

# The Mighty Mammoth Message

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## Upcoming Events

### January 1<sup>st</sup>

BASE Closed – New Year's Day Holiday

### January 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Winter Camp

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

No School & No BASE – MLK Holiday

## New Opportunities for the New Year

MHE BASE is always looking for new ways to meet the needs and interests of our kiddos. We are pleased to announce two opportunities for a little extra fun during After School!

Starting in February, our very own talented Miss Whitney will be sharing her drawing expertise during **Art with Whitney** on Tuesdays. Each participant will receive their very own drawing kit. Each kit includes . . . drawing pencils, colored pencils, pencil bag, sketchbook and more. Upon completion of the 6-week club, participants will get to take their drawing kit home!

More information regarding **Art with Whitney** - including how to sign-up - will be emailed the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>!

Beginning after Spring Break, MHE BASE Programs will once again team up with Randy Lewis from Party Safari (our special guest on Parent Appreciation Night), to offer **Animal Adventure Club**! This unique opportunity enables participants to EXPERIENCE snakes, lizards, turtles, tarantulas, scorpions, hedgehogs and more - not just learn about them!

Remaining under the direct supervision of MHE BASE Staff, Mr. Randy will introduce kiddos to at least 8 different animals a week over a period of 6 weeks. Mr. Randy brings a wealth of knowledge – he has a B.S. in Biology and a M.A. in Zoology - which combined with his passion to teach, will instill a wonder of nature in kids of all ages!

Meeting day and time for **Animal Adventure Club** has not been determined yet. Additional information will be made available towards the beginning of March.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Coquet at [kkcoquet@dcsdk12.org](mailto:kkcoquet@dcsdk12.org)

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## 'Tis the Season

The winter months seem to bring colder temperatures, snow and illnesses! In an effort to help maintain a healthy Program environment, check out how you can help . . .

- Check your child's health before leaving home.
- Keep children home when they have signs/symptoms of an illness.
- Children are welcome to return . . .
  - 24 hours after taking medication (strep throat, infected skin eruptions, other conditions requiring antibiotics).
  - Free of fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication).
  - Free of eye drainage for 24 hours.
  - Free of vomiting for **48 hours**.
  - Free of diarrhea for **48 hours**.
- Be sure your child and staff know where you are.
- Give the Program current emergency contact information.
- Make alternative childcare arrangements for sick children if unable to do so yourself.
- Contact the BASE Program Manager when your child comes down with a contagious illness such as strep throat, chicken pox, CMV, pink eye, etc.

## Time for Taxes

When it is time to do your taxes, don't forget to claim MHE BASE! All tuition paid to MHE BASE Programs can be claimed on your taxes! You can access your Year End Statement anytime.

To access your 2019 Year End Tax Statement:

- Log-in to your SchoolCare Works Parent Portal
- Click on *Statements*
- Change the year to 2019
- Click on *Summary Year End* (upper right hand corner)

All the information you will need will be on your Year End Tax Statement, including our Tax ID #84-6011446.



## Did You Know?

Did you know that MHE BASE Staff is certified?

Colorado State Licensing requires school-age child care programs to have one staff member for every 30 or fewer children to be certified in CPR and First Aid. MHE BASE Programs requires ALL staff members to complete certification in CPR and First Aid. In addition, ALL staff members are also required to be certified in Standard Precautions. Our Program Leaders, Assistant Manager and Manager are also certified in Medication Administration.

How often are we certified? We are certified in Standard Precautions yearly, CPR & First Aid every 2 years and Medication Administration every 3 years with a nurse delegation yearly.

Who provides the trainings? DCSD Nurses, Qualistar and American Heart Association.