



Weekly Update—Friday, April 2, 2021

New Updates:

Spring has definitely sprung. This weather is wonderful.

It was truly wonderful to step out on the track and see so many of our students enjoying this weather, the surroundings, and each other. Today, I was able to talk with the members of Student Council. The students pointed out that Seniors only have something like 30 days of school remaining, which is hard to believe. We are looking forward to important end-of-the-year events and working hard to make those events safe and open to in-person attendance/participation.

1. **Wednesday, April 5: At Home Learning/Staff Work Day**—This is a reminder that students will be learning asynchronously at home.

Friday, April 23: Staff Professional Development Day—No school for students.

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2. **Graduation Update**—The plans for Graduation (Sunday, May 23) will be shared with students, staff, and parents next week. We are looking forward to this important day for the Class of 2021.
3. **Summer Learning and Enrichment Opportunities**—Our team is finalizing some truly unique summer learning and engagement experiences for students. This opportunities include Green Box Arts, Connect14, Growing Gardens, Robotics, Pikes Peak Library District at the MAC, academic Jumpstarts, and more. Please be on the lookout for these exciting and creative learning experiences.
4. **Thank you to the Manitou Springs Arts Academy and MACH**—This week, all elementary students at both Manitou Springs Elementary and Ute Pass Elementary received Arts Gear 2021.
<https://youtu.be/KDS5wIzSqfM>
5. **State Assessments**—State assessments are just around the corner (begin April 13). Please see the weekly update for your child's school. These updates will include specific information about the assessments being administered. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kolleen Johnson (kjohnson@mssd14.org).
6. **COVID.** Thank you for continuing to remain diligent with support students and staff to remain in-person by:
 - 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](#).