

LYNX NEWS



West Campus

April 13, 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

Parents of PK and Kindergarten Students,

It has come to our attention that drivers are getting into the left lane to pick up PK and Kindergarten prior to our property and people are not able to turn out of the eye doctor's parking lot or the dirt parking lot and proceed west to Knollwood. Please stay in the long line until you reach our property (after the eye clinic) before merging into the left lane for pick up.

Also, I need to ask Kindergarten parents to please wait until 3:00 to get in line as we are dismissing PK at 2:45. If you show up early, we will be asking you to drive around and get back in the line at 3:00.

Thank You!!!

Kurt Walker & Laura Barrette
Assistant Principals
Monument Academy



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.

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 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 8th - 18th- Scholastic book fair

April 15th - No School

April 29th - Library loans stop

5th 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





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Location: Monument Academy

1150 Village Ridge Pt, Monument, CO80132

Date: June 6 - 10, 2022

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

Camp Director: Andrea Dickey

If these locations/times don't work for you, please visit 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...

Kimberly LoBosco: Our outstanding 2nd Grade Teacher, for her organization and thoroughness to her work. We appreciate her service to her students and team.

Chelsea Murphy: Our wonderful Lunchroom Para, for her devotion to helping our school in the many extra tasks, and time she willingly gives.

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 16th

SESSION 1

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

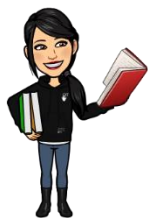
SESSION 2

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 promotional graphic for Monument Academy's New Volunteer Tracking Program. It features a smiling girl with her hands raised, surrounded by educational icons like a clock, a globe, and a molecular model. The Monument Academy logo (EST 1996) is in the top right. Below the girl, the text 'NEW VOLUNTEER TRACKING PROGRAM' is displayed in bold blue letters. To the right, a row of books has the word 'LEARNING' spelled out on their spines. Below this, the text 'Follow the code to register!' is shown above a large QR code. A blue box on the left contains the text 'WHY VOLUNTEER?' followed by two paragraphs about the benefits of volunteering.

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!

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 8th-18th. Closed April 15th

<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 24th, May 1st, & May 8th

MA Library loans stop April 29th, 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 4th – 29th

- 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 will 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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2022 MA Cheerleading Tryouts



MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tryouts are open to incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

April 11th 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 27th and 28th from 4:00-6:00 in the MA East Gym

TRYOUT DATE

April 29th 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

MA CHEER SUMMER CAMP



June 20th – June 23rd
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 1st to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Registration is open until June 17th.

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 15th. SoS wants to thank you for supporting their first Mental Health Drive! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Howarth at chowarth@monumentacademy or (719) 431-8001 ext 2030.

MA PTO WEST NEWS

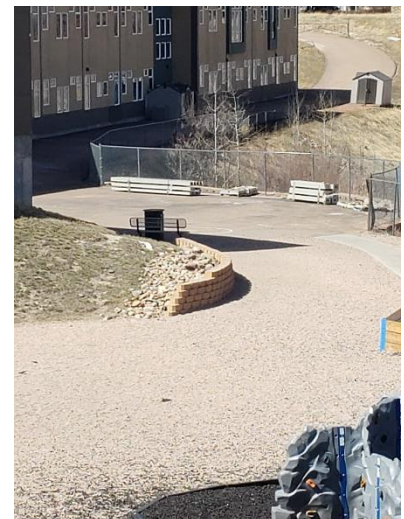


PTO Volunteer/Event Spotlight



The PTO wanted to give an update to about the outdoor classroom that was the fun run goal in 2019. The Shade Pavilion was purchased and arrived to our school, where it has been sitting waiting for installation. Knowing that the 105-road expansion would impact our driveway, we were asked to wait until the school had a plan in place to have the outdoor classroom placed. At this point we are reaching back out to contractors to accept bids to have the outdoor classroom put up, we hope before winter 2022. Our intention is to not impact any construction that school needs to complete for the pick-up/drop off line which is why we are optimistic we can find someone who can complete the outdoor classroom in the fall.

Another update the PTO wanted to give, is for those who have purchased bricks with their fund-raising efforts during the fun run 2021. The bricks plan will be for the bricks to be placed over the summer. We really appreciate all the support we have received to help celebrate our students and staff!



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 Kingsoppers.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

Summer Workbooks are NOW available!

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

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



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 for more information.

YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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

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