

The Mighty Mammoth Message



Upcoming Events

January 1st

BASE Closed – New Year's Day Holiday

January 2nd-4th

Winter Camp

January 18th

No School – BASE Full Day

January 21st

No School & No BASE – MLK Holiday

NEW to MHE BASE . . . Animal Adventure Club

MHE BASE Programs has teamed up with Randy Lewis from Party Safari (our special guest on Parent Appreciation Night), to offer *Animal Adventure Club*! This unique opportunity which is exclusive to MHE BASE kiddos ONLY, 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!

Animal Adventure Club will meet every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm. The first session will start Wednesday, January 30th. The cost is \$100 per kiddo for a 6-week session, plus the cost of After School. The official Animal Adventure Club sign-up was emailed Monday, December 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Coquet at 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 2018 Year End Tax Statement:

- Log-in to your SchoolCare Works Parent Portal
- Click on *Statements*
- Change the year to 2018
- 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.