

LYNX NEWS



West Campus
March 10, 2021



WOW – our school made such an incredible impact through **Kids Heart Challenge** this year!!

We are so proud to celebrate all you've done:

- **169 families** took the heart-healthy challenge and joined our team online this year!
- Our donation count to the American Heart Association is up to **\$15,105.42** thanks to your support!!
- **March 2nd-8th** all pre-school-5th graders participated in a **TOP-SECRET MISSION** in the gym.
- 27 students earned their **Slime Time** by raising \$200 or more! WOW, these students get to participate in **Slime Time** on Tuesday, March 16th, at 2:30.

We set out to complete the mission and we could not have achieved it without you. THANK YOU for taking action to help us save lives!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is currently planning to have schools administer CMAS/CoAlt assessments this spring in the subject areas of math, reading, and science. CMAS social studies will not be administered this year. We do know that there will not be an option for completing assessments remotely. This means that any students completing the CMAS/CoAlt assessments must do so in-person and at school.

State legislators are working on a last-minute bill that would impact which grade levels complete certain assessments and may yet remove science from the suite of assessments offered. This plan does not affect PSAT offerings for our high school students and would need to be submitted to the Federal Department of Education for approval before moving forward. If approved, this plan would allow for parents of children in grade levels not being assessed in a particular subject area to opt-IN to the non-offered assessment. This puts us in a difficult position for finalizing assessment schedules with the assessment window fast approaching.

We want to give our families as much lead time as possible, so we have crafted a schedule that should work regardless of possible changes to the schedule through the last-minute legislative decisions. Here is a schedule for when state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) will be administered at each of the Monument Academy campuses.

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS Science - CoAlt	5 th Only	Thu 4/22
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th	Tue 4/27 & Wed 4/28
All students, whether completing the assessments or not, will attend school at MA West normally on these days.		

East Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
PSAT - CoAlt	9 th Only	Wed 4/14
CMAS Science - CoAlt	8 th Only	Wed 4/21
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th	Fri 4/23 & Fri 4/30
All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14 and 4/21. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23 and Friday 4/30. Students completing assessments on Fridays should arrive at 7:50 AM as would occur any other day of the week, but dismissal times will likely be modified. An exact schedule for Friday assessments (including lunch options) will be provided soon.		

PLEASE have students who are completing assessments in school and on-time. Please avoid scheduling appointments on their scheduled assessment days. When the school has to “make-up” state standardized assessments for students who are late or must leave during the assessments, we have no choice but to significantly interrupt their regular instructional time. Thank you.

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessment Refusals

We expect that some families may choose to refuse allowing their students to complete CMAS/CoAlt assessments this year due to concerns about COVID-19. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has asked us to include an option for specifying COVID-19 as a reason for refusal to our normal refusal process.

Monument Academy accepts online refusals only per *Board Policy 1525* found at the link below:
<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/1525-State-Assessments-Refusal-Policy-2-8-18.pdf>

If you plan to refuse allowing your students to participate in standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, please complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below so that Monument Academy may comply with CDE requirements and avoid negative consequences to our school. Thank you.

Refusal for CMAS/CoAlt Assessments

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

Refusal for the PSAT Assessment (9th Grade ONLY)

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-psat-sat-high-school-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>



Monument Academy Charter School is seeking Substitute Teachers for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

[Apply here!](#)



Looking forward to the 2021/22 school year! Below are some updates to immunization requirements specific to immunization exemptions.

Please take a moment to check out what Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has published: http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-22_LPSD_ParentImmunizationLetter_School-K-12th_Eng_FINAL.pdf

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YEARBOOK

2020-2021 Monument Academy Preschool and Elementary Yearbook

Yearbooks are now \$25.00

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:

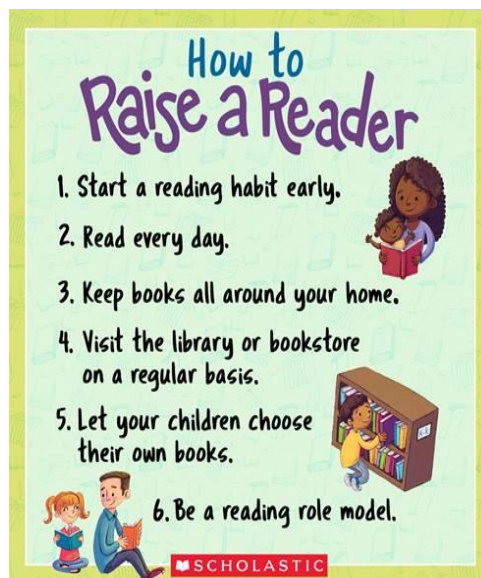
[UPLOAD PHOTOS](#)



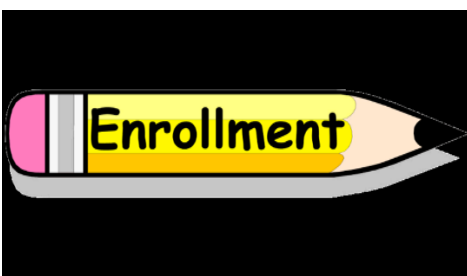
The Counseling Team is available by phone, 719-481-1950, ext. 1721; or email, pmccomb@monumentacademy.net
jcunningham@monumentacademy.net



20-Book Reading Challenge: Continue to read from the specific categories and tell your teacher as you finish books! Your teachers will send the information to Mrs. Collier. The 'Challenge' ends April 30th.



Scholastic Book Fair is coming back in April! Save the dates: **April 12-19th**



Open enrollment for preschool-age siblings is happening NOW. If you are considering our wonderful Preschool program, please visit our website, click on 'Enrollment,' and fill out a Letter of Interest. Our spaces fill up quickly, so we encourage you to get on our wait list.

Next Week...Before Spring Break...



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Sunday, March 14th.



Monday, March 15th - Career Day
Tuesday, March 16th - Book/Movie Character Day
Wednesday, March 17th - Favorite Holiday Day
Thursday, March 18th - Decade Day



**March 22-26: No School,
Campus Closed**

FROM THE TECH DEPARTMENT:

We have partnered with *Dell* to offer our staff and families discounts on *Dell* laptops. Below is the flyer with an overview of the program and contact information:



The flyer features the Dell logo at the top left. Below it, the text "WELCOME TO EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS" is prominently displayed. In the center, there is an image of a Dell XPS 13 laptop and a Dell 27 Monitor. Below the images, the text "Now that you're enrolled in the Dell Member Purchase Program, you can enjoy:" is followed by four icons representing benefits: "ALWAYS-ON SAVINGS" (tag icon), "EARLY ACCESS TO PREMIER EVENTS" (calendar icon), "DEDICATED ACCOUNT TEAM" (people icon), and "EXCLUSIVE OFFERS" (dollar sign icon). A blue banner at the bottom contains the URL "Visit www.dell.com/mpp/MonumentAcademy". Below the banner, contact information is provided: "For Program Information, Contact: Joseph_Miller2@dell.com" and "For Sales and Quotes, Contact: Michael_Kaylor@dell.com". Phone sales information and a member ID are also listed. The Windows 10 logo is at the bottom right, and a small copyright notice is at the very bottom.

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For Sales and Quotes, Contact: Michael_Kaylor@dell.com

Phone Sales: 888-693-9448 (Reference to Member ID below)
Member ID: 530017985124

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Do great things.

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PROVIDING FUN AND SAFE SUMMERS FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS

At **Camp Invention®**, we have always found the right ways to bring hands-on STEM activities to children across all 50 states (plus D.C. and Puerto Rico!). We believe every child can invent, and we're inviting you to safely and creatively get your camp on when you join us for the best summer ever.

PERSISTENCE

Build and test a device to launch rubber ducks, overcoming challenges to reach landmarks around the world while exploring the fun of physics.

CONFIDENCE

Find your unique voice and amplify your big ideas as you reverse engineer a wireless microphone and put design thinking into action.

CREATIVITY

Stretch your imagination as you design a nature-inspired, morphing vehicle that travels on land, and add prototype elements to adapt it for air and water.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Develop helpful inventions for your very own SolarBot – a cool, robotic cricket inspired by real insects and powered by solar cells.

Camp Invention is a **nationally acclaimed summer STEM program** led by certified local educators and grouped by grade level to create effective, encouraging learning environments.

2021 FEATURED ITEMS:

Each camper gets their own **SolarBot, Microphone, Road Rally Car and Duck Launcher!**



Camp Your Way - In Person or At Home

Want to sign up and save today, but not sure if you'll want an in-person or at-home experience this summer? No worries - with our new **PEACE OF MIND PROMISE**, you can sign up and **SAVE** today and finalize your experience format six weeks before your camp date! Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332.

Grades: K - 8th

Location: Monument Academy
1150 Village Ridge Pt, Monument, CO 80132

Date: June 7 - 11, 2021

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$240 (before discount)

Camp Director: Britany Blair | bblair@monumentacademy.net |



Scan to secure your spot today!

If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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AbbVie Foundation
Army Educational Outreach Program
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Nordson Corporation Foundation
Overdeck Family Foundation
ShurTech Brands, LLC

MA PTO WEST NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday, March 18th, 8:30 a.m.: GENERAL PTO MEETING WEST

Zoom link will be sent out next week.

Thursday, March 18th, 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.: PARRY'S PIZZA COMMUNITY NIGHT



Show your support for Monument Academy PTO! Come to *Parry's Pizza* in Colorado Springs between 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., and 20% of your bill will be donated to the PTO. Takeout (phone or online orders) and Dine-in are both available.

Let your server know you're supporting Monument Academy PTO!

*See attached flyer

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

There are several positions opening up for the 2021-2022 school year. The PTO is a fun way to get more involved with Monument Academy and work with an incredible team!

Please contact maptopresidentelect@gmail.com for more information.

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

