

LYNX NEWS



West Campus

March 15, 2023



Officer Ellis has observed quite a few traffic violations during drop off and pick up time. Some of you may have received warnings from him this week. Please ensure, for the safety of your children, that everyone remains seated until they exit your vehicle. Officer Ellis will start issuing tickets if violations continue. Please make sure not to text, all occupants have seat belts on and no one is hanging out the windows.

Mr. Walker
Principal





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!



4 Steps to Get Started as a Volunteer

1 GET REGISTERED

Option A: Self Register

- 1 Visit the direct link for your organization on Track It Forward
- 2 Fill out the necessary fields and click Sign Up

**Direct link is usually shared via email or posted online*

Option B: Added by Organizer

- 1 When you receive your invitation email, click on the link provided
- 2 Click on "Login" and set your password!

**If the email hasn't arrived, check your spam folder*

2 DOWNLOAD THE APP

- 1 Open the app store on your mobile device
- 2 Search for "Track It Forward" or "Volunteer Time Tracking"
- 3 Download the app with the green logo
- 4 Enter your username and password to login

**You must register as a new user on the website before accessing the mobile app*



3 SIGN UP FOR EVENTS

- 1 Login on the website or mobile app
- 2 Click on "Events"
- 3 Select an opportunity and click Sign Up

PLEASE NOTE:
Some sites may not use the calendar



4 LOG YOUR HOURS!

- 1 Login on the website or mobile app
- 2 Click on "Log Hours"
- 3 Fill out all the necessary fields
- 4 Click "Submit"

PLEASE NOTE:
Contact your organization with questions about logging hours



 **TRACK IT FORWARD**

See all the ways you can help at www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering/.

For more information and any questions, please contact the Volunteer Committee at: mavolunteers@monumentacademy.net



Watch D.O.G.S is up and running for the year. This is a great way to volunteer. We have plenty of available openings, grab your spot now.

Watch Dogs:

<https://signup.com/go/sVvbhCq>

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 March 20th and conclude on April 28th.

- 5th Grade testing dates are 4/17 - 4/25 (Science, ELA, and Math)*
- 4th Grade testing dates are 3/23 - 4/4 (ELA and Math)*
- 3rd Grade testing dates are 3/20 - 3/22 (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>.



String Concert 4th – 11th grade at Palmer Ridge High School

May 17th at 6:00pm

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE AMAZING TEACHERS & STAFF



MARCH BREAKFAST & STOCK THE LOUNGE

Friday, March 17th

Scan QR code for the
Stock the Lounge signup



[Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#)



Lost and found will be in the main foyer March 20th- 24th.

On behalf of Mr. Walker & Ms. Barrette, they are pleased to announce this week's...



Jody Council - Jody is in her 18th year of education. Her journey began in 1993 with her first pregnancy during student teaching. Jody remembers telling her advisor that she would be gone for a decade... He could not believe what he was hearing. ☺ Jody loved every minute of staying home with all three of her boys and returned to education in the year 2004, teaching preschool. Jody taught part-time preschool for the next eight years. She began her journey at Monument Academy 10 years ago in 2012, where she taught third grade for two years. She then switched to kindergarten for two years and then took a three-year hiatus to get her last child through high school. Jody returned in 2019 and she will be finishing up her career this May. Two of Jody's boys are married. Her youngest is a senior at UNC, also wanting to be a teacher. Jody and her husband have their first grandbaby due May 4th. Jody's next chapter will begin once this precious angel is born! You can call her JoJo! ☺

Natalie Garrett - Natalie grew up in Canada and moved to the States to attend college in Florida. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Commercial Art, met her husband, and they got married two weeks after she graduated. In 2007 they moved to Castle Rock and fell in love with Colorado. Natalie has had several jobs since living in the US. She has made and sold clothing and accessories, been a photo editor for international wedding photographers, and played in a band that toured for two summers across the States. She is always looking for creative outlets. She is currently making ceramics and plays on the worship team at her church.

Natalie, Chris, and their son Jack, who was born in 2017, moved to Monument in 2021 to help plant Roots Church. Jack is currently loving kindergarten at MA where Natalie works as a para, and they have so enjoyed getting to know their MA family!



Hello K-5th grade students!

Will you complete the **Spring 2023 reading challenge**? We're having a school-wide 20 book reading challenge through the library!

Read as many books from the challenge as possible by April 4.

Prize giveaways! Be invited to the party in May!

Materials will be sent home this week and students may begin reading.

All questions, please send to Mrs. Collier at kcollier@monumentacademy.net



March is designated as National Reading Month - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day!

In honor of #NationalReadingMonth, the Jane B. Lundeen Library at the West campus will celebrate with three special guests as well as reading aloud and book talks with classes, and the 20 Book Reading Challenge, which ends April 4th.



Friday, March 17th -

Toasty, Vibes baseball mascot, reads to the K-4th grades to kick off the springtime reading program.

Info and bookmarks will be sent home with all K-5 elementary students after Toasty's visit!

There are exciting prizes as readers reach each "base" in the program. www.vibesbaseball.com

Throughout the month of March, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Kuo encourage you to:

Join us in celebrating!

- Participate in Mrs. Collier's **K-11th grade 20 Book Reading Challenge**, read books with your children at home, listen to books while driving, visit your local and school libraries to borrow books, watch a movie after reading the book, and much more!
 - Reading is fun and has many benefits, regardless of our age. It's a key component of education and professional development. It also has immediate and long-lasting health benefits such as improved cognitive function, retention, vocabulary, empathy and decreased stress levels.
 - Donate new or gently used books to the library, classrooms, and the Little Free Book Exchange (located at the west campus library.)
 - Save the date for a West campus Scholastic book fair April 6-13th. It will have a large selection of new releases, discounted books, and books to support readers in Preschool-6th grade. Prevent the "summer slide" by selecting books you can enjoy reading over the summer!
 - Stay tuned for more MA library news and special guests and events in April and May!
1. **MA Library catalog and student log**
in: <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/58483>
 2. Canvas Library website: <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>
 3. Google Library webpage: <https://sites.google.com/monumentacademy.net/library/home>
 4. **Amazon library wish**
list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/1dXM8R8?ref_=wl_share

Upcoming EVENTS

March 17th, 24th – Spirit Fridays

March 27th -30th – Spring Break - NO School



WEST CAMPUS





4th & 5th Grade Girls & Boys



REGISTRATION FEE
\$60
per student

**APRIL
11 TH & 13 TH**
3:30PM - 5:30PM

CAMP LOCATION:
WEST CAMPUS
1150 VILLAGE RIDGE POINT

Return Registration Fee with the bottom portion of form to the front office

☐ 4th Grade ☐ 5th Grade

Participant's name: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

I, _____, give permission for _____ to participate in the
Monument Academy Volleyball camp.

Scan QR code to fill out the Volleyball Camp participation form



2023 MA CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

April 5th 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.

Tryouts are open to incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Grades must be a C or above in order to try out.

MANDATORY TRYOUT CLINIC

April 12th and April 13th from 4:00-6:00 in the MA East Gym

MANDATORY TRYOUT DATE

April 14th at 1:30 in the MA East Gym



**No previous
cheer experience
or tumbling skills
required!**

**For any questions or additional information,
please contact coach Sarah Thompson
at sthompson@monumentacademy.net**



BOOT, SCOOT & Bid!

Our Largest Fundraiser of the Year
Supporting Monument Academy

APRIL 20TH, 2023
SPRUCE MOUNTAIN RANCH
6-10PM

★ **DINNER BUFFET**

★ **DANCING**

NEW LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

★ **WIN A TRIP TO HAWAII**

★ **A BEVERAGE BURRO**

★ **PHOTO BOOTH & MORE!**

Put on your western wear
and mosey on over to the
watering hole!

Let loose, eat bbq, have fun
with friends and bid high for
amazing auction items!

Come be a part of a great
community while supporting a
wonderful cause!

\$100 per person

Get your tickets while they last! Scan Here
or go to www.MABootScoot.givesmart.com





Camp Invention®

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WITH CODE **WONDER25**
EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2023

SAVE \$15
WITH CODE **WONDER15**
EXPIRES MAY 31, 2023

SAVE \$30
WITH CODE **SIBLOVE30**
FOR 2 SIBLINGS

SAVE \$40
WITH CODE **SIBLOVE40**
FOR 2 OR MORE SIBLINGS

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Monument Academy
1150 Village Ridge Pt, Monument, CO80132

Date: June 5 - 9, 2023

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$265 (before discount)

Camp Director: Andrea Dickey | andrea.dickey@gmail.com

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.



Scan to secure
your spot today!

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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

Now - March 31st:

- 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 the Board Meeting

June:

- Newly elected Directors sworn in at Board meeting, effective July 1st
- Complete Board training & background check

July:

- July 1 begins a 3-year term as a voting member of the MA Board of Directors

Submit an application using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/BhkEohPuyPd4T7Wz9>

Still have questions?

E-mail: Board@MonumentAcademy.net

MA PTO WEST NEWS



YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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

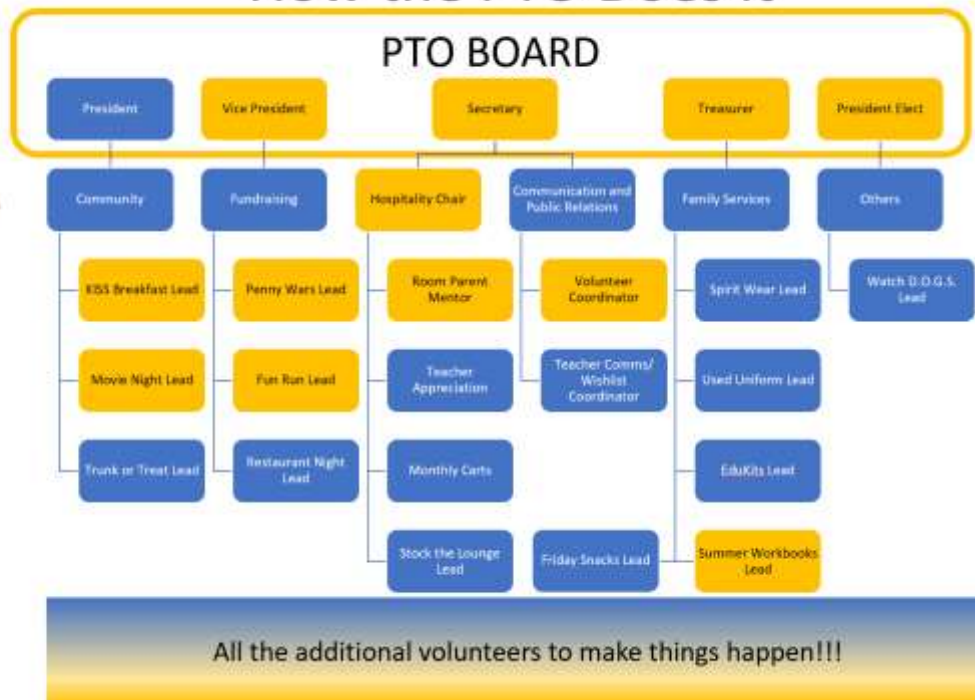
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How the PTO Does it

It is a team effort to do all that the PTO does!

The orange blocks indicate vacant positions for the 2023-2024 school year. If you want to take a bigger part in supporting the teachers, community, and school next year please reach out to Kim Kays at maptopresident@gmail.com



PTO Fundraisers

Penny Wars

Kings Soopers

Restaurant Nights

Friday Snack

Spirit Wear

Mabels Labels

What PTO does

For the Teachers:

New Teacher Breakfast
Teacher Appreciation

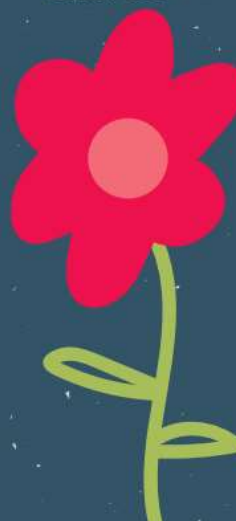
Stock the Lounge
Teacher Checks
Teacher Grants
Monthly Carts
Wellness Bar
Luncheons
Petty Cash
Wish List

For the School: For the Families:

Playground Equipment
Water Fountain Filters
Watch D.O.G.S
Shade Pavilion
Movie License
Used Uniform Sale
Calendar Magnets
Restaurant Night
KISS Breakfast
Trunk or Treat
Movie Night
EduKits

For the Children:

Playground Equipment
Core Knowledge Day
Summer Workbook
Classroom Parties
Workbook Party
Friday Snacks
Spirit Wear
Craft Fair





SPIRIT WEAR SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Incoming K-5 graders, MA PTO wants you to design the next spirit wear shirt for the 2023-2024 school year.

Draw the Lynx head on the left and enter to win. One from each grade will be selected.

Please submit as a pdf, jpg or png file.

Must be enrolled in K-5 in 2023-2024 school year.

Due April 7

Return to front office or
spiritwear@monumentacademy.net

Student Name: _____

2023-2024 Grade: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE OR SPIRITWEAR@MONUMENTACADEMY.NET

Fundraiser with Rhea Lana's!

**Let your piles of unused kids items
bring funds to your school!**



Rhea Lana's
has always
made it our
goal to help
local families
obtain what
they need for
their children
without
breaking the
bank.

Do you have bags of purged kids items that you had planned to drop off at a thrift store? Wait! We are doing fundraising for Monument Academy!

Monument Academy will receive 50% of the sales brought in from the items you Donate to the school AND we believe in helping community so any of your unsold items will be donated to the children at Kids Crossing Foster Center and the Children's Literacy Center.

All you have to do is....

1

GATHER

Collect gently used children's items you are ready to let go of.

2

DROP OFF

Bring to Monument Academy between
April 3-7

3

SHOP

Receive a Free Pass to shop Early and get dibs on what you need for your Kiddos!



ITEMS WE ACCEPT:

Apparel (size 0-20)

Toys

Baby equipment

Books

Shoes

Outdoor toys

Kids Furniture

Dress up

Games

Puzzles

****If its for kids and gently used, we accept it!**





SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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Join us on
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 • 5:00–7:00pm
to help support
Monument Academy PTO– MOBILE ONLY





NORTHGATE Chick-fil-A Spirit Event



We are excited to partner with your school or organization and want to make your experience as easy as possible. You have several ordering options; your order must be placed using our App.

EVENT TIME IS: 5PM - 7PM ON THE SCHEDULED DAY.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW



1

Download the Chick-fil-A App and sign-in or create an account

2

Select Pickup at restaurant

3

Select Northgate

4

Choose your pickup method:
Mobile Dine-in
Mobile Drive-thru
Mobile Carry-out
Curbside

5

Make your selections

6

Under "Have a special request?"
Type: **Spirit Event**. This is the only
way your order will count

7

Complete your order



1

Download the Chick-fil-A App and sign-in or create an account

2

Select Deliver to me

3

Select Northgate
(Doordash orders or other
Chick-fil-A restaurants do not
count towards **Spirit Event**)

4

Make your selections

5

Under "Have a special request?"
Type: **Spirit Event**. This is the only
way your order will count

6

Complete your order

7

Our dedicated team member will
bring your order to you