



THE WEEKLY

District Updates from
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Dear Manitou Springs School District Community,

Happy Friday.

I know this is a bittersweet day for the Senior Class of 2022. Today is their last day of school. This class has been remarkable, and they are off to some great adventures.

- We hope that everyone will participate in the **3rd Annual Senior Car Parade**. It is this Sunday (May 15) starting at 2:00 pm in Downtown Manitou Springs. It is such a wonderfully fun event.
- **Graduation** is May 22 from 1:00-2:30 pm.

This week our high school students also wrapped up their Advanced Placement exams. They worked hard, and it was great to hear about their readiness and excitement for taking such rigorous exams. The teachers prepared them well.

Wildland Fire Evacuation Procedures. Yesterday and today, several schools in the county had to evacuate students due to fires near the schools and that were placed on mandatory evacuation status by local authorities. I want to let you know that our District's Safety and Security Director (Janie Anderson) works closely with the Manitou Springs Fire Department and the Green Mountain Falls/Chipita Park Fire Department. If there was a need for us to evacuate school during the school day, we would take any evacuation orders from our local fire department officials.

We hope this never happens; however, if something like this were to occur, we will use PowerSchool to communicate any updates and or places/details for reunification. I do not send this information to be an alarmist. If you have any specific questions about this matter, please feel free to contact Janie Anderson at janderson@mssd14.org.

2021-22 MSSD Retirees. I wanted to share with the community the names of our retirees for the 2021-22 school year. I know that many of you would like to celebrate or send an email or note of gratitude to those educators who have poured their hearts and souls into serving the school district community for so many years of their life. We will honor our retirees during our Staff Closing Celebration on May 27. Here are the list of retirees:

- Staci Christensen - UPES - 27 years
- Chris Briggs-Hale - UPES - 11 years (30 years in public education)
- Greg Difiore - UPES - 27 years
- Vi Gaunce - MSMS - 34 years
- Lynn Grieb - UPES - 28 years
- Dani Hains - UPES - 28 years
- Loretta Roe - MSES - 11 years (21 years in public education)
- Marci Smart - Nutrition Services - 9 years
- Steve Smith - MSES - 28 years

This is a combined total of **203 years in MSSD**. The number of lives that these individuals have positively impacted is not measurable. I know that each of these educators has positively impacted my life—for which I am grateful.

These staff members always have a place in MSSD. We hope they will continue to attend events, volunteer, and consider substituting in our schools (when the time is right).

MSMS Choir Concert. Join us this evening for a beautiful concert and celebration of students' choral accomplishments. It begins at 7:00 pm at the District Auditorium (MSMS).

Congratulations to MSHS's Knowledge Bowl Team (Connor, Atticus, Jason, and Jaxen, Ms. Gardner) for being National Champs!

Congratulations to the Middle School Girls Soccer Team for winning the League Championship!

Come join us for the second round of the state playoffs this Saturday for the **High School Girls Soccer Team**.

QUICK NOTES

- The Choice Enrollment Window is open. Here is a link to the website...
<https://www.mssd14.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=164702>
- Follow [Manitou Springs School District 14](#) on Facebook. This is a great way to learn about opportunities for students, staff, and families, while also celebrating along the way.

A few upcoming events:

- MSES Field Day—May 16
- UPES 5th Grade Music Concert—1:45-2:45 pm
- MSES 5th Grade Promotion—9:00-10:00 am
- MSMS Continuation—May 26 6:00 pm
- Class of 2022 Graduation—May 22

Appreciation days/weeks:

- Speech Pathologist Day—May 18

Late Start Wednesday:

- Wednesday, May 18

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue
Superintendent of Schools

