



# MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

# GO MUSTANGS!

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## Meet our new Ute Pass Elementary School staff members!

### Jessica Novak, Para Professional



Originally from Illinois, Jessica most recently moved from Texas to Colorado to be closer to family in the area. She has an undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in outdoor education from Northland College in Wisconsin, and is preparing to start a graduate program in January of 2020. She spent the last five years as a special education teacher in Texas, and has previously worked in both the nonprofit and corporate environments. She is excited to join the Ute Pass family and looks forward to the opportunity to grow in her career in this friendly and supportive environment. In her spare time she loves to read, hike, camp, travel and spend time with her favorite people and her dog.

### Julie Hamilton, 3rd Grade Teacher



This is Julie's first year as a teacher at Ute Pass Elementary. She holds a bachelor's degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango in humanities in art. Her teaching career began 23 years ago in a small Montessori school while earning her master's in education from Regis University. Julie has taught at The Colorado Springs School, The da Vinci Academy in District 20 and at the Renaissance Academy. She is a longtime resident of Green Mountain Falls and a graduate of Manitou Springs High School. Go Mustangs! Julie is excited to be a part of the Ute Pass family. She loves to spend time with her family, read books, create art and play in our beautiful mountains.

### Eric Wester, Physical Education and Health Teacher



Eric is the physical education and health integration specialist at UPES. He's happily married to Manitou alumna Meagan Wester (Ferguson) and they have three children. As a Colorado native, Eric and his family love mountain biking, rock climbing, camping, white water rafting and most any other outdoor activity. He earned his degree in education from UCCS while simultaneously working at UPES as a Para Educator. He's worked in Harrison School District 2 and was the chair of the Health and Wellness Committee at Harrison High School. He also founded a club that introduces students and their families to the great outdoors. He is extremely excited to be back with his Ute Pass and Manitou family!

## 2019 MSHS Homecoming Queen and King!



Congratulations to seniors, Brianne A. and Zak T.!

### Important date

**Oct. 18:** Colorado State Fall Student Council Conference — no school for students

## Artists of the Week



**Artists:** MSHS Sculpture Students; co-taught by Mr. Bonner and Ms. Newberry **Project:** Cardboard Relief Sculptures

## Career and College Readiness Corner

When you think Technical Theatre, you may think about the last show you saw at the Pikes Peak Center or the Fine Arts Center, and you would be right, but the world of Technical Theatre is so much bigger. This is partly the reason we have expanded our Theatre program to include Career and Technical Education for our Technical Theatre class.

The industry for Technical Theatre is ever expanding to sports stadiums, corporate events, festivals, weddings, vacation spots such as Disney, cruises and churches.

The crossover with our computer science program and our construction program is seamless, with students being able to learn skills in various classes and settings and apply them to the real world.

A recent Manitou Springs

graduate reached out to our Technical Theatre teacher Wendy Harms a short time ago and told her that he's in charge of all tech on a major cruise ship in the Mediterranean — all because of what he learned with her. He must be able to work the equipment, set the computers, manage a staff and fix problems without his local hardware store. These are the skills beyond the classroom that students working in an industry in high school learn.

Career and College Readiness must have broad reach with multiple opportunities, and Technical Theatre is one example.

If you are interested in helping to provide work-based learning opportunities for students, please let us know.



# OCT. 18 — NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!



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