

LYNX NEWS



West Campus
March 17, 2021



~CAMPUS CLOSED~
March 22-26



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!](#)

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

[HB 21-1161](#) was passed by the Colorado House and Colorado Senate and then signed by Governor Polis on the evening of 3/16/21. For more information, please see the latest [Chalkbeat article about HB 21-1161](#). At this point [HB 21-1161](#) goes to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration. Until they weigh in, we must proceed with the understanding that all CMAS testing is required.

If, after reviewing [HB 21-1161](#), the U.S. Department of Education grants a waiver, CMAS Science & Social Studies would be suspended, Math would be administered to students in grades 3, 5, and 7, and ELA will be administered to students in grades 4, 6, and 8. This plan does not affect PSAT offerings for our high school students. This plan would allow parents of students in grade levels not being assessed in ELA or Math to opt-INTO those assessments, and if approved a future communication will be sent outlining the procedure for ensuring your child/children may complete those assessments. This puts us in a difficult position for finalizing assessment schedules with the assessment window fast approaching. We want to give our families as much lead time as possible, so we have crafted a schedule that should work regardless of the decision made by the U.S. Department of Education.

Here is a schedule for when state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) will be administered at each of the Monument Academy campuses:

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS Science - CoAlt	5 th Only	Thu 4/22
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th	Tue 4/27 & 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 Science - CoAlt	8 th Only	Wed 4/21
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th	Fri 4/23 & Fri 4/30
<p>All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14 and 4/21. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23 and Friday 4/30. 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.</p>		

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 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 standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, we ask that families please complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below by **THIS FRIDAY, 3/19/21** so that Monument Academy may plan accordingly, comply with CDE requirements, and avoid negative consequences to our school. Please do not print out/submit any paper forms or e-mail 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>

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 FRIDAY

Incoming 6th Grade Sneak Peek Friday

Calling all 5th grade students!

Friday, April 9, drop off at East Campus at 8:30. This will be our Annual Middle School “Sneak Peek”, a morning of activities designed to allow your student to experience a day in the life of a middle school student as they prepare for next year. Students will be given a schedule to follow, visit some middle school classrooms, meet middle school teachers, and learn of the fun opportunities available to our middle school students. Students may be picked up at 11:00 in carline.

YEARBOOK

2020-2021 Monument Academy
Preschool and Elementary
Yearbook

Yearbooks are now \$25.00

To purchase a yearbook, click the link:

[Order a Yearbook](#)

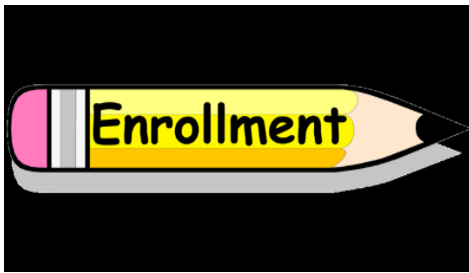
Do you have pictures of your student in their classroom or at another school-related event? Your pictures can be in the yearbook!

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



Open enrollment for preschool-age siblings is happening NOW. If you are considering our wonderful Preschool program, please visit our website, click on 'Enrollment,' and fill out a Letter of Interest. Our spaces fill up quickly, so we encourage you to get on our wait list.

FROM THE TECH DEPARTMENT:

We have partnered with *Dell* to offer our staff and families discounts on *Dell* laptops. Below is the flyer with an overview of the program and contact information:





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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MA PTO WEST NEWS



GENERAL PTO MEETING WEST

Thursday March 18th – 8:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89498457398?pwd=bzNwWnBKQzNUbFpZbnJVemlRekxzUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 9845 7398

Passcode: 769897

One tap mobile

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PARRY' S PIZZA COMMUNITY NIGHT

Thursday March 18th – 11:00am-10:00pm



Show your support for Monument Academy PTO! Come to Parry's Pizza in Colorado Springs between 11am-10pm, and 20% of your bill will be donated to the PTO. Takeout (phone or online orders) and Dine-In are both available. Let your server know you're supporting Monument Academy PTO!

*See attached flyer

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

There are several positions opening up 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 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](https://www.myschoolstoreco.com/store/c61/Monument%20Academy%20-%20Orders%20Take%202-3%20Weeks.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

