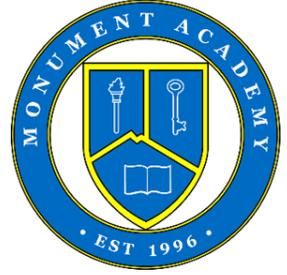


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East Campus Edition

February 3, 2021

Dear East Campus Families,

Welcome to February! We are in the third week of 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester, and this feels like a great time to shine a spotlight on one of our 8 Keys of Excellence.

This is it!

The phrase that accompanies this key is “Make the most of every moment.” We are reminded to focus our attention on the present moment and to keep a positive attitude. When we live in the NOW, we have power! With a This Is It! attitude, we make the present “it” and find joyful moments that we might otherwise have missed!

How can we live out this key in our lives? I find that in January and February, I need to be reminded to live this key. On my drive into and out of our campus, I spend time appreciating the beauty of Pike’s Peak. The sunrises and sunsets from our parking lot are amazingly spectacular! My daily connections with students in the hallway, at lunchtime, or in classrooms give me plentiful opportunities to live in the moment and appreciate the incredible students we have the privilege to influence and impact. During meetings with faculty when we are sharing ideas and working

through challenges, I am grateful for each unique person who chooses to do this most worthy of vocations!

Consider having a dinner time conversation with your family about how each family member chooses to have a “This is it!” attitude.

Enjoy these sunny and warm days! I do hope Puxatawnie Phil’s predictions from yesterday are not correct!

Warmest Regards,
Julie Seymour
Principal- East Campus

Upcoming Events

Free Dress Day, tomorrow Thursday – February 4

Non-uniform days - please follow guidelines, page 6, <https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/1501MS-Uniform-Policy-08-24-2020.pdf>

Nurse’s Office

All Student Health information can be found at <https://www.monumentacademy.net/student-support/student-health/> . Thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines so we have the best chance of remaining open.

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Athletics

The Central Colorado Athletic League (CCAL), to which our middle school belongs, was finally able to start competing again this week. Officials are hard to come by, and we cannot have spectators among other things, but thanks to some dedicated volunteers we were able to pull off a competitive venue for our student-athletes. The CCAL Boys Basketball team opened their season hosting RMCA on Monday with all three teams (A, B and C) winning handily. The Cheerleaders performed at halftime for the teams! It was good to see the kids enjoying themselves throughout the evening!



Up next, we expect a tough game against Manitou Springs at their place on Wednesday. Good luck fellas!

Preparations are underway for the CCAL Girls Basketball season, which starts soon. We are planning to compete in many shortened programs through the spring. Please visit our athletics website for more information on individual programs at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/>

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Business Office

Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your student.

The annual required student fees: \$285 Grades 6-9 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Payments are usually posted within a week.

Payment options at Monument Academy:

For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop at front office)
- Credit card - contact jshook@monumentacademy.net to set up recurring payments

Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.

School Lunches:

Make checks made payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) – drop off at MA front desk or pay online at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

Financial Assistance:

If you need assistance with fees and/or lunches please complete an application at:

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Contact Julie Shook,

Business Manager Monument Academy

jshook@monumentacademy.net

2021 CMAS Colorado State Standardized Assessments

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is currently planning to have schools administer CMAS assessments this spring in the subject areas of math and reading. CMAS social studies will not be administered this year, and it is not yet known if science will be administered. It is possible that no CMAS assessments will be administered this spring, but if they are, there will not be an option for remote assessments. This means that any students completing the CMAS assessments will need to do so in-person and at school.

We expect that some families may choose to refuse allowing their students to complete CMAS assessments this year due to concerns about COVID-19. CDE has asked us to include an option for specifying COVID-19 as a reason for refusal to our normal refusal process.

Monument Academy accepts online refusals only, per board policy 1525, found at the link below:
<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/1525-State-Assessments-Refusal-Policy-2-8-18.pdf>

If you plan to refuse allowing your students to participate in CMAS assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, please complete the online refusal found at the link below so that Monument Academy may comply with CDE protocols. Thank you.
<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

Yearbook ~ 8th Graders Only

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! DUE 2/12

We need both a baby/toddler photo (1) and a short dedication (150 characters) to wish your 8th grader well. This will be featured in the portraits section of the book.

Please click here to upload a photo and/or add your dedication.



Click here to see if we have received your information.

I will update the list each Friday by noon.

Lastly, because space is limited, we are offering our 8th grade parents $\frac{1}{8}$ page to purchase and create your own dedication. Cost is \$20 and you do that through this [online portal](#).



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Yearbook – All Grades

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! DUE 2/12

Click here to purchase your students copy of the yearbook.

Because inventory is expensive, we do not order extra books.

We only order books for the students who pre-order.

Sometimes we get a few extra from the plant but I don't want you to count on that.

If you have any questions, please feel free to [contact me via email](#).

Thank you,
Melissa Johnson
Middle School Yearbook Advisor

MA East Teacher Appreciation Week February 16-18



Help us 'Grow' the Teacher's Lounge

♥ Tuesday, February 16th

Thank You Posters (MA East PTO is making)

♥ Wednesday, February 17th

Select something off of the Sign-up sheet (it's easy - 1 item can be for all teachers!) or bring something of your choice.

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

♥ Thursday, February 18th

Teacher Breakfast (Items needed on Sign-up sheet)

Monument Academy East PTO



Scan. Pay. Go.

If you'd rather donate money, the PTO will put it toward items on the Sign-up sheet.

