

LYNX NEWS



March 11, 2020



From the Leadership Team:

~ Due to the current number of snow days, Monument Academy will be having **full-day Fridays*** **March 13th**, **April 10th**, **May 8th**, and **May 15th** in order to meet our required contact days and hours.

**Dress for these days will be the same as regular 1/2-day Fridays for both students and staff. Enjoy wearing Spirit Wear and jeans!*

~ It is with much regret that we must announce the cancellation of Grandparents Day this year. MA Administration does not make this decision lightly but is following the recommendation of the CDC ([link](#)) advising persons 60 years and older to distance themselves socially whenever possible.

In addition, we are currently experiencing several cases of a "B-strain" flu as well. These factors, along with the number of Grandparents who would be flying in from out of state, lead us to believe this to be the prudent and correct decision. Our desire is to make responsible decisions and to provide adequate notice to those who many need to change travel plans.

Please know we value this very special day and will endeavor to find other ways to unite our students and their Grandparents in the upcoming months.

Thank you for your understanding.

Aliorum De Award

~ touching the lives of others~



Lewis-Palmer School District

Special Education Advisory Committee

is pleased to announce
the third annual *Aliorum De Award*.

This award recognizes the dedication and commitment of an individual who has touched the life of an LPSD student with a disability. Any LPSD employee, community member, or student is eligible to receive the award. Recipients of the award are nominated based on the fact that their devotion to a student with a disability has made that student's life better.

Recipients and all nominees will be honored along with the person who nominated them.

**Awards Ceremony
Celebration and Reception
April 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.
District Administration
Office
146 N. Jefferson Street
Monument, CO**

Nominations may be completed online by clicking the *Aliorum De Award* link [HERE](#) or on the LPSD Special Education Department homepage under Announcements: www.lewispalmer.org.

You may also submit a paper nomination form. Please contact Tamara McKee at 719-785-4208 or tmckee@lewispalmer.org for a paper form. Nominations are due by **Friday, March 13, 2020**. Recipients will be notified in early April.



MA course selection worksheets, for the 20/21 school year, will be coming out the first week of April, after we return from Spring Break.



The CCAL Boys Basketball team competed in the Colorado State Middle School Basketball Championships, the CCAL Boys Volleyball team tried their luck against our girls, and our Jr. Lynx Girls Basketball team wrapped up a strong season! Find out more [here!](#)



Spring Assessments at a Glance

We encourage you to make every effort to have your students here at school during their assigned assessment days and instill in them the importance of putting forth their best effort so that we may complete these assessments effectively and gather accurate information regarding our students' abilities. Students that miss the assigned testing days will need to complete the missed assessments during regular instruction time

Monument Academy NWEA Assessment Schedule (subject to change due to weather):

4/28 – 3rd and 4th Grade

4/29 – 3rd and 4th Grade

5/5 – 5th Grade & Middle School

5/6 – 5th Grade & Middle School

CMAS Colorado State Standardized Assessment Schedule (subject to change due to weather):

4/8** – CMAS Social Studies – 7th Grade Assessment Participants Only (All 7th Grade Students Attend School Normally)

4/10** – CMAS/Science/Social Studies/CoAlt Assessment – 4th, 5th & 8th Grade

4/13 – Math/ELA/CoAlt Assessment – Grades 3 through 8

4/14 – Math/ELA/CoAlt Assessment – Grades 3 through 8

4/15 – CMAS Makeup Day

4/16 – CMAS Makeup Day

4/20 – CMAS Makeup Day

All preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade students: Report to school normally on all assessment days.

All students in grades 3 through 8 completing the CMAS/PARCC assessments will also report to school at normal times (7:40 AM – Middle School; 8:00 AM – Elementary School).

– Please consider sending your child/children to school with a significant snack; although lunch will occur as normal, it's a long day for the students!

**** IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS OF 7TH GRADE STUDENTS:**

- All 7th grade students will attend school normally on Wednesday, 4/8/20.
- 7th grade students who participate in the CMAS Social Studies assessment will complete this portion of the assessment in the library over the course of a normal school day.
- 7th grade students whose parents have refused testing will attend classes normally.
- 7th grade will be participating in the *Ponderosa* field trip on Friday, 4/10/20.

**** IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS NOT IN GRADES 4, 5 or 8:**

- Please note that students in grade levels **other than** 4, 5, or 8 do **NOT** participate in the CMAS Science/Social Studies assessments on Friday, 4/10.
- All students NOT in grades 4, 5 or 8 WILL ATTEND SCHOOL NORMALLY on this day.

PARENTS HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT TO REFUSE PARTICIPATION IN CMAS COLORADO STATE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

****Please submit CMAS/PARCC Online Assessment Refusal Forms by Friday, 3/20/20!**

Links to our Assessment Refusal, Frequently Asked Questions page and Online Assessment Refusal Instructions are found below. All refusals **must be submitted online** per [Monument Academy Board Policy #1525](#); **we will no longer accept paper refusal forms.**

[**Assessment Refusal: Frequently Asked Questions*](#)

[**Online Assessment Refusal Instructions*](#)

Click below to be taken directly to the Online Assessment Refusal Form:

[**Online Assessment Refusal*](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL PARENTS WHO HAVE REFUSED TESTING:

For parents who have exercised their legal right to refuse state standardized assessments for their children in grades 3 through 8, please reference the CMAS/PARCC Assessment Schedule above.

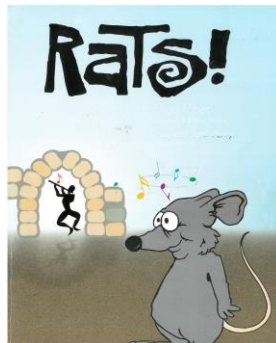
To help us facilitate completion of standardized assessments as efficiently as possible, we ask that parents refusing state standardized assessments allow their **non-testing children to remain home from school for the entirety of their grade level's scheduled assessment days with the exception of 7th grade on Wednesday, 4/8/20** (this request does not apply to scheduled makeup days).

General information about assessments administered at Monument Academy throughout the year can be found at: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/parent-information/assessments/>

Please contact the Assessment Coordinator with any questions. Thank you!



Employment Opportunities: Monument Academy is now hiring for the 2020-21 school year. Please take a look at our [job listings](#).



The 5TH grade Prep Choir will be performing the *RATS!* musical

Date: April 30th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Gym



Calling all ***Elementary-Only*** Students!

March 16th-20th

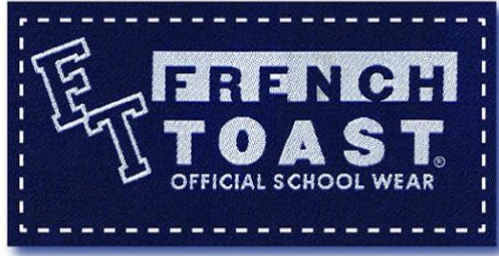
Monday, March 16 - Lazy Day (wear your favorite "being lazy" clothes)

Tuesday, March 17 - Favorite Decade Day

Wednesday, March 18 - Wacky/Tacky Tourist Day

Thursday, March 19 - Career Day

Friday, March 20 - Favorite Movie/Book Character Day



Sale details [here](#) (through 3/12)

LANDS' END
SCHOOL



Code: MARCH Pin: 2665

Valid 3/18-3/24



Attention: families with students entering 3rd through 9th grades for the 2020-21 school year - The Monument Academy "Instrument Selection Event" scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 2020, has been postponed until further notice.** Please stay tuned for future details.

BUY YOUR Yearbook

Monument Academy Elementary Yearbook

You can still get your yearbook! The cost is \$25.

To purchase a yearbook: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01064957>

Or scan:



It's a 6th
GRADE
Thing



6th Grade Ice Cream Social

Friday, Mar 20 - 10:30AM - 12:20PM

(During 5th-7th Period)

Where: In the Gym/MPR

Price: \$1.00 at the door

~ We will be serving root beer and vanilla ice cream so students have the option to make root beer floats!~



National Inventors
Hall of Fame®

Camp Invention is returning to Monument Academy!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), **Monument Academy** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed *Camp Invention*® program to children entering grades **K** through **6th**. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation. Children rotate through several hands-on activities each day while using teamwork, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills to invent unique solutions to real-world challenges. The week begins on **June 8, 2020**, with **Andrea Dickey** serving as Director of the **all-new 2020 program, Elevate!**

During this program, young innovators will:

- Build a cityscape out of upcycled materials, navigate planes through a storm, and take apart a robot they'll bring home at the end of the program.
- Learn the value of their creativity as they sketch and build prototypes, design logos, market their invention, and protect their intellectual property.
- Collaborate and discover solutions to protect the Earth's ecosystems as they compete in zipline races, explore energy conservation, and help wildlife habitats.
- Discover the great inventors behind their favorite sports, play high-energy games, and design the ultimate sports complex.

Camp Invention's activities give participants the opportunity to explore, create, and build confidence as they bring their biggest ideas to life.

Local educators facilitate the program and enthusiastic high school students serve as Leadership Interns, ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Register using promo code SUM25 to save \$25 (expires 3/31) or SUM15 to save \$15 (expires 5/12) off the \$240 registration fee. Availability is limited. Visit invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!





MA Elementary PTO Is looking for volunteers for next school year.
If you are interested in any of the positions below, please email Kim Stoltenberg at maptopresidentelect@gmail.com

President-Elect, Vice President, Spiritwear, Fun Run Chair



Sign up today!! We still have open spots for March and April.

<https://signup.com/go/sVvbhCq>



Please sign up! King Soopers Community Rewards program is now active just in time for all your shopping. It is super easy to set-up, then automatic every time you shop. It does not take away from your personal fuel points or coupons; our PTO will simply get a percentage back from all purchases.

So, sign up today and help Monument Academy:

1. Log on to your personal account on Kingsoopers.com (you cannot do this from the app)
2. Click "My Account" under the *Valued Customer* tab at the top of the page
3. Community Rewards (menu on the left side)
4. Add Organization: type in *Monument Academy*, then click *Monument Academy BF553*
5. Enroll

It is that easy to start helping our school this year!! Gather friends and family and have them sign up today!