



Newsletter January 28, 2021

Attendance 303-972-2627 ext 3001 or Email veronica.botcher@jeffco.k12.co.us If you email your teacher, please include Veronica in the email.

Important Dates to Remember:

February 5 - Valentine-Grams Order Form and Money Due (See order form below)

February 8 - Fundraiser at Carlos Miguel's. 11:30 am-8:00 pm.

February 8-11 MPA Girl Scout Troops Cookie Sales at MPA North. 3:00-3:30 pm

February 12 and 15 - NO SCHOOL for In-Service Day and Presidents' Day

We are Selling Valentine Grams: We will not be sending the order form home in hard-copy format this year. Order a Valentine-Gram for your child, and it will lovingly be delivered to his/her classroom on Thursday, February 11, 2021. See below to get a copy of the order form and further information.

Yearbook Update: 6th Grade parents, it is not too late to submit a baby photo for the Yearbook. Please email us at mpayearbook20.21@gmail.com or have your child bring a hard copy to your classroom teacher.

Please send us photos! We would love to have your photos included in the book this year! Mpayearbook20.21@gmail.com.

Round Two Enroll Jeffco window now open: Thank you to the families that did complete the Enroll Jeffco confirmation. We had the best response ever. If your student is new to the District, you first must set up a profile for them in Jeffco Connect. Your next step is to go to Enroll Jeffco and apply. Questions? Need access to the site? Call or email Veronica with any questions. Veronica.Botcher@jeffco.k12.co.us.

<https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/>

<https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/enrollment/enrolljeffco>

Pending COVID Tests: Please remember that if either your student OR any household member has a pending COVID test, they must stay at home until the results are in. Also, please get a PCR test if you do need a test. We cannot accept most rapid test results, and you will need to get another test if it's not a PCR test.

Aftercare Program Our Aftercare program is operating from 3:00 pm -6:00 pm. Thank you, Ms. Lori, for making this happen. Students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade may participate. There are a few remaining spots. Please remember that these spots are for those who need Aftercare 4-5 days per week. The Aftercare will be its own cohort, so we need to have a consistent roster. If you are interested, please register using the following link <https://forms.gle/Hn6VkkZ3e3nSyMP57> If you have questions please contact Lori at Lori.Lubthisophon@jeffco.k12.co.us

Pollinator Garden Volunteers Needed: Our school is very fortunate to host an observation hive. It gives our students a unique opportunity to witness and study the life of honeybees. To help them thrive, our student, teacher, and parent volunteers worked hard to turn a piece of land right behind our school into a beautiful Pollinator Garden. We have created an amazing pollinator sanctuary which feeds our bees through spring, summer and fall and attracts a variety of pollinators such as: bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, hummingbirds among others. It also provides shelter for pollinators for their survival and procreation. It attracts a variety of birds. Along with that, it offers an attractive display of native wildflowers like Indian Blanket, Mexican Hat, Black Eyed Susan, California Poppy, Blue Flax, Cosmos, Prairie Clover, Rocky Mountain Bee Plant, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, Scarlett Poppy and many more. It gives our students the possibility to experience nature firsthand as well as study science, literature, math, art, and music.

Our garden was designed to bloom from early spring until late fall. It features perennials and annuals that will reseed themselves each year. We refrain from the use of any harmful pesticides or herbicides, the use of which is associated with endangerment and extinction of species of insects, birds, and other creatures. To help maintain this habitat and secure its future, we need volunteers to lovingly care for it. Regular weeding by hand is one way we can help.

In order to maintain this amazing garden for the bees and outdoor space for the school, we need eight families to adopt a plot! Decorate a sign or rock with your family's name to make it fun for the kids too!

The plots are 35ft x 32ft, and you will be in charge of the maintenance, for example, weeding. Ms. Lucyna will schedule a time with you to show you what to do, and then you are on your own! It's a great way for all ages to give back to the school on your schedule while enjoying the outdoors.

All seeds should re-sprout. We will need families to keep their plot weed-free through the end of October.

Friday, March 19, there will be one day of clean up. Weeding is approximately four hours a month, or it can be one-hour a week, or you can spend a little more time bi-weekly.

Feel free to share the plot with another family and share the responsibility!

Due to Covid, you will need your own supplies, but you can get a weed puller and gloves for under \$20. If you need help getting supplies, let us know! Paper bags will be supplied. Please be prepared to wear a mask if another family shows up.

Feel Free to contact Sarah Ahr - Sarah_ahr@yahoo.com or Ms. Lucyna with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4facae2ea4fec43-mpaadopt>

Students getting picked up late after 3:15 pm: This year we do not have a designated person to stay with your student when you are running late. Students who are not picked up by 3:15 pm must stay with their teacher so they remain in the same cohort. We appreciate a phone call letting us know what your arrival time will be. We will bill you \$1.00 per minute made payable to the teacher. We ask that you please be respectful of your teacher's time.

Don't Forget Your Health Screener Form! Remember! You will need to fill out your form before your student may come into the building. If you need more screeners please ask your classroom teacher or click on the below link to download and print at home.

https://mpeaks.jeffcopublicschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1820384/File/Self%20Screening.pdf

Parents: Please Wear Masks on MPA Property: We ask that all parents please wear masks while on the MPA property. Even if you're walking up to pick up or drop off your child from the Lilley Gulch parking area, we ask that you always have a mask on to keep our staff and children safe. Thank you for working with us on this

2020 Fee Statement: If you need a statement of fees for 2020, please email Amy.Nuanes@jeffco.k12.co.us. You can expect a statement within two business days.

Virtual Tour/Q&A Panel : More tours have been added! Virtual Tours and a Question and Answer panels for new prospective families interested in attending MPA in the 2021-22 school year are filling up fast! If you know of any interested families, please spread the word. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49a4af2fa6f58-virtual>

COVID Health Information: Visit our website for detailed COVID related health information:

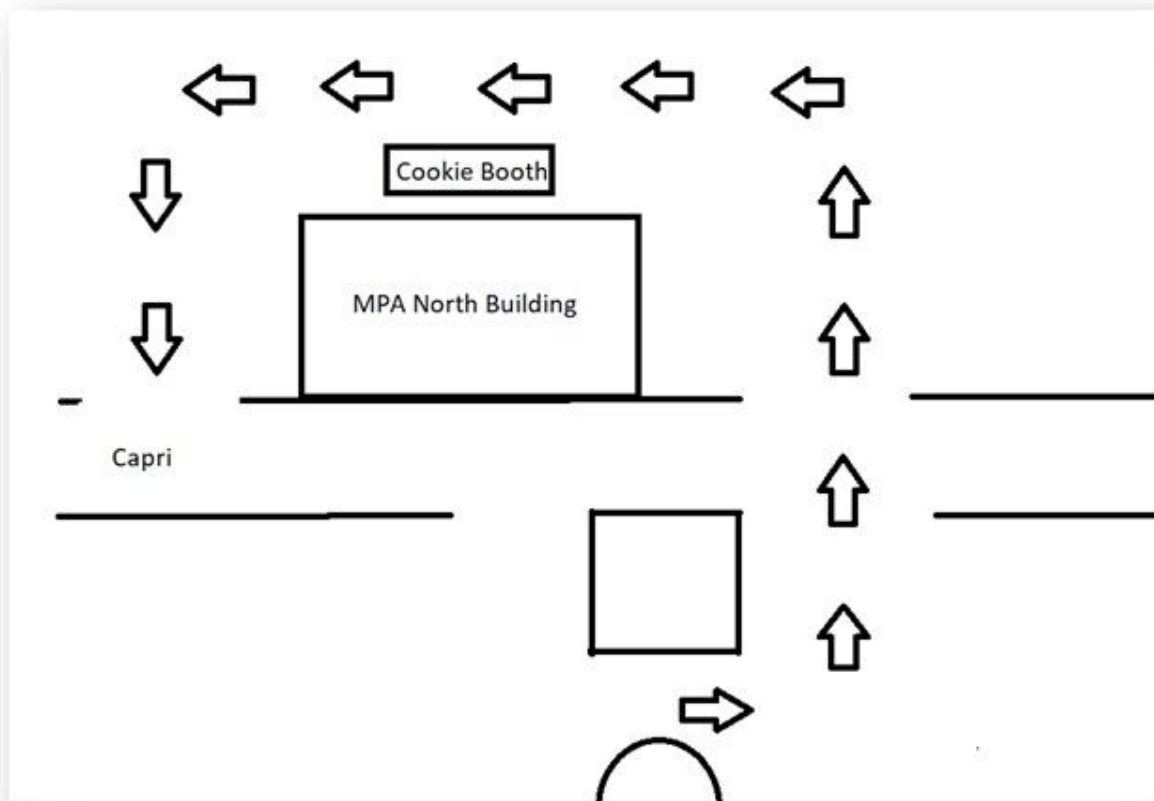
Jeffco Schools: [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Girl Scout Cookie Booth Drive Thru

Monday, February 8th – Thursday, February 11th
MPA North Parking Lot

MPA has several Girl Scout troops that are selling Girl Scout cookies this year! Proceeds from the sale of cookies helps to pay for exciting experiences for the girls including camping trips, crafts, and community service projects.

If you would like to support troops from our school, we invite you to purchase cookies from one of our drive thru booths. A different troop will be selling cookies each day after school, Monday, February 8th – Thursday, February 11th. The booths will be located in the MPA North building parking lot from 3:00 – 3:30.



Colorado Ski Country USA—Click the links for information about the 5th and 6th grade Ski Pass program. Awesome!!

<https://www.coloradoski.com/passport>

https://www.coloradoski.com/sites/default/files/users/user165/CSCUSA_2020.21_Passport%20Registration.pdf

Additional Links and Resources

[MPA Website](#)

On Instagram at [montessoripeaksacademy](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/MontessoriPeaksAcademy/>

<https://jeffcopublicschools.org/>

 Valentine-Grams 


Order a Valentine-Gram for your child (return this form and payment to school by Fri. Feb 5th) and it will be lovingly delivered to his/her classroom on Thursday, February 11th, 2021.


A surprise plush animal will be tucked in a bag, with your personalized Valentine message for your child's enjoyment. The profits will support sixth graders on their outdoor education trip in April.

Each Valentine surprise costs \$5.00. Please include all information requested on the form and tag, as well as the recipient's first and last name!!! We want to be able to make accurate and speedy deliveries! Forms must be received by MPA no later than Friday, February 5th by 3:00 p.m. with payment!!

Please return this whole page and money to the classroom teacher. They will make sure the office receives the form and money. We will cut the tags and ensure delivery. Thank you for supporting our fundraising event. Make check payable to MPA.

DO NOT CUT TAGS OFF-- RETURN THE WHOLE PAGE

<p>Student First & Last Name: _____</p>	_____
	Classroom Teacher: _____
Message: _____	From: _____

<p>Student First & Last Name: _____</p>	_____
	Classroom Teacher: _____
Message: _____	From: _____

Smart but Scattered: Helping Children and Teens Strengthen Executive Skills

February 25, 2021

**Virtual Session for Parents and Families
5:30pm-7:00pm**

Please [click here](#) to access RSVP link

For more information, please contact:
Karen Jensen karen.jensen@jeffco.k12.co.us
Mishela Carroll Mishela.Carroll@jeffco.k12.co.us

Presenter Info:

Dr. Peg Dawson is an internationally known school psychologist specializing in executive skills for schools and organizations.

Strategies for Parents and Families: Helping Children and Teens Strengthen Executive Skills to Reach Their Full Potential

Executive skills are brain functions which help us to accomplish goals, overcome challenges, plan and organize activities, and work to complete a task. These skills are critical to learning and while some students seem to acquire them naturally, many struggle to develop them. Join us for a session with Dr. Peg Dawson, to learn how these skills develop in children and strategies parents and families can use to help their children be successful learners.

Healthy Learning at home:

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/health_services/healthy_schools/become_a_healthy_school/healthy_learning_at_home



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Healthy Learning At Home - Jeffco Public Schools

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