# LYNX NEWS East Campus Edition January 13, 2023





#### **Upcoming Events:**

Jan 13 – Spirit Wear Friday (Middle School)

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

Jan 19, 20 – NWEA Math Assessments; grades 6, 7 & 8

Jan 20 – Spirit Wear Friday (MS)

Jan 27 – Spirit Wear Friday (MS)

Feb 3 – First Friday of Month, Free Dress Day (MS)

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

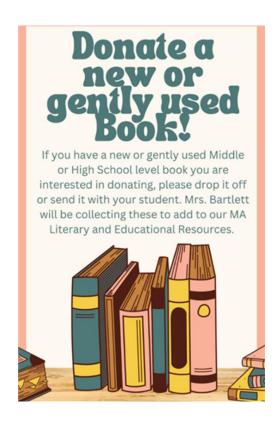
Feb 10 - Spirit Wear Friday (MS)

Feb 10 – Middle School Movie Night, HERE at 7pm

Feb 17 - Spirit Wear Friday (MS)

Feb 20 – **NO SCHOOL** – Presidents Day

Feb 24 - Spirit Wear Friday (MS)





#### Honor Me. Honor You.

Give honor and value to ourselves and others.

This month, we're focusing on respect, which comes in many forms: respect for life, for property, for parents, for elders, for nature, and for the beliefs and rights of others. Respect includes being courteous and polite, as well as respecting yourself by avoiding self-criticism. We can model respect for our children regarding how we speak to and treat them. Respect is not only an important character trait, but it can also be a source of real joy! Respect implies a certain appreciation, which makes us more aware of other people's needs and feelings.



#### 1 Engage: Honor Board

As a family, create an Honor Board where family members and friends can write affirmations to the person of honor. (Make sure each family member gets to be the honoree.) The Honor Board can be made of construction paper, poster board, or a blank piece of paper. Once the board is complete, encourage the family member to display it so they can see it often and remember the great things others see in them.



#### 2 Empower: Practice Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes. Ask each family member to share a story about a time they made a mistake (at school, work, home, etc.) and discuss what lessons they learned. Share this quote: "Mistakes don't define us, but how we respond to mistakes will." Ask, "How can we show honor for each other, even when we make a mistake or disagree?" Process each person's response and thank everyone for their willingness to share. Challenge each other to respond to mistakes this week with love and respect.



#### 3 Excel: Honor Those Who Serve

Celebrate members of your community who lead through service to others. Write "Thank You" notes to someone that has helped or served your family. Consider people in your community like veterans, teachers, nurses/doctors, ministers, bus drivers, police officers, firefighters, mail carriers, etc. Deliver these notes with a special treat.

#### Conversation Starters

- What is the biggest lesson you learned last year?
- What is something you want LESS of in the next year? Why?
- What is something you want MORE of this next year? Why?
- What makes you feel respected? Disrespected? Why?

#### NWEA Math Assessment – January 19 & 20

Monument Academy will be giving the NWEA math assessment on January 19 and January 20 during the students' math class for all middle school students. This assessment will provide a midyear data point for our math students. This data will be used to inform instruction for the teachers.

Monument Academy administers the online version of the NWEA MAP Growth Assessments to track the growth and development of students that attend Monument Academy. NWEA offers <a href="mailto:online\_sample\_tests">online\_sample\_tests</a> so that students may become familiar with how the test is administered and the types of questions they may encounter while completing the assessments at school. These sample tests supply a mixture of questions from multiple disciplines, but do not include answer keys or results.

#### Josten's Picture Ordering Tips

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Monument Academy's Secondary Campus is in <u>Colorado Springs</u> Event Codes are MS = FE149222 and HS = FE149122

#### From the Library

Who will complete the school-wide **20 book reading challenge**? This is the library's big literacy event for Spring semester (and a west campus bookfair in April.)

January 17th - April 4th

Challenge completers will read 20 different books that match the challenge sheet. Books should be appropriate to the reader's reading level but also match the challenge sheet selections.

- \*West campus grades K-5<sup>th</sup> read books from their matching grade level **2023 Dive into a Good Book** sheet.
- \*East Campus grades 6-11<sup>th</sup> read books from their Secondary School **2023 Dive into a Good Book** sheet.

Prizes provided from the library as readers reach levels during the challenge:

5 books completed – a bookmark or pencil and Smarties

10 books – a treasure box prize and fruit snacks

15 books by April 4<sup>th</sup> - \$4 coupon to shop at the book fair *(fair is April 7-17<sup>th</sup>)* (East campus prize TBD)

20 books by April 4<sup>th</sup> – celebration party in May (East campus prize TBD)

Questions? Email kcollier@monumentacademy.net



#### Prom 2023

Many Hands, Make Light Work

Monument Academy's first prom is Saturday, April 29th and we are looking for East Campus parents to help make it a huge success. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer from chaperoning the dance or after prom, making decorations, create after prom activities, decorating the venues, making food, donating prizes, donating fun activities (example: donate a blow up obstacle course rental for the event, loaning things like a ping-pong table, karaoke machine, snowcone maker, cotton candy maker, etc.). Please either email Mrs. McKenna or come to a prom meeting next Wednesday, January 18th at 2:45 - 3:30 in the upper commons of east campus.

Thank you in advance, Kim McKenna kmckenna@monumentacademy.net

#### Yearbooks

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

#### 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 <a href="Email"><u>Email</u></a>







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\*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.

**Ouestions - Email** 

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Dear Members of our Community,

Monument Academy is hosting its annual fundraising event, "Boot, Scoot & Bid," on Thursday, April 20, 2022, at Spruce Mountain Ranch, located in beautiful Larkspur, Colorado. Last year the event raised over \$150,000 thanks to the generosity of people and businesses who believed in the continued growth and success of Monument Academy.

This year we anticipate over 400 supporters with a goal of \$175,000 for staff compensation and school safety. We value our teachers. They are the heart of our school. They take what is good, and what is true, and cultivate it into something beautiful.

We are collecting auction donations such as a products, services, or experiences. This live auction, performed by professional auctioneer, Dean Gunter, will highlight your \*Sponsorship or Donation. This is an event you do not want to miss!

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship as well as your contributions to our community.

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\*All donations are tax-deductible

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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 <a href="www.maeaspto.com">www.maeaspto.com</a>. Thank you for supporting the PTO.



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



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Thursday, January 26th, 2023 from 5:00 – 8:00pm



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