

# LYNX NEWS

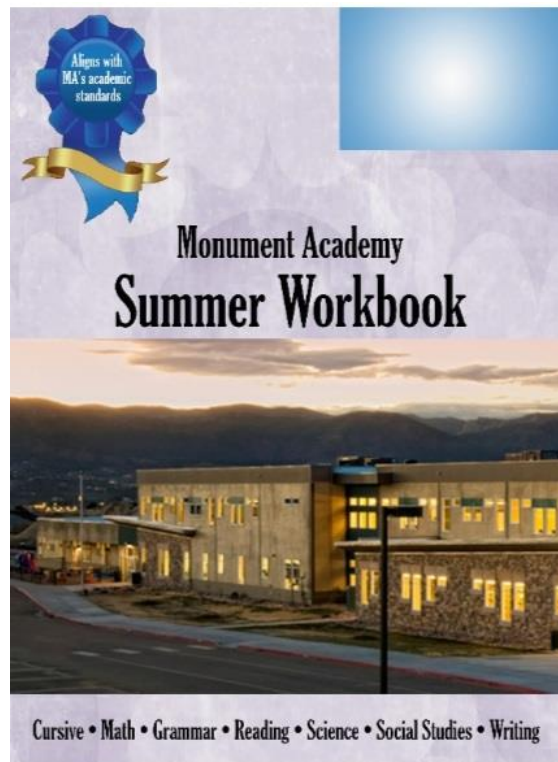


*West Campus*

April 14, 2021



**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Campus Closed  
*Staff Appreciation Day*



### 2021 Summer Workbooks are on sale NOW!

These are a great way to keep your children from experiencing the 'summer slide!' Workbooks for each grade are \$16.00 and include grade-level Math. Additional 'Math' inserts can be purchased separately for \$6.00 each for students needing support above or below their grade level.

All orders are due by **April 30th!** Workbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year. Below is the link for ordering; you can also find it on the MA webpage under *Parent Information > PTO > PTO Store*:

<https://spiritwear.monumentacademy.net/collections/summerworkbooks/products/2021-summer-workbooks>

If you have any questions please feel free to email, [masummerworkbooks@gmail.com](mailto:masummerworkbooks@gmail.com)

Dear Monument Academy Families,

Colorado State Standardized Assessments will be administered soon! The **Spring Assessments at a Glance** page contains all necessary information and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/parent-information/assessments/spring-assessments-at-a-glance/>

Highlights include:

- Which Colorado State Standardized Assessments are required for each grade-level
- The schedule for Colorado State Standardized Assessments
- The procedure for refusing to participate in Colorado State Standardized Assessments
- The procedure for opting IN to additional Colorado State Standardized Assessments this year
- Deadlines

If you have not already done so, please communicate your intent to refuse, or opt-IN as soon as possible so that we may effectively plan for the assessments. Thank you!

*Marty Venticinque*

Assistant Principal

Monument Charter Academy Secondary School

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



**Monument Academy Charter School is Hiring.**  
***Apply here!***



Mrs. Collier's 20-Book Reading Challenge is ending very soon! Continue reading from the specific categories and earning prizes! Give your teacher the tracking sheet for Mrs. Collier. Mrs. Collier and the library team will give you prizes for your reading accomplishments!



The Counseling Team is available by phone, 719-481-1950, ext. 1721; or email, [pmccomb@monumentacademy.net](mailto:pmccomb@monumentacademy.net)  
[jcunningham@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jcunningham@monumentacademy.net)



# 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](#)





# 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](mailto:bblair@monumentacademy.net) |



Scan to secure your spot today!

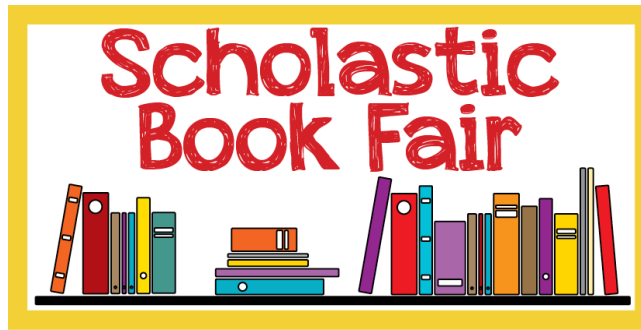
*If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.*

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Investors in Creativity and Invention  
AbbVie Foundation  
Army Educational Outreach Program  
Burton D. Morgan Foundation

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Overdeck Family Foundation  
ShurTech Brands, LLC



Scholastic Book Fair in April! PreK - 9<sup>th</sup> grade choices available.

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

Check out the **elementary** and **K-8** interactive book flyers

Online shopping available April 4<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>:

~ In the West Campus Library (**current COVID-19 guidelines apply**) April 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> (watch for sidewalk/drive-thru shopping opportunities!)

~ Contact Mrs. Collier at [kcollier@monumentacademy.net](mailto:kcollier@monumentacademy.net)

**Mrs. Collier is also looking for Book Fair Volunteers!!!**

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4babaf2aa31-book1>

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

- Experience the joy of bookcases, characters, and much more
- View exclusive book trailers and curated reading lists
- Shop over 200 hot, new books and premium titles

Please use **eWALLET** for in-person bookfair purchases. It is safe, easy, and convenient!!

Leftover balances of \$3 or less are donated to the library to buy 'wish-list' items for teachers and staff!



MONUMENT ACADEMY eWALLET SETUP PERIOD: March 22 – April 19, 2021

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

Give your child a safe, cashless way to shop the Book Fair. This digital payment option can be used at the in-school Book Fair or online at the Virtual Book Fair, where you will discover an expanded selection of over 6,000 products. Plus, every purchase benefits our school! Visit [FAQs](#) to learn more.



*Mrs. Kelly Collier*

Monument Academy Librarian

# MA PTO WEST NEWS



ANNUAL MONUMENT ACADEMY PTO  
PARKING SPOT AUCTION

**3**  
SPOTS  
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VIP  
Parking  
Your  
Name  
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**Silent Auction**  
May 3rd-5th

**Live Auction**  
May 6th @ 6:30p

Front Row Parking 24/7  
For the 21/22 school year!

Funds Raised benefit Monument Academy PTO

**Bids Start at \$500 per spot**

Google Form for silent Auction link  
will be provided in all Schoolwide Media

Sign up through Google Form to receive invitation to Live Auction Event  
Payment Due within 2 weeks of the auctions end.

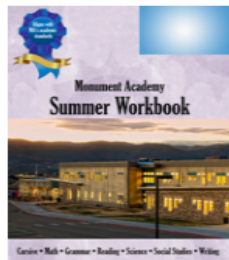
## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

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](mailto:maptopresidentelect@gmail.com) for more information.

## SUMMER WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:

### 2021 Summer Workbooks

\$ 16.00 For Complete Book, \$6 for Math-Only



reading list.

Summer Workbooks are the perfect answers for helping your child retain what was learned this school year. Each workbook offers a thorough review of the grade just completed and is designed to prepare students for their next grade. By taking about ten to twenty minutes and doing approximately two pages a day, you can help build your child's confidence while keeping him/her actively engaged in learning all summer long! The Monument Academy curriculum-based activity book includes a variety of subjects such as: Cursive, Phonics, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science and a suggested summertime

[https://spiritwear.monumentacademy.net/collections/summerworkbooks/products/2021-summer-workbooks?fbclid=IwAR18gC-nytDxbdrUPXDiud0BG0tK3LSDd4-Li9ZoRQIas\\_4tIoIrNTpqRAM](https://spiritwear.monumentacademy.net/collections/summerworkbooks/products/2021-summer-workbooks?fbclid=IwAR18gC-nytDxbdrUPXDiud0BG0tK3LSDd4-Li9ZoRQIas_4tIoIrNTpqRAM)



## 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](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](mailto:maptovicepresident@gmail.com):

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



# MA Board of Directors' Candidates:



**Joe Buczkowski**

My name is Joe Buczkowski, and I would like to serve on the Monument Academy Board of Directors. I am a parent of three wonderful MA students: David (5th grade), Bianca (4th grade), and Brendan (2nd grade). I believe I would be a strong asset to the Board of Directors because of my professional experience, my history of involvement with MA and education, and my willingness to be a team player and servant leader.

As a licensed attorney and business owner, I have a strong background in law and business. I own my own online company, [www.leaserunner.com](http://www.leaserunner.com), which I founded in 2010. It is a nationwide award-winning property management software platform. My legal expertise includes real estate law, electronic banking law, and corporate governance. My technical expertise includes code architecture, server and database management, and data security and privacy. I am an experienced full-stack web developer.

Prior to owning my business, I worked in real estate development lending and multi-family real estate development. During that time, I served as an officer and board member of small real estate companies. My degrees include a JD/MBA and a BA from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

I have been extremely involved in MA and the education of young people. At MA I have chaperoned numerous field trips, volunteered in many core knowledge days and classroom events, and served on the Governance Committee. I have also served as a head soccer and baseball coach for Palmer Divide Soccer Club, the YMCA, and Tri-Lakes Little League for a combined 15 seasons! I have served as an assistant coach on teams as well.

Few people in MA know that I was an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Colorado at Boulder Leeds School of Business, where I taught for seven years and had well over 1,000 students! My classes included Entrepreneurial Finance, Applied Finance, and Financial Markets and Institutions. I really enjoyed teaching college students.

Charter schools are vital to education because they welcome parental input and provide a competitive choice that ultimately benefits all students. If elected, I would work to protect MA's rights as a charter school. I would also work to grow MA through strategic online marketing, which would also help expand educational offerings. Additionally, I would work to improve the compensation of our teachers over time and secure the resources and technology they need.

I believe I have the personality that would be helpful to the Board of Directors. I am a team player, I have a lot of energy, and I am here to serve. I am from Monument and I graduated from Lewis-Palmer High School. I want to see MA continue to grow its tradition of excellence, and I would like this area to continue to be one of the best places to raise a family. *Best, Joe Buczkowski*



**Lindsay Clinton**

I am honored to be considered for a position on the Monument Academy Board. I am the proud parent of two MA students. We have been a part of the MA family for the last 5 years and have had the pleasure of watching our children thrive and develop a true love of learning. My desire to join the Board has everything to do with the experience my children have had, and the values placed on a classical education. I also value the way in which the school is responsive to parent input, concerns, and involvement. As a board member, I would work to ensure that I am an active conduit for communication between the shareholders and the school. It is our ability to work together that makes us such a great school family.

I pride myself on being a solid team member, someone that excels in brainstorming and creativity, and enjoys being active and involved. Whenever possible, I have volunteered to support the teachers and staff at MA. This year I am a room mom for my son's kindergarten class. While helping in person has not been possible like previous years, I have found ways to support the teachers by organizing parents to help prep crafts, games, and food. I organized crafts and parent involvement for 4 classrooms as part of a community outreach event to provide beautiful student artwork for two area senior citizen living centers. I spent the last 3 years on the leadership team for Tri-Lakes MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers) & MomsNext. The last 2 years I was blessed to act as a co-coordinator leading this local group of 40-60 women. Prior to that, I spent time volunteering as a Key Spouse for my husband's Air Force Squadron and on the Spouse Boards at Yokota Air Force Base and Little Rock Air Force Base. Positions in these organizations helped foster my love of connecting people, supporting important causes, planning events, and working to improve the lives of those that serve and their families.

This last year has truly tested the decision-making skills and creativity of those that sit on the MA Board and work for the school. I have been consistently impressed in the ways that they have managed to find solutions when handed ever-changing conditions but also holding firm to the values and needs of the students, staff, and parents. The positive momentum of the current board is why I feel very much called to offer my time and abilities to ensure this direction continues. While continuing to be a leader amongst the charter schools in our state, I would focus on listening to parents, teachers, and administration for the health and growth of our West and East campuses. I want to see our MA High School graduates amongst the top for competing at college admissions and scholarship opportunities. And lastly, part of my vision for MA is to continue to find ways to build partnerships within our community and the traditional public schools. We can be a leader in education and also build solid relationships with the other school choice options around us. Continuing to increase the positive reputation we have in our community will help attract new families to our school and ensure we see a solid future for both campuses.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Dayman Tiffany**

One of our most important responsibilities as parents is the education of our children, a responsibility we take seriously in raising the next generation of service-minded leaders. I believe the job of any great school, like Monument Academy, is to come along-side parents and support this process. The teachers at MA do a great job of interacting with students and communicating with parents, and we should provide them the tools they need to continue the outstanding job they are already doing.

My wife, Heather, and I chose to relocate to the Colorado Springs area in 2018 and open a local business after 24 years of service as an officer in the United States Air Force. We have been blessed to raise our family all over the US, in Japan and Germany, and there is no place we would rather live. Our family loves being part of Monument Academy, and we are so excited to support other parents dedicated to an excellent education.

As a board member my guiding principles would be: 1) parental involvement in education decisions, 2) local control of schools, 3) open discussions with parents about curriculum, 4) education emphasizing solid reading, purposeful writing, and math competency, 5) commitment to teaching America's exceptional history founded on the principles of liberty, equality under the law, limited government, and individual responsibility, and 6) continuing and protecting male/female distinction in athletics.