



## Weekly Update—Monday, May 10, 2021

### New Updates:

1. **Nurse Appreciation Day—Wednesday, May 12.** We hope that everyone will join us in celebrating our exceptional nurses:

Alice Barnett  
Kimberly Nowland  
LeAnn Sharon

Our Registered Nurses have played an essential role in ensuring that we have been responsive to the constantly changing local, state, and national protocols and guidelines while doing everything possible to keep students learning in-person and staff working in-person.



2. **MSSD's Parent & Guardian Appreciation Day—Tuesday, May 11**—We know that the partnership with parents and guardians is critical every year, but we want to take a moment to show our appreciate for each of you. You have had to navigate different instructional models (frequently without much notice). You have offered to provide support and assistance. You have emailed staff with a positive note...just when it was needed.

I know that it has been a challenging year, and we look forward to a strong finish and an even stronger start to the 2021-22 school year. We look forward to parents, guardians, and volunteers being physically present in schools next year—not just for after-school activities.



3. **Late Start Wednesday Discussion**—Thank you to those of you who have provided feedback and questions regarding Late Start Wednesday for the 2021-22 school year. Here are the links to the virtual meeting:

For Elementary Parents and Guardians:

Tuesday, May 11—5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88408109721>

For Middle School and High School Parents and Guardians:

Tuesday, May 11—6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86549259970>

\*If a parent needs to attend a different session, please feel free to do so.

I would be more than happy to talk on the phone if a parent or guardian is not able to attend one of the Zoom meetings. I can be reached at 719-502-5387 or 719-685-2001. I can also be reached at [edomangue@mssd14.org](mailto:edomangue@mssd14.org).

4. **Congratulations to the Football Team for Advancing to the Championship Game**—The game will be this Friday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. in CSU—Pueblo.

<https://krdo.com/news/2021/05/07/the-manitou-springs-football-is-heading-to-the-class-2a-spring-state-championship-game/?fbclid=IwAR3eh02HI01GxfJ4H4pvLz5vpx4ivSR27YwLjUBv6UvpYq1810BRriKKVul>

5. **COVID Update**—We are continuing to experience positive cases that are leading to quarantines.

Let's stay focused on and committed to:

- Staying home when a person is sick.
- Staying home when a person has been in close contact with someone who is being evaluated for COVID.
- Wearing a mask.
- Washing hands frequently.

If any student or staff member needs to remain home due to any symptoms associated with COVID, we ask that you complete the [COVID Intake Form](#). If you are ever interested in the current number of active positive cases, you access that information [here](#).

We have partnered with El Paso County Public Health Department to provide a vaccination option on Friday, May 14, 2021.



- ✓ **When:** Friday, May 14, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Where:** Manitou Springs High School  
401 El Monte Place
- ✓ **Register at:** [comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0514296065](https://comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0514296065)
- ✓ **Other details:**
  - Available to staff, parents and students age 16-plus
  - Pfizer vaccine
  - 200 appointments available, walk-ins will be accommodated while supplies last
  - Students will need parental consent

This clinic is brought to you by El Paso County Public Health, Nomi Health and Manitou Springs High School.



6. **MSSD14 World Language and Culture Month**-- Our students' amazing Collaborative Classroom Projects Celebrating World Language and Culture are now available on the MSSD14 Homepage now and until the end of our school year. Thank you to everyone who took time to showcase and celebrate your students' learning!

Please help us celebrate MSSD14 WLACM 2021 Collaborations by celebrating learning and sharing these fun, informational, inspiring, creative, and simply amazing collaborative projects throughout our school community. We are excited and proud to celebrate World Language and Culture Collaborations 2021!

<https://www.mssd14.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=57448&pageId=57456>

7. **Summer Learning Opportunities**—We will be providing unique and exciting summer learning opportunities for students in grades Kindergarten to 11<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you are interested in your child participating in these options, please reach out to principal of your child's school.

8. **Great things happening in Manitou Springs School District 14:**

- Danny Tramel was selected to receive the Inspire Award (Teacher of the Year) from the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. Mr. Tramel's Orchestra students are performing in Memorial Park tomorrow.
- UPES 6th Grade Mountain Academy Students Running the River!
- Celebration of Nutrition Services Day!
- 2nd Place Finish in the Western Spirit Silhouette Project.
- Spirit of the Mustang Recognition!
- MSHS Journalism Staff won 4 State-level awards for their writing from the Colorado Student Media Association.

<https://www.facebook.com/manitouschools>

9. **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Tuesday, May 11—Manitou Springs School District 14's Parent Appreciation Day
- Wednesday, May 12—National School Nurse Day
- Wednesday, May 12—Late Start Wednesday Discussion—Elementary at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 12—Late State Wednesday Discussion—Secondary at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 14—Last Day of School for Seniors
- Friday, May 14—CHSAA Football Championship Game—Pueblo at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 17—Board of Education Work Session (4:30 p.m.) and Regular Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, May 23—Graduation. Congratulations Class of 2021.
- Wednesday, May 26—Last Day of School for Students





**Carrie Dunlap**  
MSES ART TEACHER

BY WEARING MASKS YOU HELP  
KEEP  
**CREATIVITY  
CONTAGIOUS**  
IN MY ART ROOM... NOT COVID!

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TEACHERS**



**BRANDON DEMATTO**  
MSSD FOOTBALL & BASEBALL COACH

AVOIDING LARGE GATHERINGS KEEPS  
OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES ON THE FIELD  
WHERE THEY RECEIVE THE  
**RELATIONSHIPS,  
OPPORTUNITIES, AND  
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