

LYNX NEWS



West Campus

March 31, 2021



Hello MA parents!

In the mid-year survey sent out by the School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC), we heard you say you would like to see the return of extracurricular activities. We are hopeful and excited to bring back more clubs for the 2021-2022 school year and would humbly like to request more information from you and your students on this. We want to know what areas of interest you and your child(ren) have, so that we can take the necessary steps in getting some of those clubs/activities started up again this fall. Please be on the lookout for the end-of-the-year survey in May where you can give input that will help us determine which activities to start off the year with. A school survey for the students is underway at the direction of the Student Council with "Input Jars" in the MPR and student notification on its way soon.

Currently, Mrs. Collier is running a fantastic virtual book club, which you can join at any time, and Ms. Blair has the ever-exciting *Camp Invention* planned for this summer!

Please be thinking about and speaking with your child on what you would like to add to our school community that will help enrich our excellent educational experience at Monument Academy. We look forward to hearing from you!



Learn to Play Lacrosse at MA EAST for **all** MA students.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/hqmmWLhMmFMujpXA8>



Monument Academy Charter School is Hiring.

[Apply here!](#)



**'First Thursday Free-Dress' Day
Tomorrow, April 1st!**

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

U.S. Department of Education has conditionally approved Colorado [HB 21-1161](#). For the spring of 2021, CMAS Social Studies will be suspended and CMAS Science will only be administered to Monument Academy students in eighth grade.

CMAS Math will be administered to all participating students in grades 3, 5, and 7, and CMAS English Language Arts (ELA) will be administered to all participating students in grades 4, 6, and 8. This plan does not affect PSAT offerings for our high school students so PSAT will be administered to the Monument Academy Freshman Class as planned.

Parents of students in grade levels NOT being assessed in CMAS ELA or CMAS Math are able to opt their students IN to those additional Colorado State Standardized Assessments. The procedure for ensuring your child/children may complete additional assessments will be outlined near the end of this communication. The conditional acceptance of [HB 21-1161](#) by the US Department of Education has slightly altered our schedules for state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) and the updated schedule for when and where each assessment will take place is found below.

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS ELA - CoAlt	3 rd , 5 th (4 th Grade Opt-Ins)	Tue 4/27
CMAS Math - CoAlt	4 th (3 rd , 5 th Grade Opt-Ins)	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 ELA - CoAlt	7 th (6 th , 8 th Grade Opt-Ins)	Fri 4/23
CMAS Math - CoAlt	6 th , 8 th (7 th , Grade Opt-Ins)	Fri 4/30
CMAS Science – CoAlt	8 th Only	Fri 5/7
All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23, Friday 4/30, and Friday 5/7. 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, and this refusal choice has been added to our standard refusal form. Monument Academy accepts online refusals only up until three days before the date of assessment per [Monument Academy Board Policy #1525](#). Thank you to those families who have communicated intentions to us regarding participation in Colorado State Standardized Assessments prior to spring break; it really helps us with planning to have an idea of the number of students we will be assessing. If you still intend to refuse allowing your students to participate in standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, you may continue to complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below until three days before the date of assessment. An assessment refusal completed as described in the board policy above will allow Monument Academy to comply with CDE requirements and avoid negative consequences to our school. Please do not print out/submit any paper forms or email us scanned documents. 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>

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessment Opt-Ins

Please complete the following form if you would like your child to take the optional State Standardized CMAS ELA or Math assessment in addition to the assessments that are required for the 2020-2021 school year (see below for required and optional tests by grade). If you don't want your child to take the optional State Standardized Assessments, you don't need to do anything.

	Required Test	Optional Test
Students in Grades 3, 5, and 7	English Language Arts (ELA)	Math
Students in Grades 4, 6, and 8	Math	English Language Arts (ELA)

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/opting-students-in-to-cmas-ela-and-math-assessments-2020-2021>

APPLY TODAY!

★ MONUMENT ACADEMY ★ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Serving the Monument Academy community through
leadership today and vision for the future.*

2021 ELECTION INFORMATION **STEPS TO APPLY:**

1. Submit an application using this link:

<https://forms.gle/JRntZtizrdsqEZbe8>

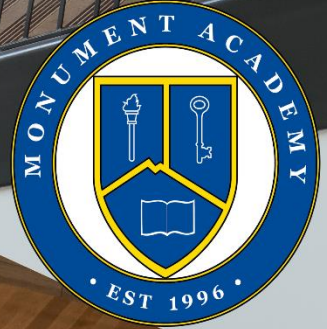
2. Meet with a current Board member(s) to gain a realistic perspective of what serving on the Board entails.

3. Submit a short essay including qualifications and vision for Monument Academy.

4. Give a five-minute presentation at a future Board meeting.

5. Official election held in May 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION, E-MAIL
BOARD@MONUMENTACADEMY.NET



SNEAK PEEK

April 9, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Monument Academy EAST

All current 5th graders will arrive at 8:30 a.m.

5th grade cohorts will tour the EAST campus and learn more about the following:

Shady Brook (Outdoor Education)

Challenger Learning Center

Peaks/Student Council

Clubs/Activities/Athletics

Arts/Specials

Technology - iPads

5th grade students will be picked up in car line at 11:00 a.m.

Walter's Pizza (to go) will be given to students as they leave

*Masks will be required for the full time





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



Spots are filling up quickly and only 20 spaces are still available. Our Preschool Level 2: T/TH option is closed. Please fill out a *Letter of Interest* [here](#) to start the enrollment process. Preschool classes operate five days/week.



April 16th – Campus Closed
Staff Appreciation Day



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!

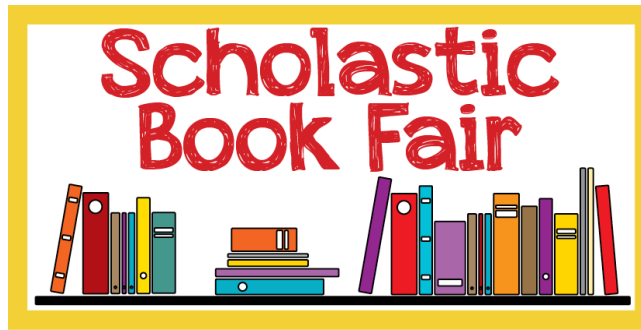
If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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Scholastic Book Fair in April! PreK - 9th grade choices available.

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

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

Online shopping available April 4th – 17th:

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

~ Contact Mrs. Collier at kcollier@monumentacademy.net

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

- Experience the joy of book cases, characters, and much more
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- 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'll 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



SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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Join us on
April 6, 2021 • 5:00–7:00 pm
to help support
Monument Academy



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

There are several open positions 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 the *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

