



LYNX NEWS

West Campus

September 23, 2020



D38 will offer free meals to all students, regardless of eligibility, beginning Monday, September 21, 2020. (If you are eligible for Free and Reduced meals, [please apply for 2020-2021 benefits](#). You may then benefit from additional waived fees.) The USDA is financing these free meals with Congressionally appropriated funding. The USDA anticipates this funding will last through December.

A free meal must meet the component requirements set forth by CDE which includes meat/meat alternate, grains, vegetables, fruits, and fluid milk (one of the components must be fruits and/or vegetables).

While this funding is available, D38 will also offer free meals for online learners (children under 18 years old). Meals will be distributed between 11:15-11:45 a.m. (or until we run out of meals), Monday-Friday, at Lewis-Palmer High School. Access this drive through service via the north side of the building, across from practice fields. Enter from Jackson Creek Parkway.

Drinks (bottle of water, juice, or milk) which are not part of a free meal are available at their normal charge.

In the middle and high schools, "a la carte" items will be available at their normal charge.

If you have questions, contact Nutritional Services (719) 488-4726.



~MA Volunteer Opportunities ~

SAAC!

Are you interested in serving on Monument Academy's School Accountability Advisory Committee? The purpose of the MA SAAC is to represent the Monument Academy community, including parents, legal guardians, students, and faculty regarding MA grade level academics, student achievement, budgetary, and safety matters, and to make recommendations to the Principals regarding these topics. Meetings will be approximately once a month from **2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Please submit your interest to Sharla Davis at sdavis@monumentacademy.net for the West Campus. If appointed, you will receive notification from the school. Deadline to submit applications is **midnight, this Saturday, September 26th.**



Picture Day is Coming!

Order today at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:
Thursday, October 01, 2020

Picture Day ID:
EVTK7S9QZ

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Business Office



Dear Parents,

You may have already received the information below from D38 but we want to make sure you are informed about this state food benefit program for elementary students.

Please contact me or D38 Nutritional Services at 488-4726 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Julie Shook
Business Manager
Monument Academy
719-431-8001, ext. 1010

Deadline approaching - September 23

In an effort to support Colorado's families during the COVID-19 epidemic, the Colorado Department of Human Services and Department of Education have teamed up to secure USDA approval to issue Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfers (P-EBT) - benefits to school-age children who would have received **free or reduced-price lunches** during the time that schools have been closed. Each household with a child receiving free or reduced-price lunches is eligible to receive an amount of \$5.70 per child per school day on a Colorado EBT card that will support the family in creating healthy, wholesome meal options for kids who are now home during the school day.

For Colorado families that currently receive SNAP benefits, no action will be needed from the family and benefits will be automatically issued. Families who currently do not participate in the SNAP program and whose children attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program will be eligible to apply for benefits. P-EBT benefits will be issued to households as a one-time payment reflecting the days that children would have been in school but were not in March, April, and May due to COVID-19.

The P-EBT application is now available and can be accessed through September 23. P-EBT benefits have been auto-issued for families with eligible children who were participating in SNAP in March, April and/or May. If you have not been auto-issued benefits for all children or months, we encourage you to apply for that child/month.

Apply for P-EBT: <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/PEBT>

For more information, please click on the link below.

[P-EBT FAQ's](#)

The **Free and Reduced application** is available on the [Nutritional Services Department webpage](#). Please contact Nutritional Services at (719) 488-4726 with questions.

Hello from the MA Library!



Welcome back! I wish you a wonderful year!



Mrs. Kuo and I are both excited to read and share books with you!

Library news and access to library books will be accessible through three sites:

Elementary: <https://sites.google.com/monumentacademy.net/library/home>

Secondary: <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

Library Website: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/> under the school tabs

What did you read recently? Please send in the MA Summer Reading star-tracking sheet, if you completed one, so we may get prizes to all who earned them by participating despite *COVID* chaos. To follow cohort protocol, please advise your student to give the tracking sheet to their homeroom teacher. Deadline is Sept. 25th.

Kelly Collier, Librarian

Monument Academy

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

The following handout is designed to help families determine when to send their students back to school. It was adapted from our state and local health guidance.

Thank you, parents, for communicating with us and following our guidelines during this difficult time. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our school open.



When Can my Child Return to School?

If your child is sick with any **MAJOR** symptom such as:

- Feeling feverish, having chills
- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above symptoms completely resolve within 24 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

*Students who had a fever must remain fever free for an additional 24 hours with no medication prior to return.

If your child is sick with any **MINOR** symptom such as

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above minor symptoms completely resolve within 48 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

*If a student has **both** major and minor symptoms, they must be well within 24 hours to return to school.

If any symptom continues beyond the 24-48 hour window, the student must remain home for 10 days from date of initial symptom onset.

- A negative COVID test will not allow a student to return sooner (there is a chance of false negative results)
- A letter from a medical provider with an alternative diagnosis *might* allow a sooner return, depending on the diagnosis and laboratory confirmation. Please contact your school nurse to determine when your child is eligible to return.

Siblings that are symptom-free may continue to attend school.

Anyone with a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days after the exposure, regardless of illness.

Some individuals with COVID-19 will have minor symptoms that can mimic the common cold. These guidelines were recommended by the El Paso Health Department and are designed to be cautious due to the fact that community transmission of COVID-19 remains medium-high in our community. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our schools open.

Adapted from Return to School/Work Guidance: following a positive symptom screen for COVID-19. (August 2020). CDPHE.



MA PTO WEST NEWS



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(West Campus) <https://www.facebook.com/MonumentAcademyPTO/>

NEED SPIRITWEAR? COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOKS!!

Free Shipping at our online store, valid until 9/25! Use code FREESHIP920f3a175
<https://lynxlifeatmawest.threadless.com>

**Virtual Back to School Night for PTO West Campus is now posted online.
You may watch it here:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1erGICrnX5Kbl-GKGC2l2-xjzOOLFOh8X/view?usp=sharing>



October 15th, time - TBD
(back-up date, October 22nd)

<http://monumentacademypto.com/fun-run>

Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4aaaaf2aabf85-funrun>

DONATE HERE:

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RAISE SOME DOUGH

Papa Murphy's can help you raise the money for your organization.

We are proud to help
MONUMENT ACADEMY PTO
with their fundraising efforts.

Simply visit the Papa Murphy's at
1012 West Baptist Road

on
Weds 9/23/20 and EVERY Wednesday thereafter

Present this flyer or mention your organization's name with your purchase* and Papa Murphy's will donate a percentage of your sales to that organization.

So spread the word and help us put the fun in fundraising.



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*At regular menu price in order to raise more funding for the organization



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

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:



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

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2ND - CAMERA

3RD - CHICK-FIL-A GIFT CARD



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SCHOOL WIDE SPECIAL EVENT FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE!



**SIGN-UP GENIUS FOR VOLUNTEERS
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