

# LYNX NEWS

## East Campus Edition

### March 10, 2023



## Upcoming Events:

- March 13-17 – Spirit Week, flyer inside
- March 13 – Progress Reports sent home with Students
- March 14 – Orchestra Concert, HERE at 6:30 pm
- March 15 – Choir Concert, PRHS at 7 pm
- March 17 - Spirit Wear Friday (Middle School)
- March 17 – HS Movie Night, HERE at 6:30 pm
- March 24 - Spirit Wear Friday (MS)
- March 27-31 – **NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break
- April 7 – First Friday of the Month Free Dress (MS)
- April 12 – PSAT/SAT tests for all HS students
- April 14 – Spirit Wear Friday (MS)
- April 17 – CMAS testing for 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- April 19-20 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ponderosa Event
- April 19-21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade YMCA Event
- April 21 – **NO SCHOOL** – staff appreciation
- April 28 – HS Field Trip
- April 28&29 – MS Drama “Oliver”, HERE at 7 pm
- April 29 – PROM – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- May 5 – MS Field Day
- May 6 – MS Color Bash, HERE at 6 pm
- May 12 – HS Big Summer Blowout, HERE at 1 pm
- May 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Movie Night, HERE at 6 pm
- May 15-18 – HS Finals Week
- May 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders’ event in afternoon then evening 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation Ceremony
- May 18 – Half Day - Last day of School



At the end of Quarter 3, **March 10<sup>th</sup>**, the current items in Lost and Found will be **donated**. Please claim your items **TODAY**. Thank You!

## Delay Start and MS Early Dismissals

There has been some confusion regarding the students who have early release when we have a two-hour delay. The administration asks that students not be picked up early when we are on a two-hour delay schedule because the students miss the learning that occurs in their 7<sup>th</sup> period class. If you still need your student to be dismissed at 3:00, call in to the front office to have the student dismissed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Principal, Collin Vinchattle at [cvinchattle@monumentacademy.net](mailto:cvinchattle@monumentacademy.net).

## 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

## MS CMAS Testing – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

If your child is in 6th - 8th grade, we are approaching that time of year when we administer the CMAS test (CO State Standardized Assessment). The CMAS testing window is from March 20, 2023, to April 29, 2022.

- 6th Grade testing (ELA and Math)
- 7th Grade testing (ELA and Math)
- 8th Grade testing (ELA, Math, and Science)

The specific schedule for CMAS testing will be published mid-March.

Throughout the school year, Monument Academy administers a variety of content related tests per state and federal requirements. This [assessment calendar](#) on the Monument Academy website provides details on each of the assessments (i.e., grades tested, purpose of test, dates of tests).

You may also find helpful information on the state website <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment>

Per Colorado law (HB 15-1323), parents have the right to refuse to have their child(ren) take the state standardized tests listed above. [Parent Refusal Information](#) is located on the MA website. The [refusal form](#) is located in FamilyID. **If you are opting out of the state assessments, please complete this form by March 17, 2023, so an accurate schedule can be created. All students, whether completing the assessments or not, will attend school at MA East on testing days.**

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade YMCA Trip

Registration for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip is open! All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to spend three days and two nights, April 19-21 at the YMCA of the Rockies for adventure, education about the outdoors, and fun. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders should have received a registration checklist with details on Friday, Feb 24. We are still looking for parent chaperones to help with the trip. You can register your student and yourself as chaperones on the school's FamilyID website (<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2>).

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming trip, contact Mr. Brown ([kbrown@monumentacademy.net](mailto:kbrown@monumentacademy.net)) or Mr. Vinchattle ([cvinchattle@monumentacademy.net](mailto:cvinchattle@monumentacademy.net)). Have a financial need? We want to make sure your student can attend the trip. There are scholarship funds available, make sure to reach out.

Act now! The registration deadline is **March 15**.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ponderosa Trip

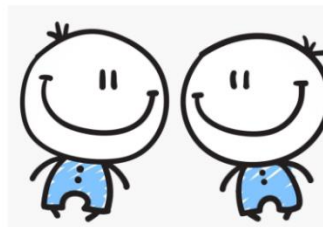
If you have any questions about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip, please contact Mr. Herbert at [mherbert@monumentacademy.net](mailto:mherbert@monumentacademy.net)

## **MS-HS Spirit Week, March 13-17**



Monday March 13  
Comfy Day

Tuesday March 14  
Twin/Triplet Day



Wednesday March 15  
Music Day

Thursday March 16  
Western Day



Friday March 17  
St. Patrick's Day

\*Wear green\*



MA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

01234  
**FREE  
ADMISSION**  
01234

# MOVIE ★ NIGHT ★

MARCH 17, 6:30 - 9PM

POPCORN AND NACHOS WILL BE SERVED FOR \$1  
ALONG WITH OTHER CONCESSIONS ALL \$1

BRING BLANKETS AND PILLOWS  
GUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE

2023 EVENTS CONTRACT

2023 MOVIE VOTING FORM

**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.

Sign up here or use QR code:  
[www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering](http://www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering)

Questions? Email us at  
[mavolunteers@monumentacademy.net](mailto:mavolunteers@monumentacademy.net)

**Follow the code to register!**

MONUMENT ACADEMY  
EST 1996

L E A R N I N G

## 4 Steps to Get Started as a Volunteer

### 1 GET REGISTERED

#### Option A: Self Register

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

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

#### Option B: Added by Organizer

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

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

### 2 DOWNLOAD THE APP

- Open the app store on your mobile device
- Search for "Track It Forward" or "Volunteer Time Tracking"
- Download the app with the green logo
- 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

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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Some sites may not use the calendar



### 4 LOG YOUR HOURS!

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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Contact your organization with questions about logging hours





## Watch D.O.G.S.

The Dads of Great Students WATCH D.O.G.S.® program is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations designed and developed by educators, experts and parent & guardian volunteers over more than two decades.

The programs for Elementary and Secondary School campuses help provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Meanwhile, we provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security, reduce bullying and provide a greater sense of campus safety allowing students and teachers to focus on learning and instruction. Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures serve on campus for one day or many each year under the leadership of a program coordinator and under the guidance of a school principal or designated administrator.

Please sign up [HERE](#) to participate as a Watch D.O.G.S. at Monument Academy's Secondary Campus.

Questions, just reach out to [EMAIL](#)

## From Athletics Department:

**Week of March 6th, 2023**

**Come on out and support your Lynx student-athletes!**

### **Lynx Spotlight**

Monument Academy would like to recognize our very own, Addison Michalak, for her dedication and hard work in Cross Country and Track & Field. Addison was awarded 2022 Youth Cross Country Athlete of the Year at the USATF Banquet earlier this year. We are extremely proud of Addison and all her accomplishments as a young athlete at Monument Academy. Addison was invited to the Oregon Relays in April to compete in the 1600m/Mile run. Best of luck Addison at the Oregon Relays!



### **Middle School Track and Field**

Monument Academy Middle School Track and Field season has started! Our athletes have been hard at work with our amazing coaching staff, lead by head coach Kristi Streeter. Our first CCAL Track and Field Meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Manitou Springs. Best of luck this season to all of our amazing student-athletes!

### **Middle School Girls' Soccer**

Girls' Soccer registration is now open. Any girls interested will need an up-to-date sport physical before they are able to practice and participate. Tryouts/practice will begin Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Girls may sign up for BOTH soccer and track and field if they so choose to. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays, while practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at King's Deer Field at 4:30pm – 6:00pm. Click here to register for [MS Girls Soccer](#).

### **High School Track and Field**

Monument Academy High School is now accepting registrations for the 2023 season. Registration will be open until March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that your student athlete has an up-to-date sports physical, registration fee is paid, and all required parts are filled out correctly. Here is the link to register your student athlete for [HS Track and Field](#).

Our High School Track and Field Athletes have been hard at work as our season has begun. Our first meet is vastly approaching for this season. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> as our Track and Field team will be competing in the Panther Invite. Meet starts at 9am and here is the link to the location: [Memorial Stadium, Harrison HS](#)

### **Middle School Cheerleading**

Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year! There is a mandatory parent meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at MA East starting at 5pm.

For questions, email Coach Thompson at [sthompson@monumentacademy.net](mailto:sthompson@monumentacademy.net)

Click here to register for [Cheerleading](#)

# 2023 MA CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



## MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Grades must be a C or above in order to try out.**

## MANDATORY TRYOUT CLINIC

**April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 in the MA East Gym**

## MANDATORY TRYOUT DATE

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sthompson@monumentacademy.net)

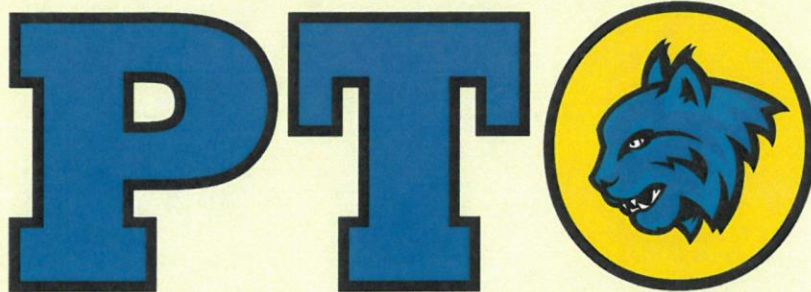


# MA EAST PTO MEETING INVITATION

APRIL 7 (FRIDAY)  
AT 8:30 AM  
MA EAST CAMPUS



 [maeastptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:maeastptopresident@gmail.com)



**Monument Academy East PTO**







**Monument Academy East PTO**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
*Volunteer*

*for 2023-2024 School Year*

We strive to have volunteer positions that can be done from home, can be one-time, short term or year long. Please contact us to see where you could help!



Contact Stephanie at  
[maeastptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:maeastptopresident@gmail.com)



**Monument Academy East PTO**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE  
ON THE MA EAST

*PTO Board*

*for 2023-2024 School Year*

MA East PTO Board Positions Available:  
Secretary, Treasurer, & President-Elect



Contact Stephanie at  
[maeastptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:maeastptopresident@gmail.com)



## From the MA East PTO By-Laws

The purpose of the PTO shall be:

To promote and foster the experience of community and school pride among parents and faculty.

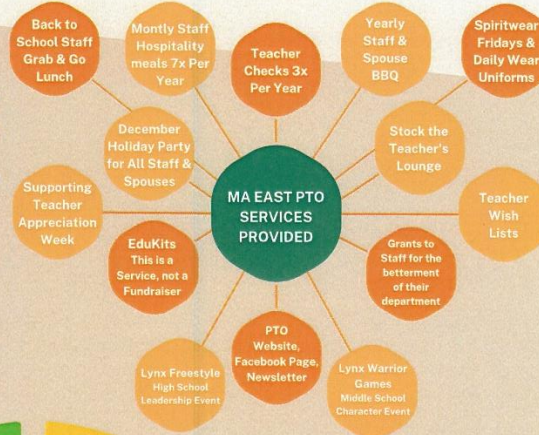
To work together for the education and general welfare of the students.

To provide financial support to school projects chosen by members of the PTO in cooperation with officers, teachers, and committees.

To promote and develop academic and character excellence.

Monument Academy East Campus PTO is an autonomous private organization with 501c3 status.

We fulfill our purpose statement by providing these Services annually.



The estimated cost to supply the above services is \$19,000 annually.

We fund these services with these revenue streams.

It would not be possible to provide these services and encourage teacher retention, parent involvement, and student growth without collaboration and communication.

Our PTO strives to maintain positive relationships with all Parents, Staff, Administration, and the MA Board.

**ENCOURAGING**  
the development and retention of the Student Body, both High School and Middle School. Through events, collaboration and fundraiser support where possible.

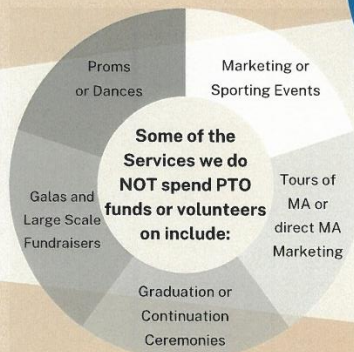
**SUPPORTING**  
Teachers and Principals by putting in due diligence and striving to understand the chain of command and following approval procedures for events, uniforms, fundraisers, etc. We are committed to maintaining a respectful and open communication with all staff.

**COLLABORATING**  
with the Monument Academy Board through our meeting attendance and continued partnership.

**NETWORKING**  
with and bringing our many talented parents together for the betterment of the school.

We draw on these experts, Small Business Owners, Visionaries, Crafters and Leaders who are part of the MA Community.

These individuals make up our qualified and committed PTO Board and Volunteers. We strive to broaden our volunteer base for optimized community involvement.



### We also do NOT use funds for:

Personal use in any capacity including coffee, retreats, meetings, etc. These are provided by the individual or by donation outside of PTO funds.

\*All Services are subject to Volunteer and funds availability. While we would like to provide all these Services annually without fail, circumstances outside of PTO control do come up and may change things. If that happens, we will follow our quick and open communication guidelines and let affected parties know.

# Step Up

Develop strength to face something difficult.

This month we are focused on helping students understand that courage is not a magical remedy for fear. Instead, courage is a choice to push through fear, self-doubt, and anxiety to do things that feel hard or frightening. **We are partnering with you this month to grow your child's courage.** This month's activities will help your child understand that courage can equip them to make a positive impact at home, at school, and in the community.



## 1 Engage: Courage Role Play

Discuss having the courage to do the right thing. As a family, role-play situations with your child where they might have to demonstrate courage. For example, role-play what it would look like if they saw a friend being rude to someone else at school. What would they do? How can courage help them stand up for what is right?



## 2 Empower: Roles at Home

Create a list of household chores. Assign the various chores to each family member. Discuss any additional tools or support needed to accomplish each job. Have a weekly family check-in to celebrate success in completing each job by taking turns giving each family member an affirmation. Rotate chores and ask what additional support is needed.



## 3 Excel: Try Something New

Ask each family member to share something positive they want to do but have been afraid to try. Discuss what fears are getting in the way and steps to overcome those fears. Encourage everyone to try something new this month. Don't forget to celebrate each family member when they do!

### Conversation Starters

- ♥ Describe a time when you were fearful at school, but you were able to overcome it because of your courage. What helped you to be courageous?
- ♥ Who is someone you consider to be courageous? What are some ways they show courage?
- ♥ Think of a recent failure at school. What was a lesson you learned from this experience?



# LYNX FUND

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**STUDENT  
ACTIVITIES**

**ATHLETICS**

**SCHOOL  
SAFETY**



**TEACHERS**

**EXPAND  
CURRICULUM**

**PHASE II**

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

Jake Dicus, Manager of Development & Mission Engagement  
[jdicus@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jdicus@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](http://www.MABootScoot.givesmart.com)



Please submit your RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/EPzJUFC9Jzc6gGKG9>



MA BOARD  
CAFE  
CHAT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH  
8:30-9:30AM

With Board Members Ryan Graham, Craig Carle and  
Special Guest Interim COO Kim McClelland

Serrano's Coffee Company,  
625 W Highway 105, Monument, CO 80132

RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/hfEZnNq7Tbpp3U3Q8>

THE MONUMENT ACADEMY BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS HOLDS MONTHLY CAFE CHATS  
WITH OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, GIVE  
FEEDBACK, AND MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS.

**Election Link Here: [BOARD](#)**



## 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](mailto:Board@MonumentAcademy.net)