



LYNX NEWS

April 24, 2020



REMINDER: Due to Governor Polis' Executive Order, the MA campus is closed through the end of the academic year.

Please stay safe and healthy!

From the Leadership Team:

We continue to encourage the community to seek out credible, reliable sources of information on COVID-19 by utilizing the following websites and phone numbers:

- El Paso County Public Health website: <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/>
- CDPHE website: www.colorado.gov/cdphe
- CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- State COVID-19 Information Line 1-877-462-2911 or email COHELP@RMPDC.org
- El Paso County COVID-19 Information Line: 719-575-8888

Safe2Tell: 1-877-542-7233 <https://safe2tell.org/>

Behavioral Health:

Crisis Stabilization Unit at AspenPointe: 572-6100

Peak View Behavioral Health: 444-8484

Cedar Springs Hospital: 633-4114

Highlands Behavioral Health: 720-348-2805

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Text Line: Text "Talk" to 38255

Local Emergency Room <https://www.uhealth.org/locations/emergency-room-colorado-springs-north/>

Tri-Lakes Cares Food Pantry

235 Jefferson St # B, Monument, CO 80132

Phone: (719) 481-4864

<https://tri-lakescares.org/client-services/food-assistance/>

Care and Share Food Bank

2605 Preamble Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

<https://careandshare.org/>

Friday 8AM–5PM

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Monday 8AM–5PM

Tuesday 8AM–5PM

Wednesday 8AM–5PM

Thursday 8AM–5PM

United Way Information line 2-1-1

referrals for: food, housing, utilities, home repair, emergency shelter, clothing, transportation, military assistance, taxes, mental health, senior issues, substance abuse, medical care and more!

Meal Distribution: Meals are available to any student under 18 (student does not have to be a Free and Reduced meal recipient) Monday through Friday, 11-noon, at Palmer Lake Elementary School and Lewis-Palmer High School. The locations and times for meals at schools across the community are available at <https://tinyurl.com/School-Meals>.

From the Tech Department: Parent resources and e-learning info [here](#)

From the Marketing Director: The *Monument Academy Facebook* page is also a resource for you to use: [MA Facebook link](#)

Middle School Info from Principal Seymour:

Many things take place at this time of year, and we are working out the details of those procedures. We are also dedicated to celebrating our students at the end of their academic year! We will share details as they are finalized; however, here are the things we are working on:

End of year celebrations: We are planning for an awards ceremony video that celebrates student's accomplishments. We are also working on details of an 8th-grade graduation ceremony that will still take place on May 19th while following Governor Polis' *Safer at Home* guidelines.

Course selections for next year: Our registrar has moved the entire course selection process to online forms. Families will receive an email later this week with instructions and a link to a *Google Form* course selection sheet.

Honors course applications for 8th grade Honors Science and 8th grade Honors English: 7th English and Science instructors will make applications available through their courses in *Canvas* with details for submission included in the application.

NJHS invitations to apply: Invitations to apply will be sent to students currently in 7th grade who have earned a GPA of 3.85 or above in the first, second, and third quarters. Details for the application process will be embedded in the invitation.

Material return and retrieval: We are working on the processes/procedures for returning iPads/bricks/cords, library books, and textbooks, as well as pick up of personal belongings, yearbooks, and medications, etc. We will communicate as soon as we finalize those details.



Just Throwing it Out There!

[Video Link Starring Monument Academy!](#)



From the Business Manager:

Field trips: We are currently processing refunds for field trips paid with cash or check. It is impractical to process hundreds of checks at this time so you will be receiving a credit to material fees in *Infinite Campus* that can be applied to next year's fees. Refund checks will be mailed to families of 8th grade students and to other families not returning next year if all fees have been paid. If you have a hardship or have any questions or concerns, please send an email to businessoffice@monumentacademy.net

Lunch Balance: If your student has an outstanding lunch account balance, you can pay online at <http://www.myschoolbucks.com> (There is a fee automatically added to every payment processed).

You may also send payment directly to the Lewis-Palmer D38, Attn: Marcy, PO BOX 40, Monument, CO 80132. Checks should be made payable to "LPHLP" (Lewis-Palmer Hot Lunch Program). **Please write your Child's Name/Lunch in the memo line.** If you are paying for more than one child you must be specific about how much money is intended for each child.



From Nurse Chelsea: Attention ALL parents who currently have a student with medication kept in the health office for 2019/2020 school year:

We are not able to keep medications in the building for next year. We need you to come pick up your student's medication on **Thursday, April 30th, between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** We will have a drive-thru, curb-side medication pick up for your student. We ask that you please do NOT get out of your vehicle. Simply pull through the carline, and we will bring the medication to your car. We appreciate you coming during this time frame.



Parents,

Thank you so much for your patience as we have worked to modify the 20-21 Course Selections into an electronic format.

These links will take you to the [Middle School](#) and [High School](#) pages of our website. Here you will find a Course Selection Worksheet, in a Google Docs format, specific to your child's grade for the 20-21 school year. On this page of our website you will also find a link that takes you to the Course Descriptions should you have any specific questions about classes.

The submission of this form is due May 1st.



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



~ Hello MA! The library has been holding notices until further information was provided as to when materials could be returned. Starting in May, the notices will be sent once again via email. This is a library notice that serves as a reminder to you of what is currently borrowed from the school library and goes to the guardian email addresses.

Because we've been out of school for so long, some notices may have already changed in the system from *Overdue* to *Lost*. If you receive a notice that says *Lost Materials* and has a fine attached, please do not pay the fine if you can return the book.

Please return all your MA library books to the school when the date is announced, thank you! It'll take time to process the returns, so please be patient as you could get several notices in the meantime. You can always reach Mrs. Collier at kcollier@monumentacademy.net Thank you very much!

Visit the fun interactive and informative MA Library Website! <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

♥ More library news to be announced such as a K-10 summer reading program and more! We appreciate you and miss you! Sincerely, *Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Kuo, and Mrs. Ryan*



Cabin fever? Check out some helpful resources [here!](#)



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 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!





MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD DAY – YES! WE’RE A GO!!!

We are excited to announce that our Middle School students (families welcome, too!) will be participating in the OPEN National Field Day event on **Friday, May 8th!**

Field Day is an important tradition at Monument Academy...May 8th will highlight a unique opportunity where we can stay connected as a community and support one another in a fun and meaningful way.

We will be teaming up with OPEN (Online Physical Education Network) and will be using their resources to help us organize our students’ participation in #NationalFieldDay.

All Field Day events are designed to be done indoors or outdoors using common household items; you won’t be asked to purchase any specialized equipment or supplies.

On **May 8th**, our Middle School students (families are welcome/encouraged to participate as well!) will participate in events, complete a score card, and, if family's want to, share photos and videos on the MA Facebook page. At the end of the day’s events, students will submit their scorecard to MS PE Teacher, Coach Stevenson, via Google Drive (details to follow). Every student who completes at least four events will receive an OPEN National Field Day certificate.

Coach Stevenson will be sending out information to all families the week of April 27th, so everyone can start organizing their materials list, challenging each other at home, and practicing for the main event on Friday, May 8th.





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

President Elect and Fun Run Chair

MA Secondary School is building a strong PTO for our new campus!! We need Officers and Chairs for next year. For more information or to put your name into the running for the PTO, please contact us at:

Melody Pautzke@ melpautzke@gmail.com
Tanja Curtis @ tanja.curtis@icloud.com

PTO PARKING SPOT AUCTION

- The auction starts Monday, April 27th, at 7:30 a.m. Bidding will be done on a *Google doc* this year: *

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1onl4crCIWKZsPulfgYIz9g3LOOc6-VAzGz-brvn5mNY/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5e9090a8

- The highest bidders for each spot will be invited to a *Zoom* meeting to finalize the auction on April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

- Bidding starts at \$500 per spot.

- Payment due by 5/10/2020

- Parking spot #1 is next to the handicap parking spot.

***By putting your name on the bid sheet, you are agreeing to donate that amount to Monument Academy if you are the highest bidder at the end of the auction.**

Contact Christy Brooks by email, rcmabrooks@me.com, or phone, [719-338-9930](tel:719-338-9930)

It's Election Time

Monument Academy is kicking off its Annual
Board of Directors Campaign

Do You Want To Join The



TIMELINE:

1. Please email board@monumentacademy.net by **April 24th** if you are interested in running for the board.
2. A board member will reach out to you and answer any questions you may have about the board position.
3. Questions will be emailed to you, to help the community learn more about you, your background, and your goals for MA. Responses to the questions will be due May 1st.
4. Responses from the candidates will be published to the MA community by May 6th.
5. Voting will occur May 11th and 12th.
6. Results will be published on May 15th.

