



LYNX NEWS

West Campus

October 21, 2020



Adopt D38 is a district-wide donation program allowing you to specifically designate the recipient of 100% of your generous donation. You may adopt a:

- teacher
- grade
- department
- program
- school
- or other designation

The *Lewis-Palmer Education Foundation* is the official sponsor of this program and covers all program costs. All donations are tax-deductible.

For more information on adopting an MA teacher, grade, etc., click [here](#). Thank you!

REMINDER:

Please be a good neighbor and remember there is no Monument Academy parent or staff parking in the Premier Vision, former L.A.S.E.R., or Integrity Bank parking lots unless you have 'official' business there. *We have been informed that violators will be towed.*



YEARBOOK

2020-2021 Monument Academy

Preschool and Elementary

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be \$20 until March 1st, at which point they will become \$25.

It is preferred and recommended that you order by February 28th, 2021.

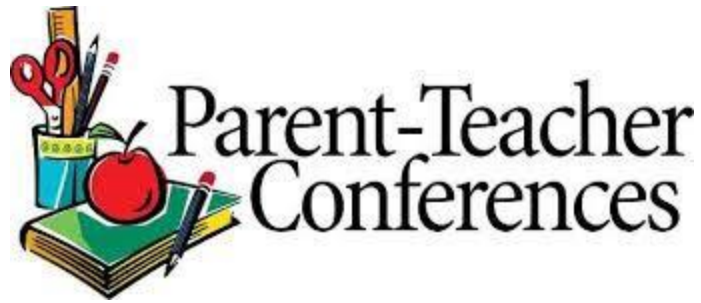
To purchase a yearbook, click the link:

[Order a Yearbook](#)

Do you have pictures of your student in their classroom or at another school related event? Your pictures can be in the yearbook!

Please upload photos to the yearbook database by clicking this link and use the code 415634045 for the "User ID" when prompted:

[Upload Photos](#)



Save the dates!

November 5th (1/2-day for students) & 6th

West Campus: [scheduler](#) & [schedule verification](#)



We need you! The *GameCon* Board of Directors is organizing a *GameCon* virtual event on November 14. We will host virtual roleplaying and other games. I am having greater difficulty than ever lining up caring adults who are willing to step out of their comfort zone and facilitate an online game for teens. We will walk you through the details. It is remarkably easy to run a game online through *Discord*, the communications platform we will be using. Please consider giving some of your time. Also, if you know someone else who would be willing to volunteer please forward this email.

Please take a minute to fill out the following volunteer form:

<https://forms.gle/6DyDHiKAHA75D6nH8>

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dustin Flesher

Director of *GameCon*

<http://gamebewithyou.org>

GameCon is a Colorado non-profit and 501(c)(3) recognized corporation. Charitable donations to *GameCon* are tax-deductible under 26 U.S. Code § 170.



November 17, 2020, 8:00-10:00 a.m.



If you ordered a jacket from **Monarch Merchandising**, please check your email and junk folder to see if you have received communication stating that your jacket is in. **Monarch** has lots of jackets that are ready to be picked up.

In case you missed the opportunity to order a jacket previously, the link is active again.

Please see the information below to order:

<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 the due date shown and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is available for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site.

Library News:

West Campus K-5 students use their Google username and passwords

Student and staff accounts are completed in *Destiny Discover*. Students, please log in using your *Google* or *Canvas* username and password to place library books on hold...books will be delivered to your classroom! K-5 may also choose to use the *Bookhub* order form our Library staff created. MA staff members use the username and password sent to you via your MA email account. You can search the library catalog without logging in and that will help you fill out *Bookhub* requests. Remember, we can only give you as many books as your account allows. Be sure to return library materials as soon as you are finished.

Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Kuo, and Mrs. Lamb look forward to sharing a ton of great books with you.

We encourage you to email Mrs. Collier at kcollier@monumentacademy.net with questions about reading, the library, *Destiny Discover*, *Library Canvas* page, *Library Google Classrooms*, and *Library user accounts*!



Scholastic Book Fairs are coming to MA! Buy gifts for teachers, friends, and family during the fair and you will make everyone happy! We will have teacher wish lists starting Oct. 26th.

Preschool – 6th grade bookfair flyer [here!](#)

West Campus dates: Online fair Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 On Location: Oct. 26 – Nov. 3

Parents, please use **eWALLET** for bookfair purchases. It is so safe, easy, and convenient!!

Video:

https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/Eyj59PHsg_default/index.html?videoId=5831064261001

Follow this link to find more important Book fair info and online shopping!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

Orders online of \$25+ ship for free to your home!

We will follow social distancing procedures and, unfortunately, cannot use our incredible volunteers this year. Grades will be scheduled for specific shopping times to remain within their cohorts. Visitors will not be able to shop inside the school building. If the schedule and weather allow, the Library will attempt an outdoor shopping day for parents to see the books, too.

- *Battle of the Books* is for 5th graders who like to read! We will start meeting every Monday in the Library at 12:55 (lunch recess). Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Caplinger are the coaches and look forward to an awesome year. Get a book list and a goal sheet from Mrs. Collier or your fifth-grade teacher.



- Have you accepted the Library's *Google Classroom* invite? Mrs. Collier would love it if you did and then joined in for the fun all year long! Frequently asked questions about Library book checkout were posted last Friday for your reference and here is a recent Library bulletin board from *Google Classroom* which shows our student's work!



- There is a quarantining process when Library books come back. Monday-Thursday as students walk through the temperature check, there is a book return cart available. It is not out during the school day; instead, classrooms have special bins for books. The Library team will deliver library books to the bins and pick up any that were not returned in the morning. Bins are cleaned and sanitized every time. Returned books are quarantined for minimum of five days.



Kelly Collier, Librarian

719-481-1950 x1220

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/>



Nurse's Office

The health team at MA is so grateful for all the parent support and cooperation thus far as we try to abide by the health guidelines/algorithms this school year. We are so encouraged that we have been able to be in school, and we know it is because of the amazing communication and cooperation of our MA families. **Thank You!**

As cold/flu season approaches, please continue to use the screening tools before sending your students to school.

The *At-Home Symptom Screening* sheet is below.

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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.



Harvest of Love Food Drive



October 28 - November 5



The West Campus Student Council is teaming up with the East Campus National Junior Honor Society to support this year's *Harvest of Love* event. Each year Monument Academy participates in this food drive as it offers us a chance to give back to our community. Please take this opportunity to give big! Raffles of incredible prizes will be offered as incentives for donations.

Don't have anything in your pantry, then please consider giving a cash donation. Checks should be made out to *Tri-Lakes Cares*. A direct link to the *Harvest of Love* online donation page is [here](#). Anything you donate will make a difference. The main purpose is to support our families in need.

Some of this year's holiday food needs are: Canned Chicken, Peaches, Flour, Rice, Canned Tuna, Applesauce, Beans, Chili, Beef Stew, Pears, Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Pumpkin, Cake Mixes, Jell-O

Thank you for your incredible generosity!!

MA PTO WEST NEWS



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR FUN RUN SUPPORT!!!!

Together, we raised over **\$21,000** for our school, and the kids had a great time!



Checkout our complete list of pie-in-the-face celebrations:

Mrs. Benz \$2K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Frk4bpuVzPSQSV0z9gFKlls2NwcRk-Q/view?usp=sharing>

Mr. Hutto and the 5th grade team \$4K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NQQloV2ORMjex6uiu5BuLm12x7lfgAjn/view?usp=sharing>

Mrs. Vroom \$6K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZcGoVozkGjA6scQpEvIUSG0PFOJjPpAz/view?usp=sharing>

Mrs. Collier \$8K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VE7Z6OPeNBFpi1moDD33D1-bqLNF7Ayz/view?usp=sharing>

Señora Novotny \$10K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NISD3K8ajtH1PJ0HTRItGh-JaXVzMlnp/view?usp=sharing>

Nurse Chelsea and Nurse April \$12K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W7WMKbV5tnz15VAAtg5iAtn4fxSlxu4YW/view?usp=sharing>

Mrs. Barrette \$14K

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IGG6Axpq0MeZEY8C-2IPB5RbmmFEtbJ_/view?usp=sharing

Mr. R \$16K

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wdn9LshF78zbpFx4O7SPofDpulOaqeYW/view?usp=sharing>

YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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

THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY HAS LAUNCHED-CHECK IT OUT HERE!

<http://monumentacademypto.com/business-directory>

NEED SPIRITWEAR? COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOKS!!

<https://lynxlifeatmawest.threadless.com>

The PTO no longer sells the jacket, but you can still get one at the below site:

https://www.myschoolstoreco.com/store/c61/Monument_Academy_-_Orders_Take_2-3_Weeks.html

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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:

<http://monumentacademypto.com/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



RAISE SOME DOUGH

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

We are proud to help

Monument Academy

with their fundraising efforts.

Simply visit the Papa Murphy's

at

1012 West Baptist Road

EVERY Wednesday

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.



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