

# LYNX NEWS



*West Campus*

April 6, 2022



Dads,

Our watch D.O.G.S. program is a great way for our dads to volunteer in our school. We only have a few more slots to fill this year. If you would like to sign up for one of these days, please visit this website. Our students love to see dads in the hallways and interacting with them.

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

Thank you for all you do for our community,

Kurt Walker

Assistant Principal



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

**Landsharks Running Club** - the Spring Landshark program is full but in need of another assistant coach who can be at the practices. If interested, please contact Kelly Collier at [kcollier@monumentacademy.net](mailto:kcollier@monumentacademy.net).

## 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> .



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Save the Dates:

April 8<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>- Scholastic book fair

April 15<sup>th</sup> - No School

April 29<sup>th</sup> - Library loans stop

**5<sup>th</sup> grade musical "*RATS*"**

**April 27th**

**6:30 p.m.**

**MA West gym**

**All Choir students must be here by 6:00 in costume.**

**More info will be coming home in an email from the fifth-grade team.**

**Questions: Please email [sbenz@monumentacademy.net](mailto:sbenz@monumentacademy.net)**





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## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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

Camp Invention® is for children entering 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

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

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# Staff Spotlight

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

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

**Cindy Carlander:** Our marvelous Art Teacher, for her dedication to her students and the arts.

**Delaney Rudolph:** Our thoughtful 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, for her patience and kindness always shown to those around her.

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

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



## ***Landsharks Running Club***

Learn the essentials of running and field events at our Summer Camps!

Emphasis will be placed on form, function, stamina, and pace. Athletes, from grades Kindergarten - 8th grade (in Fall 2022), will enjoy learning these skills through games and workouts!

During Track Camp, athletes will become familiar with the javelin, relays, shot put, short distance running, as well as long distance running and everyone's favorite, the hurdles!

## **SUMMER CAMP SESSION/PRICING INFORMATION**

### **Regular Registration**

\$95 begins March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **SESSION 1**

June 6th - 10th, 9:00-10:30 am  
Monument/Bear Creek Elementary  
1330 Creekside Drive  
Monument, CO 80132

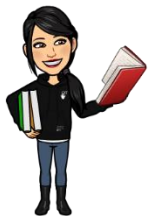
### **SESSION 2**

June 13th - 17th, 9:00-10:30 am  
Mountain Ridge Middle School  
9150 Lexington Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

### **SESSION 3**

July 11th - 15th, 9:00-10:30 am  
The Vanguard School  
1605 S Corona Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

## **[REGISTER HERE](#)**



Mrs. Kelly Collier  
Monument Academy Librarian



# \*\*\*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>

A collage of educational icons (clock, globe, molecular model) and a smiling girl with her hands raised, set against a yellow background with the Monument Academy logo.

**NEW VOLUNTEER TRACKING PROGRAM**

**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.

**Follow the code to register!**

A QR code for registration.

**LEARNING**

Monument Academy logo: A circular seal with "MONUMENT ACADEMY" and "EST 1996" around a shield containing a book and two keys.

# 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.

## From the Library:

Library needs help for the book fair! Volunteer for the April Book Fair! Earn a tax-free purchase by volunteering during the fair:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629405/events>

**Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the West campus April 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Closed April 15<sup>th</sup>**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy2>

Load eWallets by following the book fair link.

### **Key eWallet features:**

Free and fast eWallet account set up,

Funds are immediately available,

Great way for students to select their own books

After the Fair, remaining eWallet funds are not returned to a credit card and instead become a donation to help buy books for MA.

**Fair is open 7:45am-3:30pm in the Library**

**Shop book fair Online! Shopping Days: 4/8 -4/21**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy2>

Landsharks Running Club - the Spring Landshark practices will begin soon

**Practices M/W 3:30-4:05pm at Monument Academy's West Campus Bring running shoes, clothes, and water bottles to each practice.**

**First practice 4/11 3:30-4:05pm**

**Parent meeting 4/11 3:45pm in the library with Coach Collier while asst coaches run the first practice**

We will be using the gym and outside turf field for practices

Parents pick up their runners at the end of practices by following the normal carline procedures

Meets will take place at Lewis Palmer Middle School. Runners, please arrive by 2:40pm and check in with a coach.

Meets will be Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM on April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, & May 8<sup>th</sup>

### MA Library loans stop April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Please pay remaining library fines and return all materials loaned out No Later Than 4/29/22, thank you!

If paying by check, make check payable to Monument Academy and *To the Attention of Mrs. Collier, MA Librarian*



If paying with credit card, please follow the link and include that it is a payment for library materials. <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/> You do not need to have a PayPal account if you check out as a guest user.



April's reading challenge is through the Rocky Mountain Vibes Baseball program.  
Read with Toasty and Mrs. Collier from April 4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

- Week 1 - Great Clips coupon
- Week 2 - Rita's Italian Ice coupon
- Week 3 - Whirly ball – Free hour of bowling
- Week 4 - A pair of tickets to the Vibes 2022 Season opener



In May we'll kick off summer reading programs together with MA and the PPLD librarians! Keep kids from 0-18 engaged this summer by using these two great programs. More information as May draws nearer.



Kelly Collier

Librarian

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**YEARBOOK**  
**WITH YOUR PHONE**



 scan this!

**Your memories. Your moments. Your year.**  
**OUR YEARBOOK**

**Monument Academy**

# 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 CHEER SUMMER CAMP



June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00-12:00 each day at MA East  
Hosted by the MA Cheerleaders!



Kids of all cheer & tumbling abilities will enjoy their week at the MA Summer Cheer Camp. This camp will be held at MA and will offer instruction in tumbling, jumps, dance, stunting, flexibility, and strength & conditioning. Of course, no cheer camp would be complete without our wild, fun cheer games! This week you will get the opportunity to work with nationally certified coaches, the 2022 Monument Academy Cheerleaders! Registration fee includes a t-shirt! Register before June 1<sup>st</sup> to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Registration is open until June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

9:00-9:15 Warm Up  
9:15-9:30 Stretch  
9:30-10:00 Tumbling  
10:00-10:15 Snack/Craft  
10:15-10:30 Dance  
10:30-11:00 Stunting  
11:00-11:15 Water/Snack  
11:15-11:45 Jumps/Cheer  
11:45-12:00 Games  
11:30-12:00 Thursday –  
Showcase Performance!

### WHAT TO WEAR?

An athletic outfit with athletic shoes and hair pulled back. No jeans

### WHAT TO BRING?

A water bottle with your name on it and healthy snacks without nuts

### WHO CAN SIGN UP?

Cheer camp is for students who are entering 1st-5th grades

### HOW TO SIGN UP?

Register & pay on the FamilyID website:  
<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-athletics/ma-cheer-summer-camp-2022>



## THEME DAY SCHEDULE

JUNE 20 – MA SPIRIT DAY  
Come in your MA gear! Go Lynx!  
JUNE 21 – WACKY TACKY DAY  
Get wild & crazy with your outfit  
JUNE 22 – GROUP COLOR DAY  
Your group will decide what color  
JUNE 23 – CAMP T-SHIRT  
Showcase performance at 11:30  
for all friends and family!





# SOURCES OF STRENGTH



Sources of Strength (SoS) at Monument Academy is a student led program that focuses on improving mental health through Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, Physical Health, & Mental Health. A small group of SoS High School students felt the need to spear head a drive with support from SoS middle school students to help Ukrainian students. SoS is partnering with Project C.U.R.E. to gather donations to create Kits for Kids to send aid to Ukrainian kids! Thus, **SUS** (Supporting Ukrainian Students) was formed! Here is how you can be a part:

Students of SoS are asking the community from Monument Academy for donations to fill Kits for Kids. Items needed include:

- Acetaminophen (325 mg) OR Ibuprofen (Jr. or 200 mg.) **tablets** – no liquid
- Box of Adhesive Bandages
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- 1% Hydrocortisone Cream
- Toothbrushes (min. 4)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Elastic Bandage
- Comb (6" or larger) ("rat tail" style not preferred)
- Facial Tissues (travel size)
- Blunt Scissors
- Tweezers
- Bar of Soap
- Nail Clippers (no manicure sets)

\*\* Money is also accepted – checks can be payable to **Project CURE**.

Items will be collected at both campuses! Students can drop their donations into **Support Ukrainian Students Boxes** that are set up in the entrances of each building. Please give checks to either your students teacher or the front office. Donations will be collected through Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. SoS wants to thank you for supporting their first Mental Health Drive! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Howarth at [chowarth@monumentacademy](mailto:chowarth@monumentacademy) or (719) 431-8001 ext 2030.

## MA PTO WEST NEWS



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**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

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### **Summer Workbooks are NOW available!**

They will be available through April 15<sup>th</sup>! These are available for children going into Kindergarten through sixth grade.

[Monument Academy PTO Store – MA West PTO Store](#)



# Spirit Night

Tuesday April 12, 2022 5-7pm



**Support Monument Academy PTO by dining in or ordering Drive Thru. Make sure to let them know you are there to support MA.**



**Northgate FSU**  
391 Spectrum Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
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**We are looking for Greeters to help with the Chick-fil-a Spirit Night!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4AA4AB2DAA8-greeters>



### **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.

### **YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

(West Campus) <https://www.facebook.com/MonumentAcademyPTO/>

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