

# LYNX NEWS



*West Campus*

March 9, 2022



Dear Parents of MA West Campus,

A quick reminder of our pickup procedures:

Please **STOP PRIOR** to the orange cones placed by the crosswalk to keep everyone safe.

To help us efficiently and swiftly load students, please ensure your students' name and number sign is clearly visible for our staff in your car window.

Thank you for all you do for our community,

Kurt Walker & Laura Barrette

Assistant Principals



Just a reminder to please pick up your students on time from any after school programs/activities.

# Book Drive!!

**When:** March  
7th-11th

**What:** Childrens and Picture Books  
(Levels Pre-K to Third Grade)

**Where:** Box at the Front Entrance



Sponsored by the PRHS National Honor Society



National Meatball Day  
March 9

## CMAS Information For Grades 3-5

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

If your child is in 3rd - 5th grade, we are approaching that time of year when we administer the CMAS test (CO State Standardized Assessment).

Assessments will begin on April 11th and conclude on April 21st.

- 5th Grade testing dates are 4/7 - 4/13 (Science, ELA, and Math)\*
- 4th Grade testing dates are 4/13 - 4/19 (ELA and Math)\*
- 3rd Grade testing dates are 4/19 - 4/22 (ELA and Math)\*

Throughout the school year, Monument Academy will administer a variety of content related tests per state and federal requirements. The assessment calendar details each of the assessments (grades tested, purpose of test, dates of tests, format of tests) [Monument Academy Website](#) .

Per Colorado law (HB 15-1323), parents have the right to refuse to have their child(ren) take state standardized tests marked with an asterisk (\*). Also, per the same law, Lewis-Palmer School District adopted a policy for both paper/pencil and parent opt-out, available on the school district website. Information regarding the process for parent refusal is located on the MA website using this link [Family ID Refusal Form Link](#)

We appreciate positive encouragement of your student's participation in these assessments. If you have any questions, please email Britany Blair at [bblair@monumentacademy.net](mailto:bblair@monumentacademy.net) for any questions regarding CMAS testing for grades 3-5.

You may also find helpful information on our [Monument Academy Website](#) or the state website <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment> .



### Save the Dates:

March 11<sup>th</sup> -End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

March 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break, No School



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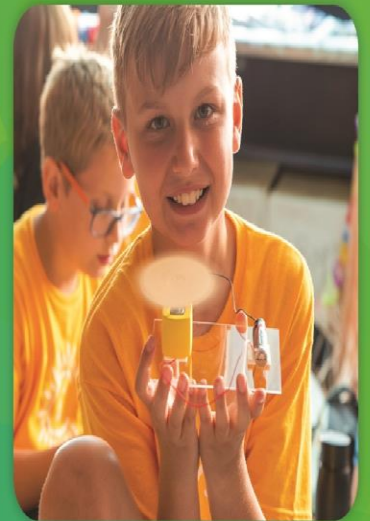


JUMP INTO BIG  
**ADVENTURES**  
THIS SUMMER!

LEARN MORE AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](http://INVENT.ORG/CAMP)



*A second grader builds persistence by testing how marbles move through her arcade design!*



*A sixth grader gains confidence as he builds a robot to make awesome spin art!*



*A fourth grader uses problem-solving skills to create a Spacepack for a galactic journey!*

# EXPLORE A TYPICAL DAY AT OUR ALL-NEW 2022 PROGRAM

## A.M. BASE CAMP

Drop off your camper with certified local educators who start each day with games that spark creativity.



### ROBOTIC AQUATICS™:

Campers create a habitat for a robotic fish — complete with a symbiotic friend — and then take their fish home in its mini tank!



### SPACECATION™:

Inspired by real space exploration, campers construct Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine asteroids and observe ice volcanoes!

## GAMES & LUNCH

Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



### NIHF'S THE ATTIC™:

Combining science and art to build their own robotic artists, campers make spin art and learn that everyone can be creative!



### MARBLE ARCADE™:

Campers get their game on as they experiment with the fun of physics and engineering to build their own mega marble arcades!

## P.M. BASE CAMP

The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

*All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2022 program.*

## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location Monument Academy

1150 Village Ridge Pt, Monument, CO 80132

Date June 6 - 10, 2022

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
\$250 (before discount)

Camp Director: Andrea Dickey

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

SAVE \$25 WITH CODE  
**EXPLORE25**  
AT [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp)  
Offer expires March 31st, 2022



Scan to secure your spot today!

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### Investors in Creativity and Invention

Army Educational Outreach Program  
Burton D. Morgan Foundation  
Nordson Corporation Foundation

Overdeck Family Foundation  
United Way of Summit & Medina

MONUMENT ACADEMY'S  
INVEST IN TOMORROW

# Lights Camera Auction!

Event benefits our  
School Safety Officer and Teacher Bonuses

*Mix and mingle, pose for a photo op, and get your  
Silent Auction bids in early!*

*Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks  
while reconnecting with friends.*

Champion Auctioneer, Dean Gunter, will keep the energy going  
and your paddles flowing during the Live Auction!

Outbid your friends, have some laughs, and raise money for a  
great cause!

*Live  
Auction*

\$55 PER PERSON

*Cash  
Bar*

APR 7 2022, 6:00-8:30 PM  
BOOT BARN HALL  
COCKTAIL ATTIRE...GLITZ AND GLAM!

Get your tickets while they last! Scan here:



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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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

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

**Kate Heinz:** Our incredible 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher, for her dedication to her students and team.

**Deb Hulting:** Our kindhearted Kindergarten Teacher, for her patience and kindness always shown to those around her.

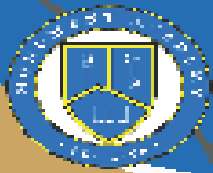
Thank you, both, for everything you do for the students, staff, and all of MA! We appreciate you and your incredible talents.

Monument Academy is Hiring.

[Apply here!](#)

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





# 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](mailto: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!\*\*\*



Thank you to all the WATCH D.O.G.S., it is great to have you back in our school. We have plenty of available openings, grab your spot now.

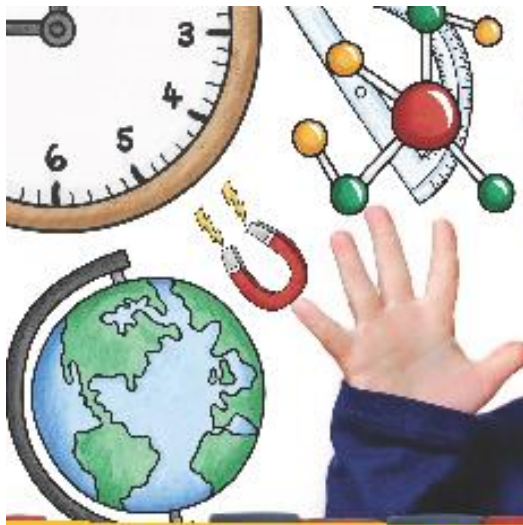
### Watch Dogs:

<https://signup.com/go/sVvbhCq>

### Music:

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





## NEW VOLUNTEER TRACKING PROGRAM



Follow the code to register!

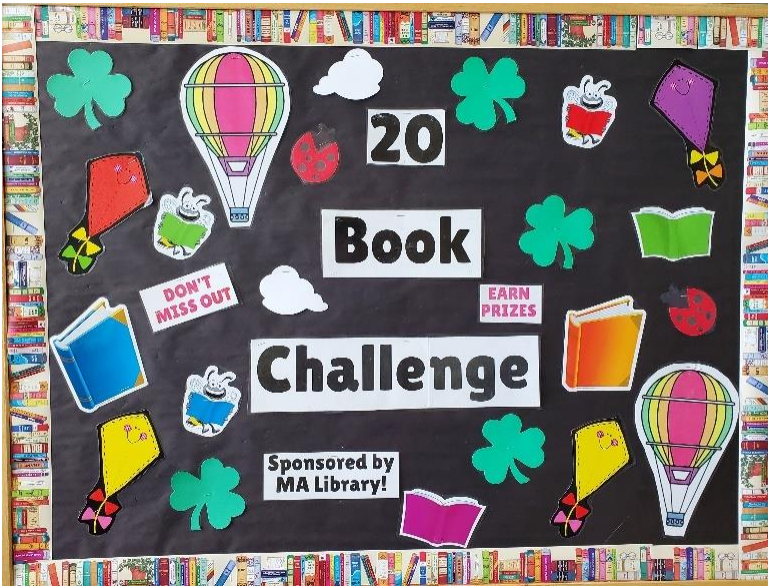
### WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer Hours help our school, staff, bonds for school buildings, and grants!

We have a new volunteer portal with all events in one place and an easy way to log/track your hours.

Whether you can help in person or from home, we have a wide range of ways to get involved.





Students, have you accepted Mrs. Collier's 20 Book Reading Challenge? She's excited about reading and wants to explore new books! The library is FULL of great books for you!!

Read 1 book per category (20 books total if you complete the Challenge!)

Cannot be a book read previously.

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

Parents initial the log.

Please let your teacher know when you have 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](mailto:kcollier@monumentacademy.net)

Challenge ends April 4<sup>th</sup>

*Prizes given out along the way:*

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

## **Spring Library Book Clubs for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

MA 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to join Mrs. Collier's book club to read and discuss the award winning book ***Because of Winn-Dixie*** written by Kate DiCamillo.

Book club will meet during lunch and recess. (bring your lunch with you to room

104)

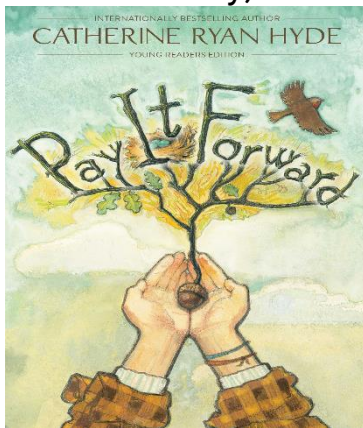
Thursday, March 10, Thursday, March 17 and Thursday, March 31



MA 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Mrs. Collier's book club to read and discuss the internationally acclaimed fiction book ***Pay it Forward: Young Readers Edition*** written by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Book club will meet during morning recess (optional to bring a snack with you to room 104)

Thursday, March 17, Thursday, March 31, and Thursday, April 7



*Pay It Forward* is a moving, uplifting novel about Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy accepts his teacher's challenge to earn extra credit. Trevor's idea is simple: do a good deed for three people, and instead of asking them to return the favor, ask them to "pay it forward" to three others who need help. In this "quiet, steady masterpiece with an incandescent ending" (*Kirkus Reviews*), Trevor's actions change his community forever.

Copies of both books are in the library to borrow for the book clubs. Please email our librarian, Mrs. Collier, to RSVP and for more information. [kcollier@monumentacademy.net](mailto:kcollier@monumentacademy.net)



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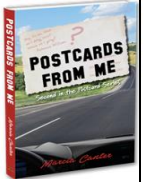
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- **Mosquito Madness** tells a story about a fifth grade girl named Becca who learns about malaria and what she and her friends can do to help fight it. They also gain perspective on each other’s lives.

- **Postcard From Me** continues the story of Becca and her friends. Becca goes through some stormy times with friends and family, but in the end, she sees how a community can come together.

- **Postcards From Hollywood**—Becca’s four friends go on their own journey. The four travel through disagreements, conflict and family issues to come together and make dreams into reality.



**Marcia’s Background:** More than 20 years of working with youth as Youth Director at Arvada United Methodist Church, Summer Lunch Program coordinator, PeaceJam Camp Director, Girl Scout Leader. Under her leadership, more than \$15,000 has been raised to fight malaria. Serves on Council of Champions for Nothing But Nets (an organization working to end malaria); training (again) for a half marathon. Read more on her website [Booklanthropy.com](http://Booklanthropy.com).

Books are available for \$13.00 or buy two for \$22 or three for \$30. She’s happy to sign any of them if desired. They are also available on Amazon.

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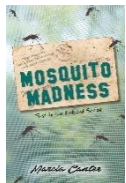
First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Period \_\_\_\_\_

Only cash or check please. Checks should be made out to **Booklanthropy**. **Only 15 copies of Mosquito Madness are available for autographs.** Thank you! Email [Marcia@booklanthropy.com](mailto:Marcia@booklanthropy.com) if you’re interested in joining a virtual book club this summer.



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Kelly Collier

Librarian

# YEARBOOK

2021-2022 Monument Academy  
Preschool and Elementary Yearbook

Yearbooks are  
now \$30.

To purchase a yearbook:



[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1355311/Monument-Academy/2022-Yearbook/2021072304172464394/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1355311/Monument-Academy/2022-Yearbook/2021072304172464394/CATALOG_SHOP/)

**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:



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

# 2022 MA Cheerleading Tryouts



## MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tryouts are open to incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00** at Monument Academy East in room 2023 Prospective cheerleader and a parent/guardian **must** attend this meeting in order to try out.  
Grades must be a C or above in order to tryout.

## MANDATORY TRYOUT CLINIC

April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 in the MA East Gym

## TRYOUT DATE

April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the MA East Gym



No Previous Cheer  
Experience or Tumbling  
Skills Required



For question or additional information, you may contact Coach Sarah Thompson at [sthompson@monumentacademy.net](mailto:sthompson@monumentacademy.net)

# MA PTO WEST NEWS



## PTO Volunteer/Event Spotlight



Meet Julia Moeller! Her family is new to our school, and she immediately started attending PTO meetings. Julia was excited to take on one of our new events this year, the K.I.S.S. Breakfast. We were really excited to have our children bring someone special to have breakfast before school, but we never anticipated how successful the event would be. We invited all grades over a week in September, and had 371 (or more) students bring someone special with them. Julia worked hard to keep up with the demands of food and juice, as well as set up and clean up the event. We are so excited to have these new events for our school. Thank you Julia for jumping right in to help the PTO!



### **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](mailto:maptopresident@gmail.com) for more information.





# PTO Meeting

Please join us for our next General Meeting. It will be held in the PTO room (125) at MA-West on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am. Light refreshments will be served. See agenda below. (The room is on the first floor, first room past the exit to the playground.)

## PTO General Meeting MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES Monument Academy PTO

Date: 16 March 2022      Time: 0830      Location: MA-W

I. CALL TO ORDER *at*

II. Board MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kays (President)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Ver Steegt<br>(Secretary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Bertino (Vice President) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant (President Elect) | <input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Ryals (Treasurer)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanja Curtis (East PTO guest)  |

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT – *review & approval of minutes of previous meeting*

12 Jan 2022 Minutes

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – *review of income & expense actuals, budget, and variances*

Financials Review

V. OLD BUSINESS – *informative / discussion / approval items from previous meetings*

- (1) Accomplishments:
  - a. By Laws Update
  - b. Teacher Appreciation Lunch
  - c. Spirit Wear
  - d. Uniform Swap
  - e. Restaurant Night

VI. NEW BUSINESS – *topics introduced in this meeting*

- (1) Summer Workbooks
- (2) Classroom Supplies Sales
- (3) STEAM Night/Parking Spot Auction
- (4) Movie Night
- (5) Restaurant night
- (6) Planning for next year
- (7) East Campus update
- (8) Open Discussion

VII. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS – *requiring follow-up*

VIII. NEXT MEETING ~      Date: 11 May      Time: 0815      Location: TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT *at*

## 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/>

### **CONTACT US:**

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