

# LYNX NEWS



August 19, 2020



Dear MA Families,

Hello! We hope you all are having a safe and healthy summer! As we rapidly approach the beginning of school, your MA Staff wanted to share what we hope a “typical” day will look like this year. Obviously, there will be many adjustments due to *COVID-19* and we must recognize that almost every scenario we plan for is subject to change. The mandates and guidelines we receive from our partners in education and government change weekly, if not daily.

To begin the year, we will adopt a grade-level cohort system. Essentially, each grade level will spend the day interacting within only that grade. It is our plan that staff will be masked but students will be masked only during periods of transition such as entering the building, moving between classes, and exiting to carline.

Regrettably, we are unable to permit visitors into the building on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, and entry to visitors will be restricted for the first 30 days as we evaluate trends. Parents will have the opportunity to drop off supplies at “Meet and Greet.” We respectfully ask that students not be dropped off prior to 7:45 a.m., as classes do not begin until 8:10 a.m. this year. Parents should drop off their students at their normal locations: Preschool at the PS gate, Kindergarten at the Main (West) entrance, and grades 1-5 at the Gym (East) entrance.

Upon entering the school, all students will walk through the *ThermalScans* and proceed to their cohorts distanced in either the Gym or MPR. Should an elevated temperature be detected, the student will quietly and respectfully be asked to report to the nurse. All other students will be released to class through a staggered process starting at 7:55 a.m. For the remainder of the day, we plan for business as usual, other than the wearing of masks during transitions. Lunch will be served in the MPR, and every cohort is currently scheduled for two recess periods. At the conclusion of the day, students will mask and proceed to the front sidewalk where they will distance and await parent pick up.

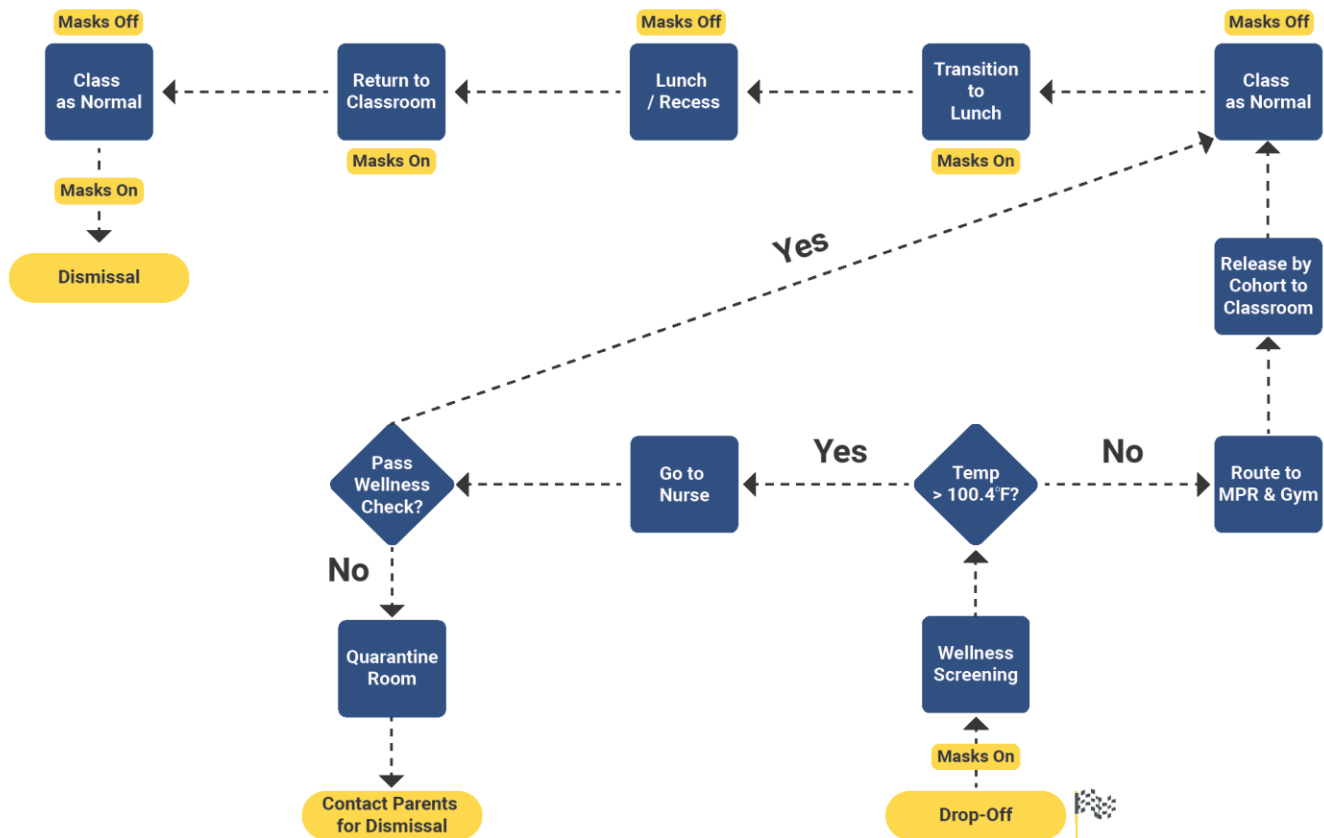
For the visual learners in our family, a flowchart is below to help describe the day. We are hopeful this will help guide us through the first few weeks of school, after which we will reevaluate trends and processes.

We appreciate your support and patience as we enter this new challenge together! We know there will need to be changes and adjustments, but rest assured many of your MA staff have worked diligently all summer to make sure we have produced a safe and effective learning environment for all.

We cannot wait to see your students!

Mr. Charlie Richardson, Principal – Elementary School, and,  
Ms. Laura Barrette, Assistant Principal – Elementary School

# A Day in the Life of a Monument Academy Student



**Key Safety Precautions**

- Enforcing Physical Distancing When Possible
- Required Mask use in Hallways
- Increased Cleaning & Hygiene Protocols

# Meet the TEACHER made easy

TEACHING WITH  
CRAYONS & CUBES

We are excited to welcome you to the 2020-2021 academic year!

To kick off this school year, we will be hosting our annual ‘Meet and Greet;’ however, it will be different than in the past. Safety is our top priority, so we will conduct a “Drive-Thru” Meet and Greet.

On your scheduled day (listed below), you will bring your student(s) to the Elementary School West Campus with all their school supplies in your trunk, drive through the carpool lane, and meet their teacher(s). Teachers will have the opportunity to meet you and collect supplies, which will be taken to their respective classrooms. If you ordered an *EduKit*, those will be delivered to your child’s classroom, so you will just drive through to meet your student(s) teacher(s).

For the process to be successful, here is how it will work:

~ Enter the church parking lot and drive down the carpool lane to the curb.

~ First stop: drop off general supplies (i.e. Kleenex, paper, etc.) by the Gym Entrance. Please have these items in your trunk separate from other ‘desk’ supplies. MA Staff will take the items from your trunk & put them in grade-level bins. **Please remain in your car at all times.**

~ Pull forward to meet your teacher. To keep the process moving along, please write your teacher’s name on a sign & place it so it is visible from your windshield. This will help teachers know which cars they need to visit. Have all desk supplies in a bag in your trunk labeled with your student’s first and last name as well as their teacher’s name. The teacher will remove the supplies from your trunk. Again, **please remain in your car at all times**

The ‘Meet and Greet’ schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 27, 8:00-11:00 a.m.: Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades.

Friday, August 28, 8:00-11:00 a.m.: 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades.

It is important to note that parents will not be allowed to walk their student(s) to class on the first day of school. If you are unable to attend the ‘Meet and Greet,’ your student(s) will be responsible for bringing their supplies on the first day of school.

We look forward to a great year!

*Mr. R and Ms. Barrette*



Exciting news! We will be able to have our meet and greet [on Thursday, August 27, 12-4pm](#). Please see the designated times for your child:

[12pm-12:45](#): A-G Last Names

[1pm-1:45](#): H-M Last Names

[2pm-2:45](#): N-T Last Names

[3pm-3:45](#): U-Z Last Names

We will have staff directing you and your kiddo that day. We are excited to have our littlest Lynxes back on campus. We are looking forward to an exciting school year. You will be receiving more information this week about our daily program. Please email the Preschool Director, Mia Phillips: [mphillips@monumentacademy.net](mailto:mphillips@monumentacademy.net), if you did not receive our *Back-to-School* email.



From the Registrar's Office: *Elementary class placements and Secondary student schedules will be available to view in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal on **August 26th**.*

*If you do not yet have access to the Parent Portal, you may sign up for an account*

*by clicking this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBqTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu\\_RunTBq6CQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBqTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu_RunTBq6CQ/viewform)*

## Business Office



Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your children.

The annual required student fees are as follows:

\$100 Preschool

\$125 Kindergarten

\$175 Grades 1-5

\$285 Grades 6-9 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net) to sign up for an account if you have not already done so. Payments are usually posted within a week. However, during the month of August, it will likely take longer. Thank you for your patience as we are enrolling new families and delivering curriculum to classrooms.

### **Payment options at Monument Academy:**

#### **For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:**

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop box at front office)
- Credit card - contact [jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net) to set up recurring payments

**Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.**

#### **School Lunches:**

Make checks made payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) – drop off at MA front desk or pay online at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

**Financial Assistance:** If you need assistance with fees and/or lunches please complete an application at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Contact Julie Shook,  
Business Manager Monument Academy  
(719) 481-1950 ext. 1709  
[jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net)



If your student needs a regular EARLY RELEASE time, please send an email to [attendance@monumentacademy.net](mailto:attendance@monumentacademy.net) for approval. If your student will be walking home after school, they will need to carry a 'WALKER'S PASS' with them. A Walker Pass request form is available at the front office and attached at the end of the newsletter. If your student will be absent for any reason, please send an email to [attendance@monumentacademy.net](mailto:attendance@monumentacademy.net).

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

*Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN*



**All** health-related information and medical forms can be found on the MA website under the **Student support** health section. These forms include a COVID-19 symptom screening tool for parents, letters from the Colorado Department of Education regarding required immunizations needed for Preschool and K-5. Prescription and non-prescription medication permission forms, Allergy and Asthma action plans, as well as immunization exemption forms. Please take the time to review this health section and provide the appropriate forms that may be required for your student.



**Attention 4th & 5th Grade Families!**

If you haven't already, please use the appropriate form below to choose your music special for the 2020-21 school year!

[5th Grade Strings Form](#)

<https://forms.gle/swfncUktQozdVAsE7>

[4th Grade Strings Form](#)

<https://forms.gle/GSrU8AhdXs8xG97LA>

For more information, contact Mrs. Patterson at [cpatterson@monumentacademy.net](mailto:cpatterson@monumentacademy.net)





## Calendar

### August

27th - Back To School

28th - Back To School

### September

17th - General PTO Meeting

### Upcoming

Fun Run 2020

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# PTO West News



Meet us at the Back to School events and sign up to learn more about events and volunteer opportunities!

27th & 28th - See school info for times and dates

## Friday Snacks

The PTO will not be providing "Friday Snacks" this fall.

## We want to hear from our Parents and Teachers!



Take our Survey and tell us what you want us to focus our fundraising efforts on this year!!

## King Soopers Rewards Sign Up



King Sooper Community Rewards program is now active just in time for all your shopping. It is super easy to set-up and 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 of all purchases. So Sign Up today to Help MA:

1. Log on to your personal account on Kingsoopers.com ( you cannot do this from the app)
2. Click " My account" under 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





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## Business Directory

Have you ever wanted to connect with other Monument Academy Family Businesses? This year we are launching a new business directory! If you would like to have your business listed on our new directory please email the following to [maptovicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:maptovicepresident@gmail.com):



1. Business Name
2. Business Logo (.png or .jpeg)
3. Website address
4. Brief description of business type

***FUN RUN  
IS  
COMING***



***STAY TUNED...***



# Monument Academy

## Walker Pass Privileges

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read our expectations and sign the section below to indicate your agreement with our policies. The actual destination of your walking student needs to be entered on this form. Please note that we will not issue a Walker Pass if the student is walking to any of our neighboring businesses on Village Ridge Point, the exception being in the case of a parent being employed by that business, or the LDS Church Parking Lot. Passes will NOT be issued to students younger than third grade, unless accompanied by an older sibling. Once you return the signed form and it is approved, we will issue your student a Walker's Pass. Please understand that you are releasing Monument Academy from any carpool time liability by signing below.

- Walker's Pass must be out and shown to carpool workers when leaving the school building.
- Students must follow instructions given by carpool workers. ○ Students crossing Highway 105 must cross at the light on Knollwood.
- The Walker's Pass may be revoked if rules/guidelines are not followed.

Please cut this off and turn it in to the Elementary Front Office.

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Student's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Walking Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Check Here if Destination is LDS Church Parking Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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