



# MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • UTE PASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • MANITOU SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL • MANITOU SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

## MSHS Interim Principal



Anna Conrad is humbled to partner with our community as the Manitou Springs High School interim principal for the 2022-2023 school year. At MSHS, we are deeply committed to our districtwide core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity.

Every day, Anna is overjoyed and inspired by the countless moments in which she observes these values: teachers excitedly asking students about their art show or soccer game, students leveraging advanced lab equipment to pursue their own inquiries, hundreds of sixth- to 12th-grade students performing a trilingual song in front of our community during World Language and Culture Night, the student body roaring as one Mustang Herd during assemblies, and so many more.

As the interim principal, Anna is thrilled to continue the vibrant work with students, families and staff members as they grow together at MSHS. Anna's personal core values of leadership, learning and love align closely with those of the district, and she finds great inspiration in working with the numerous stakeholders. Building on MSHS's legacy, she is excited to continue to serve MSHS as we all collaboratively enhance the culture, data-driven instruction, leadership and communication. Together, we are Mustang Strong!

## Part-time HR Director



Sarah McAfee is honored to join the Manitou Springs School District community and serve as the director of human resources. She is an experienced educational leader with a track record of building genuine relationships with students, teachers and families. Sarah has positive energy and a thoughtfulness that focuses on the importance that teachers and staff make the biggest difference on a child's educational experience. Sarah is dedicated to supporting the district's core values. She believes that all people have brilliance and that, to reach our full potential, we need to maximize the genius in all of us.

With almost two decades of experience in Colorado Springs-area schools, Sarah joins us most recently from Falcon School District 49, where she served the past seven years as the principal of Odyssey Elementary School. Before her time in D49, Sarah served the Douglas County School District as a principal and Harrison School District as an instructional coach and assistant principal.

Originally from Massachusetts, she attended undergraduate school at New England College. Soon after graduating, Sarah began her educational career when moving to Colorado in 2002. She earned a master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs and her principal licensure from Adams State College. Sarah loves to spend time with her family and friends, walk her to two doodles, read, run and spend time in the mountains.

## Message from Superintendent Domangue

Dear Manitou Springs School District Community, I can't believe that the start to the new school year is just around the corner. I truly hope that everyone had a restful, enjoyable and memorable summer.

This summer, we have had successful summer programs through Growing Gardens, JumpStart, Green Box Arts Festival, high school credit recovery, 48 Hour Musical, Flying Pig Farm and more. I want to thank everyone who played a role in ensuring that these opportunities were available to our students.

Manitou Springs School District 14 celebrates a tremendous milestone this year, as it turns 150 years old. (See a brief historical reference below.) Also, Manitou Springs Elementary School will turn 100 years old this year. What a special time to be a part of MSSD! We have planned many special ways to celebrate this anniversary. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Melissa McElhaney (mmcelhaney@mssd14.org). Here is the link to the site where we are posting celebration events: [www.mssd14.org/150\\_years\\_celebration](http://www.mssd14.org/150_years_celebration).

Community and alumni: Save the date for Friday, Sept. 30. All alumni will be invited to join the annual Homecoming Parade. More information to come.

We are excited about welcoming back our returning staff, and we are looking forward to our new staff joining our exceptional MSSD team. You may have read recent headlines across the region, state and nation regarding some districts having a significant number of vacancies as they start the new year. Fortunately, this is not the reality for us, our students and our families. I believe this is a testament to how special it is to be a member of the MSSD staff.

I know I feel fortunate each and every day to have the opportunity to work alongside such committed professionals, lovely students and engaged parents.

Let's make this sesquicentennial year for Manitou Springs School District 14 the best one yet! I know that I am excited about all that the 2022-23 school year will offer when it comes to rich opportunities for students, staff, families and the community.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Domangue  
Superintendent of schools



## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

(from the MSSD's Facility Plan\*, December 2020)

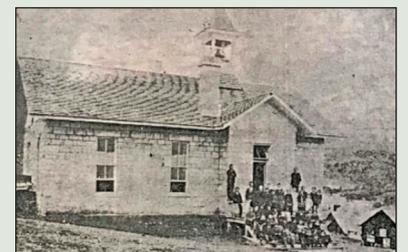
The first school in Manitou Springs dates to 1872. When the school district first started, students were called to school using a hand bell. The history of MSSD is rich.

The following history records were made possible by the Manitou Springs Heritage Center archives, the 1946 to 1974 scrapbook that was maintained by the acting superintendent at that time (W.W. Bundy), and various publications related to Ute Pass Elementary School (UPES).

\*In the Facility Plan, UPES is not in chronological order as the historical origin is separate from the initial beginning of Manitou Springs School District, which was founded in 1872. We wanted to capture the unique starts and eventual significant union of the two areas.

In 1874, the first school building was a one-room frame building shipped from Chicago and was assembled on the present site of the Barker House Hotel, which was once known as the Navajo Hotel. The school was in session for only three months, and it was used for only one term for students in first to sixth grade.

That same year, a new frame building was assembled on the west side of the Mansions Hotel grounds. The school building was approximately the same size as the first school building, and the 14-foot-by-20-foot lean-to was not adequate and used for only one term.



This school building was constructed in 1878

In 1875, the school opened on the second floor of a store building on the corner of Manitou and Pawnee avenues, currently the southeast corner of the Carnegie Public Library grounds. That same year, the students were dismissed so the students and faculty could have a chance to greet President Ulysses S. Grant as he came to visit the city of Manitou Springs.

This school location was used for three years. In 1878, a new building, constructed of white stone, became Manitou's first school building that was built specifically for the purpose of educating children. The one-room building was located on Ute Avenue, the present-day site of Manitou Springs Elementary School's parking lot/playground, which is now Duclu Avenue.

## BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

### New staff orientation:

Tuesday, Aug. 9–Friday, Aug. 12

### Staff returns:

Monday, Aug. 15

### First-12th students return:

Friday, Aug. 19

### MSES & UPES kindergarten

#### Gentle Start Days:

Friday, Aug. 19, Monday, Aug. 22, and Tuesday, Aug. 23

### MSES & UPES kindergarten first full day:

Wednesday, Aug. 24

### MSES & UPES preschool starts:

Monday, Aug. 29

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