

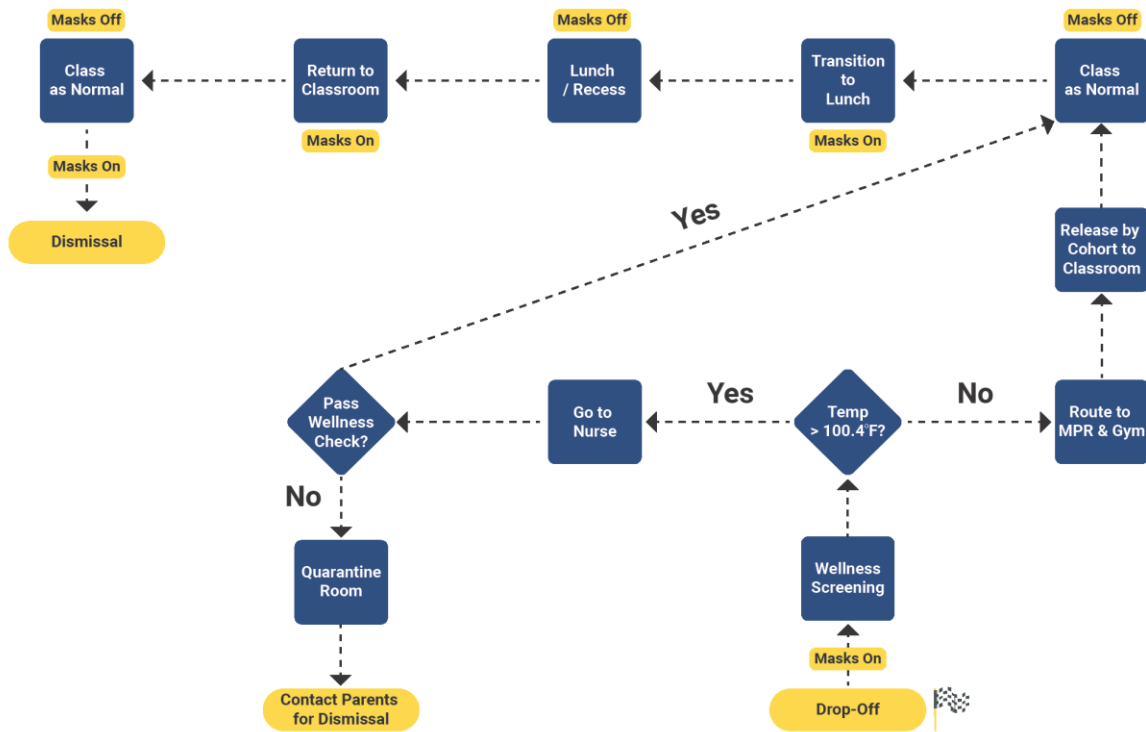


# LYNX NEWS

September 2, 2020



## 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



# COLORADO LEAGUE *of* CHARTER SCHOOLS

*As a Monument Academy parent, you are a vital member of the Colorado charter school community. Because of the great options they often represent, charter schools are now serving over 125,000 children across Colorado. But they also sometimes face unique challenges ranging from funding inequality to political attacks.*

*We encourage you to sign up by using the links below to receive messages from the League's Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (COCAN). The network will help you stay informed about issues that affect our school and the charter community.*

*COCAN was designed to keep charter school parents and supporters informed about pressing issues impacting their school and to provide them with an opportunity to speak up and advocate for their child. The more charter parents are "in the know" about issues affecting charter schools, the more proactive they can be, and the better it is for our schools and our students.*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c96y6lrVaue0AiFmcul23J7tylcj37Hpgjs-LE47mg/edit?usp=sharing>

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17IFb91ljs0u6EBpyGXgju3OK9uxjORnydSBL9pephU/viewform?ts=5f188f7d&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17IFb91ljs0u6EBpyGXgju3OK9uxjORnydSBL9pephU/viewform?ts=5f188f7d&edit_requested=true)

*Thank you for your dedication to our children!*

**Christianna Herrera**

*Chief Operating Officer, Monument Academy*



**Come Join the West Campus MA Team as an Elementary Classroom Para:  
[Apply Here!](#)**

## CARLINE DO'S AND DON'T'S



The entire staff appreciates you taking the time to review procedures for car line. As safety is our primary concern, here are a few reminders:

**DO RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS:** To the east we have the church property which is vital to our traffic flow. The church leadership has always worked with MA to accommodate our in-flow and out-flow during car line; however, they have asked specifically for MA parents to not park or use the parking spaces next to the building at any time. The church is concerned about the safety of their members and visitors on their campus entering and leaving the church building and has requested that MA parents not use the church's east entrance at any time. Please remember that the area around the church is private property and is not a public street. The small piece MA accesses is by permission only. To our west are a few businesses. Their associated parking lots are not to be used by MA visitors unless conducting business at those locations.

**DO HAVE A SIGN IN YOUR VEHICLE** that displays information regarding the student(s) you are picking up. The sign should contain at least the last name of the student and preferably the grade and teacher. This will help those conducting car line to more efficiently mobilize students to the appropriate vehicle.

**DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS IN CAR LINE** If you come in the east entrance, you should exit the west side of the MA campus. If you enter via the west entrance, you should exit the east side of Campus.

**DO NOT DRIVE IN THE WRONG LANES** to get around traffic. Please be safe for everyone involved in car line.

**DO NOT MAKE LEFT TURNS ONTO HWY 105** by the church during posted hours – reference the sign at the east exit listing hours during which left turns are prohibited. Please do not attempt to cross traffic on Hwy 105 to make a left turn as this is extremely dangerous and places not only the occupants of your car but also those traveling in both directions in peril.

**DO PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD** when dropping off or picking up your students. When you pull all the way forward and use all available lanes, we are able to safely unload

or load more students at one time, thus making car line more efficient. Drop-off utilizes one lane in each direction.

**DO PARK IN APPROVED SPACES ONLY** when coming on campus between 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Please do not park along the curbs in either direction during these times, as you will cause an obstruction to the flow of traffic.

**DO ALWAYS USE THE CROSSWALK** to cross the lanes of cars both in the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. While adults may be able to see in both directions, a child following you may not. Remember, students may see you cross thru traffic and think it is ok for them to do as well.

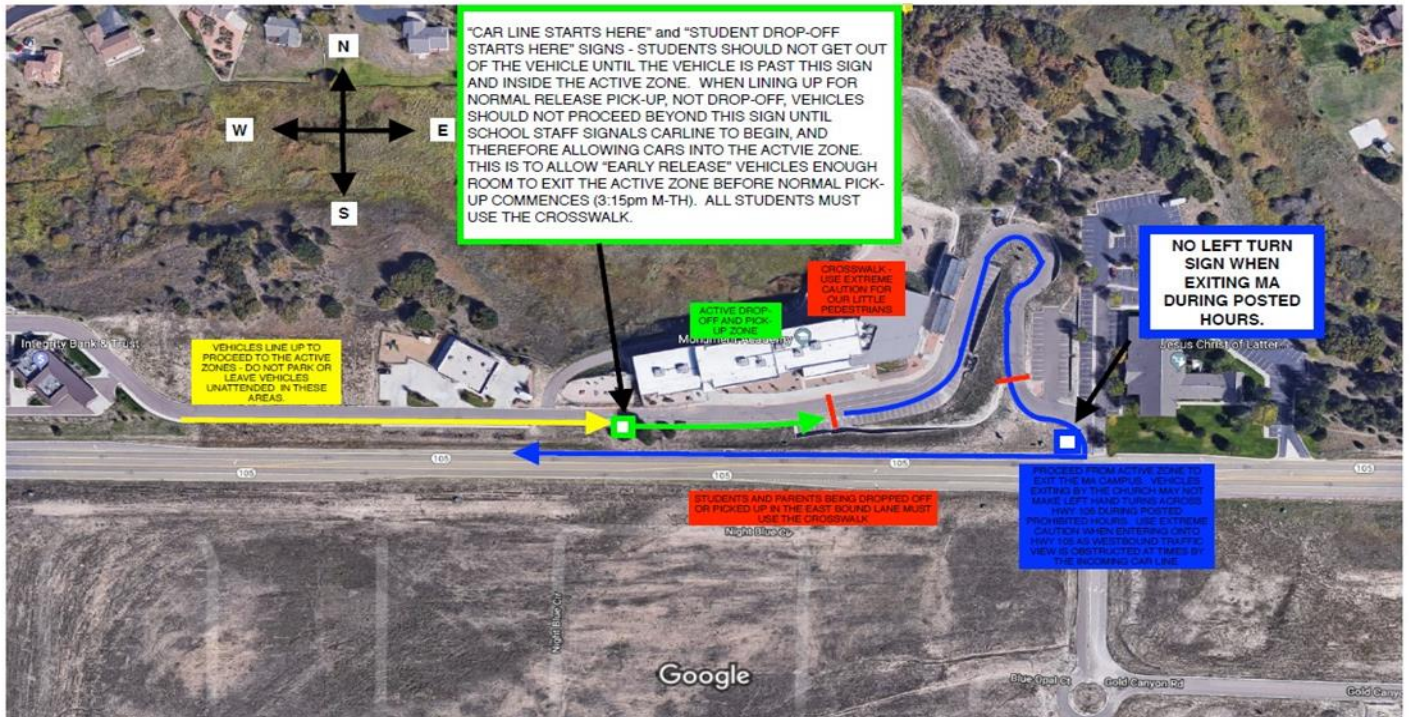
**DO PUT DOWN YOUR CELL PHONE** while you are in car line. With cars moving in both directions, children loading and unloading and a number of staff in the middle of all of this activity, we need your full and focused attention.

**DO PAY ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER**, such as thunderstorms with lightning within the vicinity of MA. This will prevent MA from being able to assemble the students outside for pick up. If this should occur, MA will disseminate information as quickly as possible by all available means to let parents know if the school is exercising an indoor release. During indoor release parents may come into the school to pick up their students. All other students remain inside the building with their teachers until they are called to the entrances when their parents arrive in car line. Occasionally, the car line will be placed in a "HOLD" position. This would occur when conditions outside are too hazardous for anyone to be outside, such as severe lightning. All loading will cease, and no one is allowed outside until conditions improve. Rest assured that staff members will wait until all children have been picked up regardless of how long the process takes.

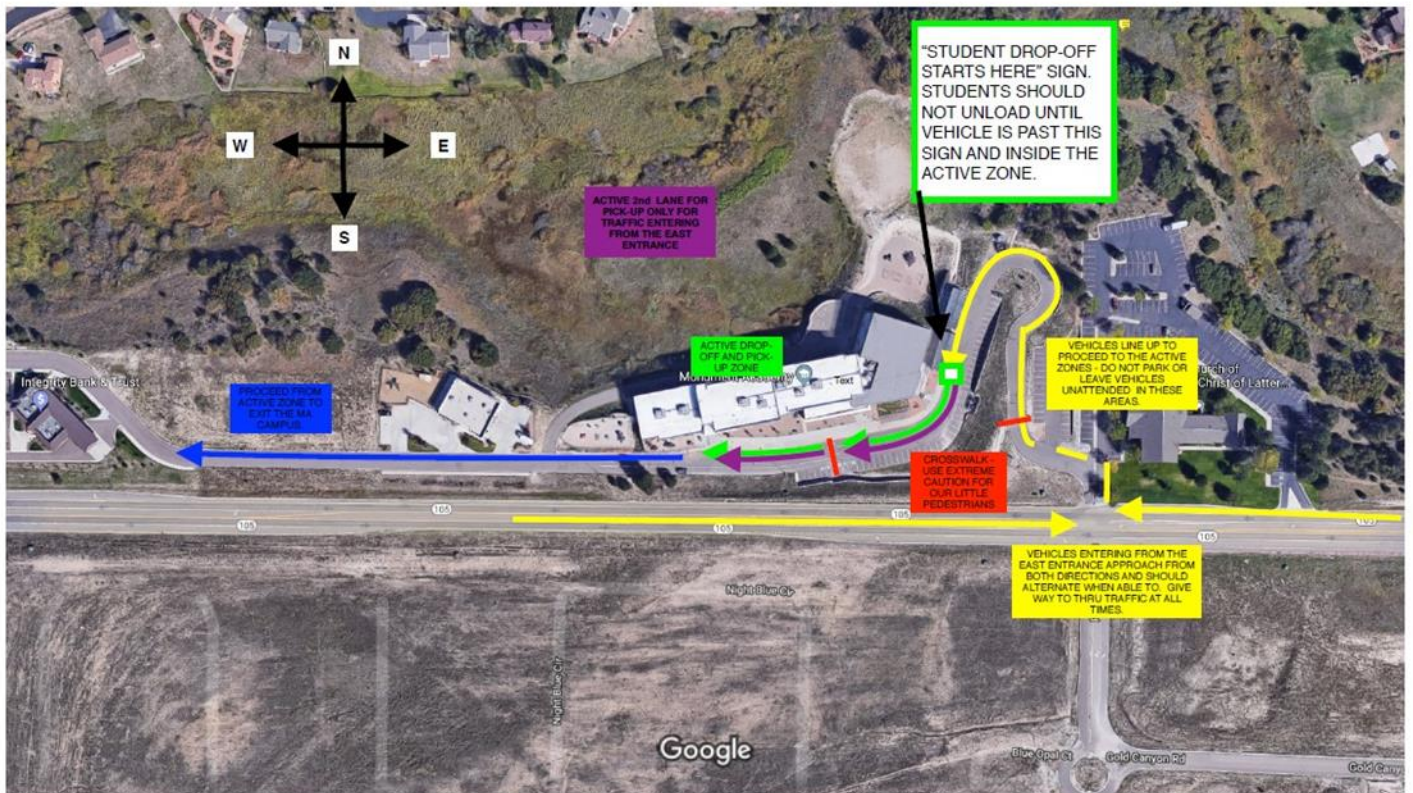
**PATIENCE** is a virtue and greatly appreciated. We want every child dropped off and picked up safely.

**THANK YOU FROM THE ENTIRE MA STAFF!**

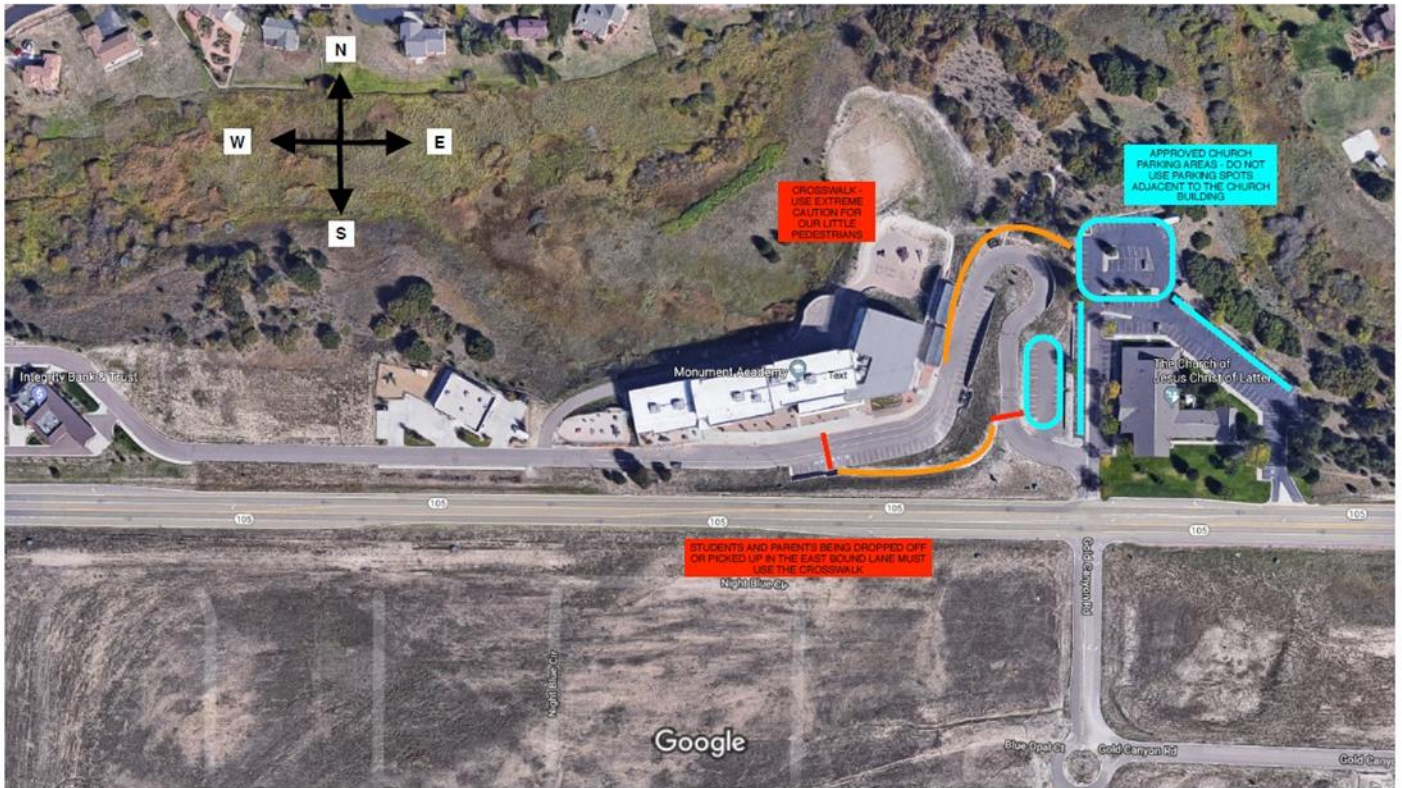
## MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - WEST ENTRANCE



## MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - EAST ENTRANCE



## MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - PARK AND WALK



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).

## 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

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>

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[jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



**MEDICATION:** If you intend for your child to take prescription medication OR over-the-counter medication during the school day, you **MUST** have your physician fill out the following medication permission form and bring this form as well as the medication (this includes any over the counter medications) to the health office. The medication bottles must match the ordered medication on the form.

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Medication-Permission-Form1.pdf>

**NOTE:** parents who need to drop off medications for their student to use at school must bring those medications to the school. An adult (not student) must bring those medications. Parents will need to park and walk them to the office.

**OTHER HEALTH:** Also, please make sure you provide updated immunizations or personal/religious/medical exemptions (these are required to be updated **yearly**) for your students for the 2020/2021 school year even if you have chosen the online synchronous, asynchronous, or homeschool options. If your student is enrolled with Monument Academy, these are still required for our records.

**All** health-related information and medical forms can be found on the MA website under the *Student Support* drop down. These forms include the COVID-19 symptom screening tool for parents. In addition, immunization exemption forms also can be found.

Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN

Monument Academy





## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

# Can I go to school today?

*At-home symptom screening for parents and staff*

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home based on the level of COVID-19 transmission in their community (e.g. Is the community in Protect Your Neighbor or Safer at Home or Stay at Home). School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. **Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations.**

These lists refer only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/ staff should not be kept home\_\_ for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

**If your child is/ you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms, please call 911.**

### Low Community Transmission (Protect Your Neighbors):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.  Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.

### Sustained Community Transmission (Safer at Home or Stay at Home):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Runny nose or congestion.

COVID-19 At-home symptom screening for parents UPDATED 08/10/20

## REMINDER:



**Please remember...**

We did not renew the lease to park in the dirt lot next to *LASER/Premier Vision*. That location is no longer available for MA parking.



Please see below for optional uniform jacket ordering information:

Webstore Link: <https://www.myschoolstoreco.com>

**You will be required to enter an address when ordering; however, the order will not be shipped to you directly. Ordering is open until September 13th and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site, most likely by the end of September.**

# Welcome MA Families!

## Art Supply List

Art is going to look a little different this year. I will be teaching Art on-line to students on Friday mornings through Google Classroom. Even though I won't be seeing my artists face to face, I am looking forward to a CREATIVE year ahead!

Here is a list of supplies that your student will need. I don't want to burden any family with art supplies. Hopefully you already have many of these items already at home or can pickup these items inexpensively at Walmart or the Dollar Store. You don't need supplies for every student in your family. Just like in the Art Studio, sharing art supplies is expected. Rest assured, I will be doing art projects with minimum supplies this year!

Folder: For occasional Art handouts

Box:

-plastic bin or shoe box (big enough to keep your Art Supplies organized!)

Paper: NO lined notebook paper for Art, please! Any or all of these

-8.5"x 11" white copy paper

-8.5"x 11"over stock

-8.5"x 11"

Sketch book (or bigger if desired)

-construction paper variety pack

Pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser, black sharpie marker, scissors, glue bottle or glue stick, paint brushes (small round, flat, and sponge brush)

Coloring options: (any or all of these items. You know your student and how much they like to create.)

-crayons

-colored pencils

-crayola washable markers (if you add water, these act like watercolors!)-watercolor palette

-oil pastels (optional)

-tempera paint (optional)

I'm looking forward to creating amazing art with your artists this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carlander

"Every Child is an Artist." -Pablo Picasso



## Calendar

### September

17th - General PTO Meeting

### Upcoming

Fun Run 2020

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# PTO West News

## General PTO Meeting

Our First General PTO Meeting will be on Sept 17th! This year we are offering a hybrid style meeting with both in-person and Zoom options!  
EMAIL: [maptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:maptopresident@gmail.com) to request a link or get the address!

## Summer Workbooks

Did your student finish their summer workbook? Email [MAPTOPresident@gmail.com](mailto:MAPTOPresident@gmail.com) by September 6th to arrange delivery of a school homework pass!

## 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!!  
<https://forms.gle/fetTb7aQe8HVibJz7>

## 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](http://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



Thanks to all of the King Soopers Rewards money, we were able to put in a brand new GAGA BALL PIT!



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# PTO West News

## 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

## Friday Snacks

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

## ***FUN RUN IS COMING***

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

## ***DONATE HERE***



<https://www.paypal.com/locate?oncl=...>

## ***VOLUNTEER HERE***



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4aaaf2aabf85-funrun>





# 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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