

LYNX NEWS



West Campus

January 26, 2022



Dear Monument Academy West Community,

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to sponsor a club starting in January. Listed below are details of new clubs:

- RAK Club (Random Acts of Kindness) Tuesday's 3:30 – 4:15 (Starts 1/18/22)
 - Grades: 3-5 only (Max 35-50 students)
 - Cost: \$25 material fee
 - Contact:
 - Samantha VerSteegt, 513-253-4502, sversteegt@yahoo.com
 - Katie Bertino, 303-946-6337, skbertino@yahoo.com

- Karate Club Thursday's 3:30 – 4:15 (Starts 1/20/22 and runs through 4/7/22)
 - Grades: K-5
 - Contact: Northgate@zultimate.com, (719)488-6582

- Art Club Thursday's 3:30 – 4:15 (Starts 2/3/22)
 - Grades: K-3 (Max 20-24 students)
 - Contact: Jessa Kocher, jessa.kocher@gmail.com

- Yoga Club/mindfulness Tuesday's 3:15 – 4:00 (Starts 1/18/22 and runs through 3/8/22)
 - Club will meet in Ms. McCreedy's room
 - Grades: 2-5 only (Max 15 students)

- Students will need to provide their own mat and bring a change of clothes
- Contact:
 - Emily Wilterdink, emwilterdink@gmail.com (please email and put a contact number for a parent when you sign up)
- Mahjong Tuesday's 3:30 – 4:15 (Starts 1/18/22)
 - Club will meet in Burkel's room, 308
 - Grades: 4-5 only (Max 12 students)
 - Cost: \$10
 - Contact: Joanne Harris, Jharris@monumentacademy.net
 - <https://www.ymimports.com/pages/how-to-play-american-mahjong>
- Lacrosse- Link to info and registration: [Camps | United | COSMO Lacrosse \(cosmolax.com\)](#)

Check out upcoming Lynx News for additional clubs as they become available.

Best Wishes,
 Laura Barrette & Kurt Walker
 Assistant Principals

Lewis-Palmer School District 38
15th Annual
 free



Saturday, February 12, 2022

The tournament is open to all students, from grades Kindergarten through 12, who are either students in School District 38 or live within the District 38 boundaries.

The tournament will be held at **Lewis-Palmer Elementary School**
 1315 Lake Woodmoor Drive

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the First Round starts at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by 8:40 a.m. We will play 4 rounds and the Tournament should be over by 2:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is encouraged so we can order sufficient trophies or medals for all participants.

Pre-register each student at: <https://bit.ly/3zFhXKP>

Chess sets will be provided. Students can bring their own snacks; however, concessions will be available.

Contact Steve Waldmann, the Tournament Director and Bear Creek Elementary School Chess Club Coach, at huskerco@gmail.com, or Annette Bass, District Gifted Ed. Facilitator, abass@lewispalmer.org with any questions.

Also, if you know an adult who would like to be one of our Tournament Referees, please have them contact Mr. Waldmann



SPRING TRACK 2022

<https://www.landsharksrunningclub.com/page/show/313571-2-monument-academy-2022->

Head Coach: Kelly Collier kcollier@monumentacademy.net

The Landsharks Running Club, a Colorado Springs based non-profit, develops young athletes in positive, safe, character-based programs for those in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

The focus is on having fun, competing against individual abilities, improving personal skills, being an encouraging teammate, making new friends, and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Registration and Financial aid opens February 10, 2022

Financial assistance closes March 25, 2022

Practices start the week of April 11, 2022 (Price increases \$10)

Registration closes April 16, 2022

Meet week #1 April 24, 2022

Meet week #2 May 1, 2022

Meet week #3 May 8, 2022



Basketball Camp



hosted by Monument Academy

Do you love to dribble, shoot, laugh, and learn new things? If so, join us for basketball camp with the dynamic and very talented,

**Patric Massey, also known as
“The Artist” with the Harlem Wizards!**

Grades K-1

Tuesday, 2/22 - Thursday, 2/24 (3-day camp)

3:30 - 4:15 / \$21

Grades 2-3

Monday, 2/28 - Thursday, 3/03 (4-day camp)

3:30 - 4:15 / \$ 28

Grades 4-5

Monday, 3/07 - Thursday, 3/10 (4-day camp)

3:30 - 4:15 / \$28

****Tennis shoes must be worn for camp.****

___ Grades K-1 Camp (2/22 - 2/24)

___ Grades 2-3 Camp (2/28 - 3/03)

___ Grades 4-5 Camp (3/07 - 3/10)

Student's Name _____

Student's Teacher _____

Form and payment must be given to Mrs. Lokowich (Room 121) in order to secure one of the limited number of spots. Checks should be made payable to Monument Academy. Deadline for registration is 2/11/22.

Questions can be sent to llokowich@monumentacademy.net.

Interested in being a parent volunteer for a week of camp? We would love to have you! Please provide your name and best means of contact below.

Name _____ Contact _____



Parents of Preschool and Kindies, please remember to stay in the **righthand** lane until after the eye doctor's office. We have been blocking their driveway and the patients cannot get out.

Thank you and make it a Great Day!!!

Kurt Walker & Laura Barrette
Assistant Principals

Please see our **Staff Stoplight** of the week

On behalf of Ms. Barrette and Mr. Walker, our Character Spotlight Staff Members of the week are...

Crystal Smith- Our wonderful 4th grade Teacher. We appreciate your bubbly personality, commitment to your students, and being such a valuable asset to your team ! Thank you for all you do!

Ellie Laird- Our terrific 3rd grade teacher. We are grateful for your excellent classroom management, relationship with your students and someone as dedicated and caring as you on our MA staff, as well as someone so committed to excellence in education. We appreciate all you do!



Monument Academy is Hiring.
[**Apply here!**](#)

We would LOVE for parents to sub as teachers or paras!!



Dear MA Parents,

It is my honor and duty to commence the 2022 election process for the Monument Academy Board of Directors. As a charter school, a board of dedicated parent volunteers leads MA. I have personally found this position extremely rewarding and highly encourage other parents to consider running for a seat on the Board.

The MA Bylaws outline the qualifications needed to serve on the Board. Simply put, you must be 25 years or older and a parent or guardian of a Monument Academy student. In addition, Board members must be committed to students and their education, have enthusiasm for Monument Academy and conviction in its purpose and be willing to give time and energy to the school.

This year, the MA community will be electing three new Directors. Each elected Director serves a three-year term. Current Board members Chris Dole, Treasurer, and I, Megghan St. Aubyn, VP, will be rolling off in June 2022. The current Board voted in September 2021 to add a seventh seat beginning this year so that additional member will be elected as well.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate or want to learn more about the position, please fill out the linked Google form. Once this is received, we will reach out to you to schedule a time to meet with 1-2 Board members to ask questions and confirm your candidacy if you so desire.

Although challenging, this is one of the most impactful ways you can serve our community as a whole. Monument Academy needs strong leaders to direct its future. We invite each one of you to thoughtfully consider this opportunity. Sincerely,

Megghan St. Aubyn
Vice President
MA Board of Directors



Valentine's Day

Candy-grams & Stuffed Animal Sale

3rd-5th Grade Student Council Fundraiser

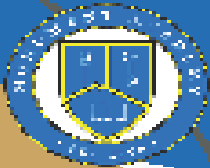
Lollipops \$1

Kangaroo Stuffed Animal \$4

On Sale January 31st to February 3rd

Delivered on February 14th!

Order forms will be available in classrooms this Friday.



MONUMENT ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election Information

What does it mean to serve on the MA Board of Directors?

As a charter, school policy is set by a volunteer parent Board. Members of the Board work diligently to ensure the school is staying true to the mission and vision of Monument Academy. The Board has two employees, the COO and CFO, and together this team makes decisions for the current and future success of the school.

Who Can Apply?

- Parents or Guardians of a current Monument Academy student are eligible
- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age
- Applicants should have an enthusiasm for MA and conviction in its purpose

Election Timeline

January - March:

- Complete the application and submit it to the Board
- Meet with 1-2 Board members to ask questions about the position
- Confirm desire to be an official candidate
- Attend as many Board meetings as possible

April:

- Give a 5-minute statement of interest at Board Meeting
- Community Q&A session with candidates
- Formal 5-day election held last week of April

May:

- Election results announced to the community at Board Meeting

June:

- Newly elected Directors sworn in at Board meeting, effective July 1st
- Complete Board training & background check

July:

- July 1 begin a 3-year term as a voting member of the MA Board of Directors

Submit an application using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/PTe8BxQmXXjn9SAR6>

Still have questions?

E-mail: Board@MonumentAcademy.net

As Promised – Additional Outerwear

Lands End now has the Crew Sweatshirt, (that MUST have our Monument Academy Logo on it), available for order. Just shop under School Number 900030560. Thank you for your patience.

*****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!*****

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Library: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../5080544AEAC2AABFB6...>

Art: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949ABA822AA8-artclass>

January Recess Help

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering/#::~:~:text=January%20Recess%20Help%3A%C2%A0https%3A//www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949aba822aa8%2Drecess1>

Lunchroom January

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering/#::~:~:text=Lunchroom%3A%20January%3A%C2%A0https%3A//www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aea622a0ffc34%2Djanuary>

Music:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090949aba822aa8-5thgrade>



Kindergarten
ROUNDUP

ALL LITTLE BUCK-A-ROOS ENTERING INTO
KINDERGARTEN IN 2022
AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED!

JAN 28, 2022
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
MPR AT MA

Meet the teachers and tour the rooms!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates:

January 24th -28th- Spirit week

February 21st- No School

#PeanutBrittleDay

1 Dental appointment
2
3 Buy Socks
7
10
14
17

January 26th

NATIONAL DAY
CELEBRATE

National Peanut Brittle Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com



SPIRIT WEEK

Show your Lynx Spirit January 24th - 28th!

Students may dress in the theme of the day:

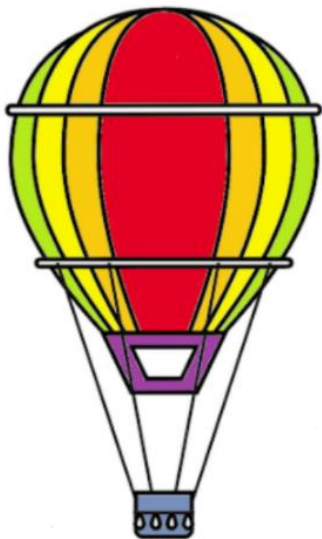
Monday, January 24th - Pajama Day

Tuesday, January 25th - Career Day

Wednesday, January 26th - Wacky Wednesday (hair or clothes)

Thursday, January 27th - Sports Day

Friday, January 28th - Movie/Book Character Day



Explore the world through books!
Take the 2022 Library's 20 Book Reading Challenge!
Sponsored by the MA library



January 24th - April 4th

This week, elementary students will receive a special bookmark and an official tracking sheet of the 20 different categories to use for this year's challenge!

Books should be appropriate for the reader's reading level, too. Not too easy and not too hard... reading together with your young child is allowed.

Parents initial the log.

Read only 1 book per category.

Cannot be a book read previously.

Please let your teacher know when your child has read 5, 10, 15 or 20 books!

Prizes will be delivered to the classroom.

Please direct questions to our Librarian, Mrs. Collier kcollier@monumentacademy.net

Prizes given out along the way as readers meet a smaller goal:

- 5 books completed – a bookmark or pencil and candy
- 10 books – a treasure box prize and rice krispie treat
- 15 books by April 8th - \$4 coupon to shop at the book fair (*fair is April 8-18th*)
- 20 books by April 4th – celebration party on *May 3rd* with the super cool Principals

Keep reading... the many benefits of reading for pleasure

The American Library Association has also found a strong connection between daily independent reading habits and overall student performance. The ALA cites findings from several studies:

- Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not.
- The more elementary-aged students read outside of school, the higher they scored on reading achievement tests.
- Multiple studies support that even a small amount of independent reading increases primary and elementary students' reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling facility, understanding of grammar, and knowledge of the world.

One key factor in the positive influence seems to be that it is voluntary — students seek out books and participate of their own volition.

Early exposure to reading appears to pay off in that it creates an expectation in children that reading is an essential part of their daily lives, thus the families of pre-readers in preschool, kindergarten, and early elementary must be encouraged to expose them to reading through story time at the library or reading as daily habit in the home.

As students grow up, a level of independence should be encouraged as it supports their commitment to reading and that later elementary and middle-school students should be spurred to choose their own books.



Get the scoop on 6th Grade.

All upcoming middle school students and their families are invited to our ice cream social to learn more about being a middle school student at MA East.

Please feel free to invite a 5th grade family who may be interested in attending MA!

Wednesday
February 2nd, 2022
6:30 PM

East Campus Commons
4303 Pinehurst Circle



YEARBOOK

New Information Below!

2021-2022 Monument Academy
Preschool and Elementary Yearbook

Yearbooks will be \$20 until
February 13,
at which point they will
become \$30.

To purchase a yearbook:



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https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1355311/Monument-Academy/2022-Yearbook/2021072304172464394/CATALOG_SHOP/



Have a fifth grader this year?

Commemorate their last year of elementary school with a recognition ad in the yearbook!

Ads are \$25 for a quarter of a page.

Scan the QR code below, select “Yearbook Recognition Ads,” and fill in the information and photos you want in the yearbook!*



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Ads are due by **February 1, 2022.**

*Fonts, words, and photos submitted may be edited by the yearbook staff.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1355311/Monument-Academy/>

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 416224579** for the “User ID” when prompted:



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<https://images.jostens.com/416224579>



MA PTO WEST NEWS



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

The PTO is a fun way to get more involved with Monument Academy and work with an incredible team!
Please contact maptopresident@gmail.com for more information.

PTO Volunteer/Event Spotlight



Jessica with Mac Moeller (3rd), Lynx & Nash Moeller (5th)

Meet **Jessica Mayfield**. She has been a huge asset to our school! You may have recognized Jessica from dressing up as a pirate to encourage our families to donate to our fun run. Jessica was the PTO Fun Run Chair this past year; identifying our donors, prizes, setting up our course, video editor (to name a few of the hats she wore). We want to take a minute to brag a little extra about Jessica. The kindergarten playground has needed some upgrades. Jessica was able to identify a playground that was being removed locally and secured it for our school. She came to the PTO with a proposal of having the company that was hired to remove the play set, install it for our school if the PTO could cover the cost. Her creative thinking has now put in place a new play structure and bench in our kindergarten area. Jessica has used her skills to help raise funds for our school, as well as find creative ways to provide our school with much needed improvements.

Thank you, Jessica being a part of the PTO!!



**MA PTO
RESTAURANT GIVE
BACK NIGHT!**



1/27/22

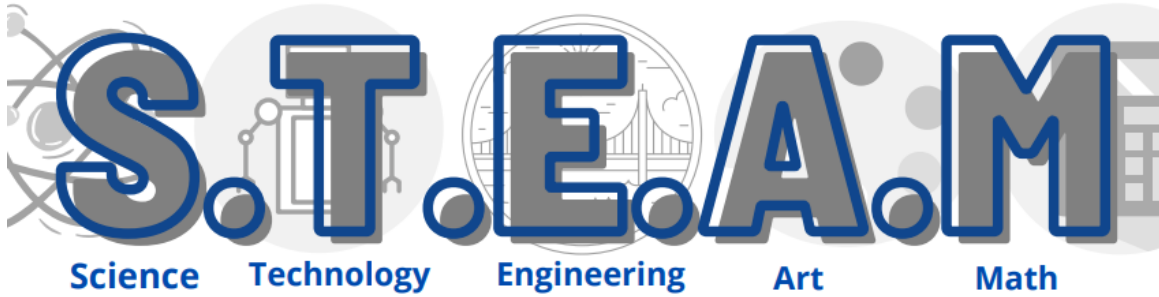
3 - 8 pm

**366 Second Street,
Monument**

www.arlenesbeans.com

**DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT...ONLINE, DOOR DASH OR GRUB HUB TOO
100% OF SALES ARE COUNTED**





Save the Date

April 19th

More info to come for PTO STEAM night after committee is formed



LOOKING FOR

4 -5 parents

TO HELP CO-CHAIR S.T.E.A.M NIGHT.

SIGNUP TO TO HELP AT THE FOLLOWING LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4A72CA6FF2-steam1>

Email if you have Questions:

Maptopresident@gmail.com or
Kendrakuhlmann29@gmail.com

[Monument Academy: S.T.E.A.M night volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)



New ¼ Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt being added to the spirit wear website soon! Thank you, Monument Academy Board, for approving more options! Only BLACK will be available at first but other colors will be available Fall 2022.

Ordering Window will open February 7th!

JERZEES® Adult/Youth NuBlend® 1/4-Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt

PRICING: \$35 EACH

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- 8-OUNCE, 50/50 COTTON/POLY NUBLEND® PILL-RESISTANT FLEECE
- HIGH-STITCH DENSITY FOR A SMOOTH-PRINTING CANVAS
- STYLISH ZIP-THROUGH CADET COLLAR
- COVERED ALUMINUM ZIPPER FOR MAXIMUM PRINT AREA
- RIB KNIT CUFFS AND WAISTBAND
- DOUBLE-NEEDLE COVER STITCHING ON ARMHOLES AND WAISTBAND

PROS:

1. WARMER MATERIAL THAN CURRENT JACKETS
2. NO POCKETS
3. NO HOODS
4. REASONABLE PRICED
5. IN STOCK FOR MEET & GREET 2022-23
 - a. (NEW FAMILIES WON'T HAVE TO WAIT TO GET ONE)
6. MORE LIKELY TO BE IN STOCK WITH MONARCH (OUR VENDOR)
7. SUPPORTS MA BRANDING

COLOR OPTIONS: NAVY, OXFORD, BLACK, ROYAL





**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/>

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