Teacher Appreciation Week

MSSD14 honors all of our teachers and para educators this week — and always — for their unwavering support of our students. You have all continued to deliver rich learning opportunities during this unusual time and have remained a constant for your students. Please take a moment this week to thank our teachers and educators!

UPES Carl Sandburg Poetry Contest winner!

Sixth grader Kyle B’s poem titled “Flow” has been awarded First Place by judges in the sixth-eighth grade category of the annual Carl Sandburg Student Poetry Contest. The contest encourages young students to write poetry based on a theme which changes each year. The theme for 2020 was “Movement,” inspiring students to write a poem about movements they see around them. The theme was based on a poem by Carl Sandburg titled “Night Movement” from his collection of poetry “Smoke and Steel.” The winning poems can be found at: www.nps.gov/carl/learn/news/2020-poetry-contest-winners.htm.

FLOW
As I sit upon the mountaintop
Looking at the sky
I hear the roaring of the stream
As it passes by
Against the wind’s long sigh
And on that very mountaintop
Like every patch of sky
Like every log
Like every hill
Like every bird that flies
There is a force that rules the world
Over what lives and dies
For this perhaps is the strongest flow
The force you can’t deny
Always sobbing
Always laughing
Always getting by
As I sit upon the mountaintop
Looking at the sky
I hear the flow of life and death
And wonder at the why
Next to the creek there is a bush
Blowing in the wind
I hear the rustling of the branches
Above the city’s din
Always waving
Always coping
Always standing by
Perpetually finding ways to win

MSES fifth grade promotion

MSES will be streaming a promotion ceremony with all 75 fifth graders on May 20. Then, each class will break into individual Google Hangouts to share their poetry/photo from the MSES Memories projects and open a special promotion packet together. The staff at MSES is so proud of our “big dogs” who persevered through this tough close to their elementary time and we can’t wait to celebrate them.

MSMS Tech Theatre

Tech theatre students are using the sewing skills they have learned in class in a real-world, mask making application!

MSSD14 honors our nurses during National Nurse Appreciation Week

All our thanks to our district nurses, LeAnn Sharon and Alice Barnett. They serve our students and staff every day and have gone above and beyond to guide us during this period of uncertainty. Their knowledge and steadfastness is unmatched. We appreciate all you do to keep us healthy!

Tooth Fairy an essential worker these days in first grade

We all know that when a first grader loses a tooth, it’s pretty big deal! So, when Ty D. lost a tooth last week, his teacher, Sarah Carter, reacted with our customary pomp and circumstance! Congratulations, Ty! We’re betting your family Tooth Fairy can still make her rounds even under Safer at Home guidelines!