THOUGHTS FROM THE HEAD LEARNER

Dear Mustang Community,

You may have noticed over the past few weeks the school district’s emphasis on “Connection.” We are developing multiple programs to reconnect students to healthy, engaging, rigorous activities that build new relationships and strengthen existing ones.

Last spring, I attended a state-wide superintendents’ meeting to discuss the various issues that are obstacles for public education. Often, the meeting centers on the need for more funding to support great teachers and effective programs. This meeting was different. Each superintendent was asked to name his/her greatest issue or problem in his/her school district. Almost every single person revealed that the mental health of students was the single greatest concern in schools today.

Since that meeting, our district has expanded its efforts to address this issue by developing an action plan to engage children in healthy activities, connections with other people, and services to address the immediate needs of children in crisis.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness month, and due to that, I have included in this edition a fact sheet provided by Mental Health Colorado and Andrew Romanoff that each of you should review (at right). This issue is real for children and adults, it is present, and it needs our full attention.

Thank you for all of your support for our school system — where our mission is to love children, serve them and help them acquire the skills and knowledge they need to live wonderfully, glorious lives!

Ed Longfield
Superintendent and Head Learner,
MSSD 14

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Artist: Trina Borst, 12th Grade, MSHS

CONNECT 14 ONLINE REGISTRATION … OPEN!

https://www.connect14.org

Connect 14 is off to a strong start this school year! This after-school program is bringing students together with local volunteers and district staff to help kids “disconnect to reconnect!”

Students have been participating in martial art classes, gardening, playing sand volleyball and street soccer, designing and building Trax racecars, and taking dance, music, art, film and theater classes!

It’s not too late to register your student for Connect 14 classes…please visit our website or contact Joye Levy (Arts 14 Director) jlevy@mssd14.org or Danny Gieck (Sports 14 Coordinator) dgieck@mssd14.org

ONLINE RESOURCES

iPad Fees, Yearbook purchases, etc.: www.mssd14.org/enrollment/on_line_payment
Pay lunch fees online: www.payschoolscentral.com/#/user/login
New Student Enrollment: www.mssd14.org/enrollment
Choice Student Enrollment Process: www.mssd14.org/enrollment/choice_student_enrollment_process/