

# LYNX NEWS

## East Campus Edition

### January 6, 2023



Dear Students and Parents of Monument Academy East Campus,

What a wonderful surprise to see Monument Academy's beautiful new Secondary School off of a street with MY name. Thank you to the countless students and parents, teachers and staff who nurtured and supported Monument Academy during my tenure.

I was not the founder of Lewis Palmer Charter Academy (first name) in 1996. I joined Monument Academy in 1999 as a fifth grade teacher. In 2002 I moved to fourth grade. I was offered the position of Administrator when decisions were made to build a new campus.

The educational product of Monument Academy was so well received by the community that MA expanded into additional portables year after year until MA ran out of land. It was apparent that Monument Academy needed a new building. With encouragement and support of so many super individuals, the property on Village Ridge Point became our terrific new K-8 school.

Upon my retirement in July of 2009, I received the honor of having the Library in that Building named for me.

Always looking forward to bigger and better educational options, Monument Academy opened a Secondary School "just down the street."

I would offer the symbol on the new Road Sign as a guide to all the Monument Academy students. It may appear at first glance to be a circle. But in reality, it is an OPEN ROAD that each one of us needs to see as the chance to never stop seeking new opportunities. Keep forging ahead without fail and continue moving toward your future which, as the sign indicates, is never ending.

Thank you and Keep On Moving On!  
Jane Lundeen

## Upcoming Events:

Jan 6 – First Friday of Month, Free Dress Day

Jan 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night, HERE at 6pm

Jan 12 – Board Meeting, HERE at 6pm

Jan 13 – Spirit Wear Friday

Jan 16 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 19, 20 – NWEA Math Assessments

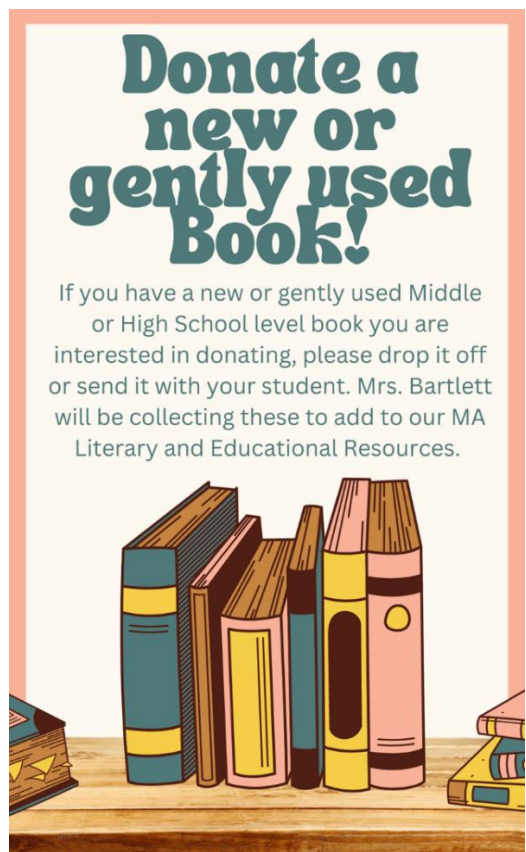
Jan 20 – Spirit Wear Friday

Jan 27 – Spirit Wear Friday

Feb 3 – First Friday of Month, Free Dress Day

Feb 4 – High School "Black & White" Dance, semi formal attire, HERE at 7:30pm

Feb 10 – Middle School Movie Night, HERE at 6:30pm



# High School Parent Advisory Group

In the spring semester, the high school **Parent Advisory Group** will be examining the student experience at Monument Academy High School, including looking ahead to adding a Senior Class next year. The Parent Advisory Group is a small body of high school parents which provides advice and guidance to the high school principal. Mr. Kennington is committed to maintaining a diverse representation of parents across the grade levels and is currently looking for a parent of a freshman student. If you would like to know more, or are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Kennington directly at [dkennington@monumentacademy.net](mailto:dkennington@monumentacademy.net).

## Staff Appreciation Ideas

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/parent-information/teacherstaff-appreciation-ideas/>

## Monument Academy is HIRING!

For more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/employment/>



## Business Office

Thank you to the MA families that have submitted academic fees for the 2022-23 school year. These fees help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your children.

The annual required student fees are as follows:

- \$150 Preschool
- \$125 Kindergarten
- \$175 Grades 1-5
- \$285 Grades 6-11

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please visit [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net) to sign up for an account if you have not already done so. Payments are usually posted within a week. Thank you for your patience.

### Payment options at Monument Academy:

#### For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:

- Credit card - contact [businessoffice@monumentacademy.net](mailto:businessoffice@monumentacademy.net)
- Online Payments - visit <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments>
- Checks – made payable to “Monument Academy” w/student’s name in notes (drop off at the front office)

**Monument Academy does not accept payments through Infinite Campus or on the PaySchools app.**

**Financial Assistance:** If you need assistance with fees please complete an application at: [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#)

The best way to contact the business office is email [businessoffice@monumentacademy.net](mailto:businessoffice@monumentacademy.net) or you can call 719-431-8001 x 1010.

## Josten's Picture Ordering Tips

[www.jostenspix.com](http://www.jostenspix.com)

Monument Academy's Secondary Campus is in Colorado Springs

Event Codes are MS = FE149222 and HS = FE149122

## Yearbooks

Order yours today at <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>

## Call out for Photos for the Yearbooks

Please send any photos from sports, classrooms, etc that the yearbook might like to use to our yearbook advisor at [Email](mailto:)



Our High School Yearbook needs your help! As a small school, we will be starting a Breakfast Cart Fundraiser on Wednesday mornings to help raise money to keep our yearbook as a hardcover, full coverage production. If you would like to sponsor the cart and have your business and/or name displayed on our breakfast board, please contact Mrs. Bartlett at [dbartlett@monumentacademy.net](mailto:dbartlett@monumentacademy.net). Monetary donations are accepted with gratitude as well. All items are \$1. Please look for a letter from our Editor in Chief soon with more details. Thank you in advance for your support!

# New Staff Highlights

## ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade History – Kevin Chalfant***

Kevin Chalfant is a retired teacher/administrator. He has served in Colorado for 32 years at several schools, mostly in the Colorado Springs area. His B.S. Degree is in history from Trinity International University north of Chicago. He also has a MA in guidance and counseling from UCCS, with a specialist license in administration. Social studies is his main subject area, with an emphasis on US history and world history. He has taught grade levels from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to honors US history. During many of those years, he also coached basketball, baseball, and golf. He finished his final years in education as a HS principal and superintendent at two different districts, one in Colorado and one in Virginia. After retiring in 2016, he accepted a teaching position at a charter school in Phoenix, AZ. That is where he experienced the philosophy of Core Knowledge and realized that was a good fit for him. Returning to Colorado to be near his children and grandchildren who all live in the Colorado Springs area, he re-established residency and made Colorado Springs his home base. He has spent the last few years traveling to several countries in Europe, Uganda, and most recently, Peru. He stays busy by helping with grandchildren, church activities, and riding Harley (his horse), and substitute teaching in all grade levels.

## ***7<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Logic – Lisa Rich***

Mrs. Rich was born and raised in the Great Lake State, Michigan (Go Blue!). She and her family moved to Colorado from Texas and just recently made Monument home. Mrs. Rich has been teaching for over 15 years. She has taught Special Education, elementary, and middle school and is so excited to call Monument Academy her second home. Her family is a cadet sponsor family for Air Force Academy cadets, which includes her own son and all his friends. In her spare time, she loves to travel with her husband to watch their son play lacrosse for USAFA, read, cook for cadets, and train her unruly golden retriever, Pepper!

## ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade English – Zachery Ricks***

Hi, my name is Zachery Ricks, and I am excited to be a member of the Monument Academy Core team. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and Theater Education from Brigham Young University Idaho. I have a passion for learning and for helping young people learn how to learn, and how to love learning for themselves. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts, I strive to create a classroom environment that promotes positive connections and learning growth. When I am not teaching, I love to play games, read books, watch movies, and spend time with my wife and children.

## ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science (2<sup>nd</sup> Period)/Global Trek - Anderson Tremaine***

Anderson Tremaine was born in Colorado and has spent nearly his entire life living here. He has been a long-time member of the community and appreciates the opportunity to serve its students. This is his first experience working as a full-time teacher and he could not be more excited. He has his bachelor's degree in history, and he loves social studies. Outside of school, Mr. Tremaine loves running, reading, and being outside. Mr. Tremaine has also spent four years as a football coach at Palmer Ridge High School. He is excited to bring his skills and talents to the classroom to help students grow intellectually, academically, and socially.





# LYNX FUND

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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ACTIVITIES*

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*SCHOOL  
SAFETY*



*TEACHERS*

*EXPAND  
CURRICULUM*

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This fund will allow Monument Academy to say “YES” to many opportunities for our staff and students.

**\*Donations of \$1996 or more will be part of our LYNX LEGACY.**

Your name and/or business will be engraved on the Lynx Legacy plaque at East & West Campuses.

Questions - Email

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# EAST PTO

Pre-orders are in and will be delivered to students this week. If you missed the order window, you still have a chance to purchase from our remaining stock. Visit us at [www.maeaspto.com](http://www.maeaspto.com). Thank you for supporting the PTO.



Help stock the teacher lounge for the new year! <https://signup.com/go/Vgdyqoa>

