

# LYNX NEWS



*West Campus*

February 4, 2022



Dear Parents of MA West Campus,

A quick reminder of our pickup procedures:

Arrival: please stay in the far-right lane until you pass the Vision Clinic. Our property begins at the access road just prior to the Kindie playground and from that point on, we become a one-way street. For Kindergarten and PK parents, you will merge left and put your blinkers on. All early release and remaining grade levels will stay in the right lane until Mrs. Coyne directs you to the curb.

Dismissal times are as follows:

Monday – Thursday:

2:45 Early Dismissal and PK

3:00 Kindergarten and 1st grade with siblings

3:15 2nd – 5th grade

Friday Only:

11:45 Early Dismissal and PK

12:00 Kindergarten and 1st grade with siblings

12:15 2nd – 5th grade

Please do not arrive early for your pick-up time. This causes a backup issue.

Thank you for all you do for our community,

Kurt Walker & Laura Barrette

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](mailto:huskerco@gmail.com), or Annette Bass, District Gifted Ed. Facilitator, [abass@lewispalmer.org](mailto: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/3135712-monument-academy-2022->

**Head Coach: Kelly Collier** [kcollier@monumentacademy.net](mailto: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

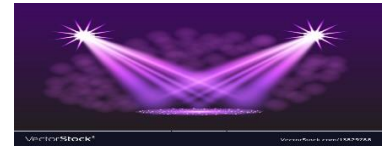
Practices start the week of April 11, 2022 (Price increases \$10)

Registration closes April 16, 2022

Meet week #1 April 24, 2022

Meet week #2 May 1, 2022

Meet week #3 May 8, 2022



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...

***Sandy Ward-*** *our excellent Kindergarten teacher, your passion and dedication to Monument Academy continues year after year, we are beyond grateful for all that you have done and continue to do.*

***Jen Lundy-*** *our fabulous first grade para, she always goes above and beyond her job duties. We are so thankful to have you.*



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

Mystery plushes \$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](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!!\*\*\*

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Library:

Art:

January Recess Help

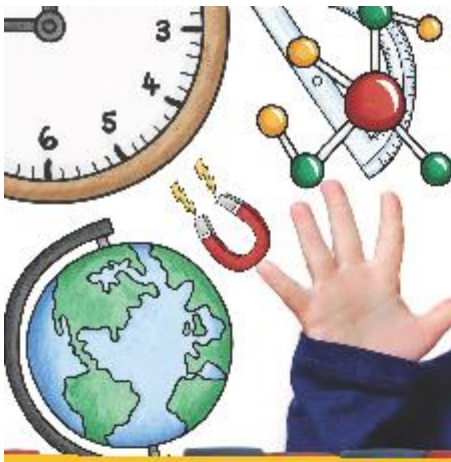
Lunchroom January

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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates:  
February 21<sup>st</sup>- No School



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



January 24<sup>th</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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 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 on *May 3<sup>rd</sup>* 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.

# YEARBOOK

2021-2022 Monument Academy  
Preschool and Elementary Yearbook

Yearbooks are  
now \$30.

To purchase a yearbook:



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[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>

# MA PTO WEST NEWS



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTO?

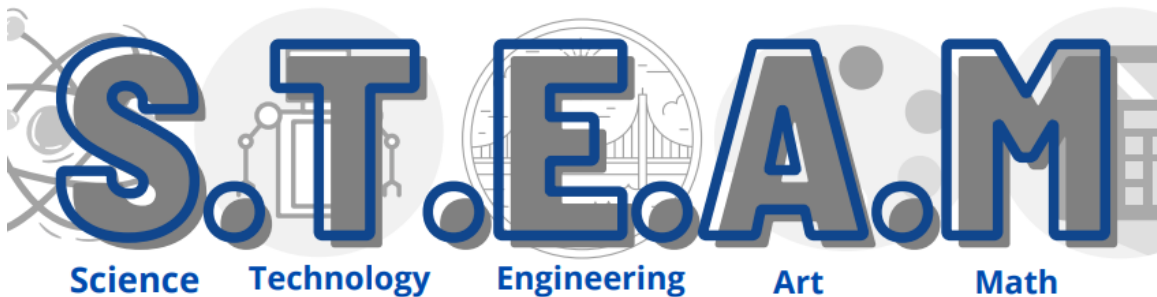
The PTO is a fun way to get more involved with Monument Academy and work with an incredible team!  
Please contact [maptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:maptopresident@gmail.com) for more information.

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## PTO Volunteer/Event Spotlight

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who was able to donate to our Staff Wellness Event. We have a table set up in the staff lounge with items to help encourage wellness during the flu, cold, and Covid season.





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/go/10C0E45A4A72CA6FF2-steam1)



New

first,



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 but other colors will be available Fall 2022. Ordering Window will open February 7<sup>th</sup>!

**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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