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## 10th Annual MSSD14 World Language and Culture Night

**Manitou Springs, CO** - Come celebrate a cultural evening at Manitou Springs School District! This year's theme is The Showcase, where all the hard work of students will be displayed for the enjoyment of everyone.

The main purpose of these kinds of projects within the World Language Department is for students to learn more about the language and culture of Spanish and French speaking countries. "For us (the teachers) it is not only about learning grammar, conjugating a verb or memorizing target vocabulary, it is about the opportunity for students to open up their minds to new experiences," said Manitou Springs High School Spanish teacher Ingrid Perez.

Perez said that by displaying the hard work of students throughout the whole year it gives them a sense of accomplishment and appreciation. Also, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge by learning about the cultural traditions of other countries. "We always look forward to this event because it's a special and unique way to meet and fraternize with members of the Manitou Springs community, to meet parents and families, to reconnect with colleagues from the district, and to create new memories with our students," said Perez.

"WLACN takes their in-class learning and allows it to be shared with their families, peers and community members," said MSHS French teacher Madame Angie Shelton. "Students get to be both teachers and learners as they show their families and friends the work they and their classmates have accomplished. It's really a special night."

This event will also include international food trucks and special guests from colleges and organizations.

What: 10th Annual Manitou Springs School District World Language and Culture Night

Where: Manitou Springs High School

When: ■

Time: ■

Parking is available at Manitou Springs Middle School, up and down the El Monte Place hill, the middle school upper activity field and along Manitou Avenue.

### ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,200 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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