



THE WEEKLY

District Updates from
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Dear Manitou Springs School District Community,

It is hard to believe that it is May next week. Our high school students start their Advanced Placement exams next week, which is a big accomplishment.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week–May 2-6.**

It's time to celebrate the daily contributions and sacrifices teachers make for every child in Manitou Springs School District 14. Teaching is heart work. Teachers do it all for the students, and our school district has an exceptional team of teachers. Thank you to all of our teachers. We celebrate each and every one of you this week during National Teacher Appreciation Week! We encourage our community to make sure to thank a teacher this week!

Parent Action Committees at all schools have various ways for parents to contribute to celebrating teachers.

- **School Lunch Hero Day (May 6)**

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, our Manitou Springs School District 14 food service and nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. We celebrate School Lunch Hero Day today and thank them for all of their hard work and their commitment to our students and staff!

- **Coming Together...Whole Child, Whole Adult, Whole Community.**

I wanted to share an editorial that I just wrote for the Pikes Peak Bulletin.

<https://pikespeakbulletin.com/opinion/shining-a-light-on-problems-school-district-is-facing/>

- **Two more performances of *Fiddler on the Roof*.** Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm (District Auditorium–MSES).

- **Manitou Springs School District 14 will soon be celebrating our 150th Anniversary. Manitou Springs Elementary School will soon turn 100 years old.** These are tremendous milestones for our district and community. There will be several different ways we will celebrate starting in August.

Save the Date—On September 30, we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of MSSD during the annual Homecoming parade. The parade will include alumni from across the decades.

Please see some of the ways we are planning to celebrate.

MSSD–150th Anniversary	MSES–100th Anniversary
• Kickoff at the Start of the School Year • Community and Alumni Celebration Homecoming Week (e.g., parade to include alumni by the decades)--September 30 • Time Capsule (150 Years to be Opened in 50 Years) • Spotlight of Alumni Impact Stories • 150 Years Community Service Day • Plant a Tree • And other celebrations!	• Kickoff at the Start of the School Year-Community Celebration • 100 Years Essay Contest • 100 Days and 100 Years (October) • Alumni Day at MSES • Plant a Tree • And other celebrations!

We want to make these events memorable for students, staff, parents, alumni, and community members.

We hope that lots of people will be interested in serving on the planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Melissa McElhaney at mmcelhaney@mssd14.

Celebrations:

- **MSES's School of Excellence Night** was a wonderful success.



- **Varsity Robotics Team** presented at the weekly Kiwanis Club meeting.



- **Spring Art Show and Home Build Showcase.**



A few upcoming events:

- Spirit of the Mustang—May 2
Honoring: Carrie Dunlap, Matt Rogge, Suzi Thompson, Kevin Connors, Jane Squires
- UPES Walk-a-Thon—May 4
- UPES 6th Grade Rafting Trip—May 5
- MSHS 8th Annual World Language and Culture Night—May 5
- MSHS Signing Day—May 10
- MSES Field Day—May 16
- MSMS Continuation—May 26
- Class of 2022 Graduation—May 22

Appreciation days/weeks:

- Teacher Appreciation Week—May 2-6
- School Lunch Hero Day—May 6
- School Nurse Day—May 11
- Speech Pathologist Day—May 18

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.

Late Start Wednesdays:

- May 4
- May 11
- May 18

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Domangue
Superintendent of Schools