

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition

April 21, 2021

Dear Monument Academy Families,

Happy Spring in Colorado!

Every year in December and April, the School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) distributes a parent survey that assesses how the school is doing in academics, connections, communication, atmosphere, and overall mission and vision. We use the data to identify areas of strength and areas for growth. The survey helps the Principals and Chief Operating Officer focus on continuous improvement at Monument Academy towards the most worthy goal of educating your precious children.

In February, the SAAC committee published the findings of our Fall survey. They can be found here: MS Results [HERE](#) HS Results [HERE](#). Administration and faculty continue to respond to these recommendations. We had record participation with 75% of our families responding in MS and 100% in HS. I challenge you to exceed our Fall participation with our end of year survey!

There are only nine questions, and it should take about four minutes to complete. If you have a middle school student and a high school student, you will fill out a separate survey for each school. If you have more than one student in middle school or high school, you will only fill out that survey one time.

The students will earn a pajama day with 50% participation. When 60% participation is achieved, then the students will gain a free dress day. At 70% participation, the students will gain an additional free dress day. When we get to 80% participation the students will have a total of one pajama day and three free dress days.

Thank you for your time and attention to this survey! I appreciate your feedback, and I am thankful for your partnership.

Middle School Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQCHPX>

High School Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQV78K3>

The survey will be closed at noon on Wednesday, May 5th.

Warmest Regards,
Julie Seymour
Principal East Campus

Upcoming Events For Students

Spirit-Wear Day – April 22

CMAS-7th grade – April 23 (uniform dress)

Singin' in the Rain Performances – May 7 & 8

MS Field Day (In Person!) – Friday, May 21

7th Grade Dance – May 21

8th Grade Check Out/Last Day – May 24

8th Grade Graduation – May 25

6th Grade Movie Night – May 26

Last Day of School – half day – May 27

Masks Are Required

Students are Required to wear a mask to attend in-person school. **Please remind your students to bring their masks daily.** The school has limited disposable masks available that are to be used as back-up only.

Monument Academy is Hiring!!!

More information, click [Here](#)



EMPLOYMENT

Nurse Office

Dear Parents,

Due to the passing of new legislation (SB20-163) there are changes to the **immunization exemption** process for the new school year 2021/2022.

Go to the vaccine exemption page at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption

Option 1: A parent can download the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* complete that form and have their immunizing health care provider (HCP) sign it. Submit to the school.

Option 2: The *Online Immunization Education Module* is available for parents who do not want to have an HCP signature. There is a Technical Guidance & Troubleshooting Document that will assist you in having a smooth viewing. The *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* provided at the end of the course does **NOT** have to be signed by an HCP.

Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN



From D-38 Lunch Services

At the beginning of the school day, students need to order their lunch accurately so that there is enough food to serve all the students.

Under the current USDA lunch program, which is providing free lunch for all students this year, the portion sizes are the same for all grades. Students may ask for seconds of the entree and the cost is \$1.85 even if the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Due to COVID restrictions, the salad bar is located inside the kitchen, but students can request extra portions of fruits and vegetables from the lunchroom staff at no extra charge. Please review your child's lunchroom balance which can be found in Infinite Campus under the Food Service tab. Payments can be made at the front desk by check payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) or by using the MySchoolBucks app.

More information is available at:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/lunch-program/>



From Student Council

Interested in joining Student Council for next year?!?

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13xPdWYz3eswtLWdBktioCoQ-HrJyfb35CRk2CPrkzXA/edit>

Snack Cart!

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Study Hall, 8th period

Everything is \$1.00

Athletics

CCAL Girls Volleyball teams have started the season strong with both the A-Team and B-Team winning their first two matches. The C-Team won their first match big, then lost a close set against Vanguard. The girls are at it again today when they travel to CSCS. Good luck ladies!



The CCAL Football team has been practicing hard to prepare for the coming seasons, and for the football team it's been especially challenging with the chilly conditions. Today, they finally get a chance to compete against Manitou Springs at a beautiful new football facility at James Irwin Charter School. The game will begin at 6:30 PM. Good luck everyone!

The Matchwits team was short some competitors for their competition last week, but still had a good showing and is currently in fourth place on the year. Our "brainletes" have one more competition to round out the year in the next couple of weeks.

Voluntary workouts are under way this week for track & field, and they will begin next week for girls' soccer. Students that aren't sure if they'd like to participate are encouraged to sign-up and come out to see if they enjoy themselves before committing. There are no registration or athletic physical requirements, or fees for voluntary workouts, but physicals and registrations must be completed/received before the official start dates for students to continue participating. Please see the team websites below for all the necessary information!

Please visit the team websites at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-track-field/>
<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-girls-soccer/>

From the Librarian

Attention **6th Grade students**

Did you accept Mrs. Collier's **20 Book Challenge**?

Tracking sheets are in Mr. Herndon's room.

Send a picture of your tracking sheet to Mrs. Collier kcollier@monumentacademy.net as you reach the 5, 10, 15, 20 books prize levels! Ends April 30th don't miss out!



Mrs. Kelly Collier
Monument Academy Librarian

Assessments

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

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Yearbook News

[www.Josten's yearbooks.com](http://www.Josten's_yearbooks.com)

Order by April 30th

Elementary \$25

Middle \$38

High \$10

Also, see attachment.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Since copies are limited and school schedules continue to change, we ask that you please order your yearbook online.

**ORDER
YEARBOOK**

MS Board of Directors' Candidates:

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.

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.

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, 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

East Campus PTO



Save the Date!



Field Day

@ MA East Campus
Friday, May 21 (in-person)
9:00am - 12:30pm
(More details to come...)



If you have a MA Middle Schooler or MA High Schooler

If you no longer have kids enrolled in Elementary School, please consider signing up to help the Middle & High School East PTO.



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We currently have 17 families enrolled - we'd like to be at 100 families in order to keep helping MA East!



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