MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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CTE Corner

This month is Career and Technical Education month in Colorado! Manitou celebrated this month by sending its CTE director to the state conference where we learned about changes to the new federal guidelines around funding for career and technical education, and opportunities for professional development for staff around having meaningful career conversations with students. These two pieces of training for staff members and having funding in place to provide opportunities are center to our core values as a district.

A month-long focus on postsecondary and workforce readiness helps to spotlight in the state what we, as a system, have spent several years working on; that having a plan for all students is crucial to their success. We started with the rising ninth grader event being hosted by the high school, which mapped out what a four-year plan might look like for a student regardless of pathway. Having a work-based learning capstone option for students during their senior year is critical for students to be able to backward plan to select courses during their ninth grade year and beyond.

The CTE director for the district is a member of the Pikes Peak Workforce Taskforce and attends their meetings regularly to learn about the most recent data for the labor market. This information is then brought back as part of the discussion regarding how to best serve students to be career and college ready.

The most recent data is regarding the five highest demand industries in the Pikes Peak region. All of these industries require some level of training after high school, with its rising cost, this is critical information to get to our parents and students. Discussing pathways, concurrent and articulated credit, advanced placement, and workplace learning are important first steps.

Celebrate CTE month by reaching out to provide information about your career and workplace and share that insight with our students. Contact CTE Director Kolleen Johnson at kjohnson@mssd14.org.

MSMS Eighth Grade English

Students in Mrs. Jennifer Weimer's English class often use the teaching strategy called Socratic Seminar. The Socratic Seminar is a formal discussion, based on a text, in which the teacher asks open-ended questions.

Within the context of the discussion, students listen closely to the comments of others, thinking critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and their responses to the thoughts of others.

MSHS students excel at statewide Festival of Winds Honor Band

On Thursday, Feb. 13, nine Manitou students arrived in Pueblo for the CSU Pueblo Festival of Winds Honor Band.

These students spent three days auditioning and participating in the largest honor band in the state. Out of 42 participating high schools and more than 350 high school students, the MSHS's chair placement results were:

- Anton A. - 1st chair tuba, Gold Band (upper level band)
- Logan A. - 4th chair trombone, Green Band (upper level band)
- Lisa G. - 8th chair flute, Gold Band (upper level band)
- Hailey M. - 1st chair clarinet, Green Band (upper level band)
- Connor O. - 6th chair tuba, Blue Band
- Devin R. - 1st chair trumpet, Gold Band (upper level band)
- Kimi S. - 3rd chair flute, Gold Band (upper level band)
- Colton T. - 3rd chair percussion, Red Band
- Jennie W. - 1st chair clarinet, Blue Band

MSHS students received four first chairs and all Manitou students were truly exceptional leaders and musicians at this festival. Between Jennie W., Hailey M., Devin R., and Anton A., Manitou students performed six — approximately half the total solos — of the solos at the concert! These Manitou students represented our school very well, going up against larger 4A and even 5A Class schools. We are so proud of our Mustang musicians!

The Festival attendees, (bottom row) from left: Jenny W., Hailey M., Devin R.; (second row) Kimi S., Colton T., Lisa G.; (third row) Anton A., Connor O., and Logan A.

Connect14 classes going strong!

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All of this semester's classes are going great with high student participation! Kids are learning and experiencing opportunities to cook, dance, create art and build with 3D printers! Watch for summer programming opportunities on the Connect14 website: https://www.connect14.org.

MSHS Performing Arts Department has BIG Success!

The cast of *Skinflints and Scoundrels*, by Suzan Zeder, entertained students from seven other high schools on Feb. 12. The Pikes Peak Regional One Act Competition was snowed out on its original date, but was rescheduled quickly, and groups of students arrived to watch performances from high schools all over the region. Manitou Springs High School's chosen piece was a comedy, and was well received by an enthusiastic crowd. When the day came to an end, the cast and crew brought home the Most Outstanding Ensemble Award and 2nd Place Play. Additionally, two students were singled out for their performances. Ryder B. was nominated for Best Actor, and Finian D. was nominated for Best Supporting Actor. The students will be performing for the public at 7 p.m. Feb. 20, at the District Auditorium.

The cast and crew of *Skinflints and Scoundrels* are (in alphabetical order): Bri A., Maggie A., Ryder B., Finian D., Grace G., Jack H., Nathan H., Wendy Harms, Jalen L., Koda O., Jody R., Jason S., Colton T., Henry W. and Morrigan W.

MSES Local Service Corps Project

The MSES local service project has come to an end. The students at Manitou Springs Elementary made six shelters for Happy Cats Haven - feral cats! The students plan to continue their relationship with HCH to support this awesome local business! Thank you for supporting the MSES Service Corps by shopping at their school store. Service Corps will begin a global project helping animals in Australia shortly, stay tuned!!

No school: March 23 – 27 for Spring Break