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## **9th Annual Manitou Springs School District World Language and Culture Night**

**Manitou Springs, CO** - Come celebrate a cultural evening at Manitou Springs School District! Students have been working hard on projects, presentations, and performances to showcase during the 9th Annual World Language and Culture Night. This year's theme is Architecture Around the World.

The main purpose of these kinds of projects within the World Language Department is for students to learn more about the language and culture of Spanish and French speaking countries.

"For us (the teachers) it is not only about learning grammar, conjugating a verb or target vocabulary, it is about the opportunity to open up their minds to new experiences," said Manitou Springs High School Spanish teacher Ingrid Perez.

Perez said the architectural projects help students deepen their knowledge about the architectural structure that they have chosen and therefore can help them awaken the instinct of wanting to travel around the world, practice the language and get to know new places.

"We always look forward to this event because it's a special and unique way to meet and fraternize with members of the Manitou Springs community, to meet parents and families, to reconnect with colleagues from the district, and to create new memories with our students," said Perez.

This event will also include international food trucks and special guests from colleges and organizations.

**What:** 9th Annual Manitou Springs School District World Language and Culture Night

**Where:** Manitou Springs High School

**When:** Friday, May 5th

**Time:** 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Additional parking available at Manitou Springs Middle School Upper Activity Field and along Manitou Avenue.

### **ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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