

LYNX NEWS



West Campus

January 6, 2021



From the COO:

Dear Monument Academy Community,

I would like to welcome our students and families back for the New Year at MA! It is my hope that you have enjoyed a restful break, filled with good health and the joy of family and loved ones. The year 2020 certainly put us to the test. It taught me a deeper sense of gratitude for the many simple blessings life has given us and a profound appreciation for the gift of community and the ability to commune with others. I believe we have all found that there are many things we will never take for granted again.

I found hope in how our students have responded and risen despite the great challenges in what has not been a “normal” school experience. I witnessed this hope with our annual holiday choir singing of *Carol of the Bells* at the secondary campus where our students performed with all the brilliance, joy, and talent of years past despite the wearing of masks and having a video recorded instead of an audience. I am proud of MA’s students as they have conducted themselves with high standards of generosity, service, sportsmanship, resilience, and integrity within our school and are an example to the greater community, despite the daunting opposition this school year has posed. Over the years, I have often told students that, even though they may be children or only one person, there is much they can do to give voice to impact the world around them for good. I am reminded of a quote from Cicero, a sentiment that remains as true today as when it was spoken over 2,000 years ago,

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter good words but to live by them.” I have been awed by your students’ efforts and courageous spirits and look forward to what they will bring this next semester.

I have been especially grateful for our faculty and staff and the great care and determination they have shown in giving all they are to provide our students with the most excellent education possible. I also found hope in our teachers, giving instruction leading into the event of the Christmas star and the knowledge of a universe greater than ourselves. The last time this astrological alignment could be seen at night was eight centuries ago. Despite the gift of these lessons in hope and gratitude, I must admit that I was not unhappy to see 2020 come to an end! It is my prayer that this New Year will bring peace, health, a return to fellowship, fortitude, and prosperity to all across our great land.

This time of year, we find ourselves taking stock of the many blessings MA has been gifted with as well as taking time to prepare for the work of this semester, and in finishing the school year strongly as we also lay a solid foundation for next school year. I am ever humbled by the incredible support and partnership extended to MA as we educate your children. You have joined with us to fight for our students and faculty; to stand with us as school partners, collaborators, and advocates for your students’ education.

The MA Board and Administration greatly value your parent perspective as we continue to grow and improve upon our educational program. Thank you to all who took a moment to complete the surveys that went out before break. I know the holidays are a busy time of year; your input was gratefully received and will influence our program and plans significantly. We would also like to thank you for your gift to our teachers and staff with the donations for the holiday bonuses. Our staff was overwhelmed by your generosity, love, and support.

We would like to ask for your help with your continued endorsement of MA as you refer your friends, neighbors, and relatives! This month is the season for open enrollment within our district, and we hope to continue to welcome students and families like you who make MA the rich, vibrant community it is. There are so many ways, large and small, that our parents, faculty, leadership, and community partnerships contribute to bring excitement and joy in learning, no matter what the challenges or circumstances. We appreciate each one of you, and do not take your sacrifices and commitment to MA or your children for granted.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,
Christianna Herrera

From Mr. R. & Ms. Barrette:

Reminder - the second quarter ends on Jan. 15th. Please have your students check for any missing assignments, including Specials, and ensure they get turned in prior to the 15th.



TOMORROW! Thursday, Jan. 7th!



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

COVID-19 Symptom Screen:

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.

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 JOIN THE TEAM
**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Monument Academy Charter School is seeking a Part-Time PARA (approximately 28 Hours, Monday-Thursday, 7:45am-3:45pm) for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

[Apply here!](#)



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](#)



The Counseling Team is available by phone, 719-481-1950, ext. 1721; or email, pmccomb@monumentacademy.net
jcunningham@monumentacademy.net



Time to refresh and check out new books to enjoy! Please return any library materials from the winter break and fall semester. Browse our library database 24/7 and reserve copies for delivery to classrooms.

Students at home can pick up their library materials in the front entrance area. There is also a book return in the front entrance for convenience.

Read with your children! It is a special moment of closeness you will treasure. Let them listen to you read for a change of pace and make it a regular occurrence!

5th grade Battle team will begin meeting twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays with Mrs. Collier to prepare for the competitions. Read the books or listen on audio, but do not watch the movies...the competition questions are based on the books.

Happy reading!



Mrs. Collier

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

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

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



***Battle of the Books* T-Shirt Design Contest**

This is an exciting opportunity for aspiring artists...the winning design will be printed on 1,000+/- shirts!

Monument Academy students (elementary/middle/high school) are invited to submit designs for consideration in the 2020 *Battle of the Books* T-shirt design competition.

Submissions must include a digital file of design, artist's name, grade, school, contact information (phone and email) and the BOB elementary liaison's information: Mrs. Collier, MA Librarian, kcollier@monumentacademy.net , 719-481-1950, x1220

Mrs. Collier is MA's *Battle of the Books* representative and acts as liaison between schools and the T-shirt committee. She can only submit four designs to the committee.

All designs must adhere to the following requirements:

- Submitted designs must be original illustrations and include artist's signature and '2020.'
- Design **MUST** be in Black Ink. Pencil drawings do not scan well. Please consider simple, bold designs to those with many lines and shadows.
- Submissions must contain all 40 book titles:

<https://ppbattleofthebooks.weebly.com/book-list.html>

- Artists can use the book titles directly in their design or listed underneath the design.
- Design must include something to recognize the unique year of the *Virtual Battle* (the April and May competitions will be virtual, not in-person.)
- Design must be submitted in a digital format in *Adobe Illustrator/ Photoshop* or other compatible software saved to a *.eps, *.png, or *.pdf file.
- Digital design must be a transparency, i.e., when printed, T-shirt color comes through any background where no design exists (the negative space of the design).
- Designs must be submitted no later than **January 15, 2021** for final judging. *Send your design and information to Mrs. Collier before the January 15th deadline. Good luck!*

Feel free to contact BOB coaches, Mrs. Caplinger and/or Mrs. Collier, with questions regarding joining BOB, previous t-shirt designs, competitions, etc.



Please check for emails from our Preschool Director regarding choice enrollment if your child will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2021.

Also, you can find the lunch menu on the *E-backpack Express* tab. Preschool only offers 'option 1' for hot lunches. The free hot lunch program will continue until the end of the semester.

MA PTO WEST NEWS



SAVE THE DATE:

Next PTO General Meeting is January 21 at 8:30am.

WAG N' WASH - MONUMENT & FOX RUN VET HOSPITAL VACCINE CLINIC

January 23 from 8:00am to 2:00pm

5% of proceeds go to MA PTO

*See attached flyer

LET PAPA MURPHY'S COOK THIS WEEK & EVERY WEDNESDAY

***Present the attached flyer for a portion of the proceeds to go to MA PTO**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MA EARN CASH EACH TIME YOU SHOP?

King Sooper Community Rewards program is active for MA. It is easy and does not cost anything.

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.



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

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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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

