



MHS Newsletter: March 2019



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Principal's Message



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The end of the third quarter is just around the corner. Everything is heating up, athletics, academics, SAT prep, except the weather. Reminder to all seniors that if you don't have your community service

complete and signed off on prior to Prom you will be ineligible. Please stay on top of your grades as the semester winds down. So many events ahead of us, Prom, senior awards, scholarship breakfast, graduation, (at the Events Center located on the Montrose County Fairgrounds) SAT/CMAS testing, Reality Fair, etc.... Please keep checking our web site and calendar for information regarding all activities and events.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with concerns or kudos. Go Indians!

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Counseling Center

MHS March Division Award

Left to right - Damian Ramirez, Max Bernstein, Heather Prosser, Ashley Ortega, Trace Chaney, Jorge Cadena, Katherine Kistler, Joy Leuthauser, Oriana Sanchez and Stephanie Garcia.

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Instructional Technology

The Special Education department at MHS is using some great assistive technologies to help students who struggle with reading and writing. One tool they are trying is a Reader Pen. This pen allows students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities to have texts read to them at their own pace. This pen works especially well for paper copies or PDF versions of text. The department also uses the Text to Speech feature on the iPads for web-based text, where students can choose to have text read to them. Equally helpful is the Speech to Text feature, which allows students to talk into the iPad and have it create text for them. These technologies are helping to make curriculum more accessible to more students.



Samantha Morris uses a Reader Pen to read her psychology assignment in Gail Madden's class.

STEM

The annual SeaPerch Competition was held at the Montrose Recreation Center on Saturday, March 2nd. The MHS NJROTC organized and judged the event where 12 teams from the Western Slope competed in underwater robotics. Students had two different challenges to navigate. The first challenge was the standard SeaPerch obstacle course of 6 hoops. The second challenge was the "Mission Challenge" where students simulated helping people trapped underwater in a cave by bringing them supplies. CTMS and OHS were 1st place for their divisions.



Daniella Ridgel, Bethanie Boutwell, and Cole Thorn participate in the local annual Sea Perch competition

Problem Based Learning

MHS held their annual STEM open house on February, 19 to showcase the year's activities. There were over fifteen student programs in attendance, including Project Lead The Way, NJROTC, 970 Studio, MHS Catering, and River Watch. Departments also demonstrated their problem-based learning ideas including: math's traffic flow and parking lot analysis, social studies' non-profit economics, physical education's trainer for a day, performing art's piano lab, foreign language's travel abroad and cultural lessons, and science's synthesis of liquid fertilizer and Uncompahgre River ecology.



Leslie Villalobos Salgado and Maricelo Silva Dela Torre Show off their catering skills while serving appetizers for the STEM open house attendees.



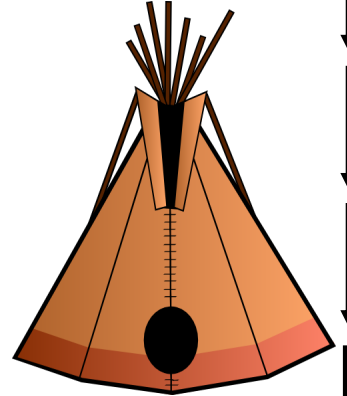
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In honor of efforts to promote kindness and build community at Montrose High School, staff and students are collecting personal hygiene items and school supplies for The Teepee, a new service created to assist MHS students by providing essential personal and school necessities. The Teepee was so-named to reflect the role of the traditional teepee in

Fill-the-Teepee

native American Indian culture. The teepee was where a family's needs were met, and our mission is to help meet the needs of our MHS family.

Collection boxes are located in the library, counseling center, and various classrooms throughout the building. Lists of requested items are posted on each box. Most items on the list can be purchased for under \$3. This year's Fill-the-Teepee drive will continue through the month of March. For additional information, call 249-6636 ext. 4336 or email Lynnette.Palmer@mcsd.org.



Fill-the-Teepee Items List: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Special Olympics



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The Special Olympics Canyoneers basketball team will be going to Denver to play in the state tournament, March 14th and 15th. After returning team members are excited for spring break.

Athletes and partners are planning the 2nd annual Trail Run, April 6th. Runners may choose either a 2-mile walk/ run or 5 miles run. The entrance fee of \$30 benefits Montrose County Special Olympics. Kickoff 8:00 at the School Administrative office, 930 Colorado.

Track season 1st practice will be March 26, at the MHS track.



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