms. Angela Gieck at 685-2024 if you'd like more information. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Reminder! School will be closed Nov. 20–24 for Thanksgiving