

LYNX NEWS



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East Campus Edition

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Dear Parents and Guardians of MA East Students,

In last week's Lynx News, I announced the opening of our end-of-year survey. Thank you to those who have already completed it! We currently have a 35% response rate for our middle school and a 42% response rate for our high school! We would love to reach an unprecedented 80% response rate for our end-of-year survey. Your students will probably agree with that desire because they will get to have a pajama day and three free dress days at that level of participation!

The SAAC committee summarized the mid-year data and made recommendations to the board based on your mid-year responses. Below are the recommendations and how your voices have been heard:

1. *Continue exploring options for clubs to meet at some point during the 2nd semester-* Although we were unable to launch clubs this Spring, the student council planned a social event for each grade level before the end of the school year. Spring athletics is in full swing currently, even though it required a compressed season for athletes. We are preparing to launch our 8th-period clubs next year when we return in the Fall! Next week, students will begin thinking about what type of curricular clubs they would love to develop.
2. *Look at communication from teachers to parents, especially at the middle school level, in the area of communicating concern regarding academic performance-* Administration and teachers are working together to streamline and support parent to teacher

communication. It is our expectation that teachers contact parents when students have shown a pattern of academic struggle.

3. *Continue expanding opportunities for athletics-* We offered compressed seasons for middle school volleyball, soccer, track, football, match wits, and cheerleading this Spring. In the plans for high school next year we have cross country, track, match wits, and potentially golf.
4. *Continue focusing efforts to grow the high school-* Our High School is growing! Projections show that we will triple in size next year! So far, we can offer eight additional elective courses next year, along with the opportunity for students to take concurrent enrollment courses through our partnership with PPCC.

If you haven't already completed the end-of-year survey, you have until May 5 (next week) to do so. There are nine questions, and it takes about 4 minutes to complete.

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

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

In partnership,
Julie Seymour
Principal East Campus

Upcoming Events For Students

Spirit-Wear Day – April 29

CMAS 6th and 8th grade – April 30

Singin' in the Rain Performances – May 7 & 8

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

7th Grade Dance – Saturday, May 22 ** updated

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 early dismissal – 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.

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. This will need to be completed after July 1st for the coming school year, as it is an annual form.

After July 1st, 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.

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From the Counseling Office

Monument Academy East Campus will be implementing Sources of Strength (SoS), an evidence-based youth suicide prevention program this year. SoS is designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. SoS moves beyond a risk-focus and utilizes an upstream approach, mobilizing a group of powerful Peer Leaders to spread messages of Hope, Help, and Strength through Monument Academy and the community. The upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support around young individuals so that when times get hard, they can leverage their strengths.

Five teachers will participate in an Adult training this week and will participate in the Peer Leader training next week. All teachers have received nomination forms for Peer Leaders. In the following days this week, students will be contacted if they have been nominated to see if they are interested in being a Peer Leader at MA, an invitation and permission form will be sent to parents this week as well. The commitment for the remainder of the year is to attend 1 meeting to discuss the future of SoS at MA! For next year, the commitment involves meeting with Adult Advisors every 2 weeks for 30 minutes. During these meetings we will play games and build relationships, share strengths, and work on messaging campaigns.

If you have any questions, please let me know,

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Assessments

CMAS assessments will continue over the next two Fridays and NWEA assessments are coming up soon. Please visit <https://www.monumentacademy.net/parent-information/assessments/spring-assessments-at-a-glance/> for complete information.

Thank you,
Marty Venticinque
Assistant Principal
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Athletics

CCAL Girls Volleyball team was only able to play a B-level contest against CSCS due to quarantines at that school, but the B-Team was victorious. Games against RMCA earlier this week were very close with the A-Team winning, and both the B-Team and C-Team falling, but it was nice to see good competition! Our girls will host Manitou Springs today at MA East starting at 4:00 PM and should the A-Team win they will be positioned to compete for the league championship on Friday. Good luck ladies!

The CCAL Football team got a chance to compete against Manitou Springs at a beautiful new football facility at James Irwin Charter School last week. The boys came out strong and looked polished, easily winning the game by a final score of 36 – 6! There were several examples of good sportsmanship during this game with one of our players apologizing to the opposing quarterback and an opposing player helping one of our kids know what to do at a different position during the game. Our league really has offered a good experience for our student-athletes over the years, and we look forward to continuing our partnership for years to come. The team was unable to play RMCA earlier this week due to quarantines at that school, but we have rescheduled that game. Next up the team travels to Ellicott on Friday. Good luck everyone!

Track and Field practices are underway and time trials are scheduled for this Saturday at James Irwin. Voluntary workouts are under way this 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 website 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!

This is the final week for normal library loans and the end of the *20-Book Reading Challenge*. **Students have until Friday, April 30th, to turn in their results. This is a firm deadline.**

All library books and fines are due May 1st. The computer will automatically default to the 1st. FYI, we are allowing checkouts this week, but the checkouts will NOT have the normal two-week loan period.

Mrs. Kelly Collier
Monument Academy Librarian

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**

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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