



## Monthly Newsletter March, 2021

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Hello MPA Families,

Well, it is March! This means it is time for parent teacher conferences. After a year of pandemic disruption, this is a good time for parents and teachers to connect. You, as a parent, probably have questions such as; ***How is my child growing academically? How is my child growing emotionally? What are the next steps in their development in the next three months? What are some key works we can do to support my child at home to be ready for next school year?*** These four questions can easily fill a 30-minute conference. Each teacher has a conference process to answer as many questions as possible and define the next steps. Please look for conference sign-up information from your child's teacher. Finally, remember the most effective parent-school relationships are collaborative and respectful. Thank you for taking the time to talk about your child and what it means for their future.

What will school be like next year? Great question! The answers are slowly coming this Spring. For parents who are considering a remote option for their child or children next year, we, at MPA, will discuss this issue at the next MPA Board meeting on March 16. If you could give us a few more weeks to make decisions before deciding to enroll in the Jeffco Remote Option program, that would be great. Stay tuned!

Jefferson County is now in the Blue range of the COVID Dial. This is welcome news, however, it doesn't change much at MPA on our health and safety protocols. Our current process is keeping the school open, and we will continue mask use, health screeners, and social distancing as much as possible. Currently, about half of the MPA staff has had the first shot in the

vaccination process. Getting the MPA Staff vaccinated will help us keep children safer and have less staff quarantines, which means less disruptions to the school and more learning. Hopefully, we will continue to see more declines in the virus positivity rates as the Summer approaches. Thank you for wearing your mask while on the MPA campus.

Peace and Progress,

-Mr. Brian

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**March 8-**Poutine Me! Food Truck Fundraiser at MPA 4-7pm

**March 11** - Noon Dismissal- Conferences if not done before or after

**March 12** - No School - Conferences if not done before or after

**March 14-** Put Clocks Forward One Hour

**March 16** - Tuition & March Aftercare payments due

**March 20-21** - PTA Virtual Trivia Game

**March 22-26** - Spirit Week

**March 23-**Fundraiser at Boston Market on Wadsworth and Crestline ALL DAY

**March 29 - April 2** - No School - Spring Break

**Food Truck Fundraiser!** Join us Monday, March 8, 4-7pm right here in our parking lot for Poutine Me! Remember! NO access to the playground or the building. Please be sure to social distance in line with masks and take your food home with you. A percentage of sales will go toward the 6th Grade Adventure in May.

<https://poutine.me/>

**Boston Market Fundraiser!** Join us all day on Tuesday, March 23 at 8500 W. Crestline, Littleton, 80123. Be sure to print your tickets (see below) and bring them. A percentage of sales will go toward the 6th Grade Adventure in May.

**PTA Virtual Trivia Games:** See the information below about a new fun and exciting PTA event! RSVP by March 17 to enter to win a board game.

## **Spirit Week Themes: Be Sure to Participate March 22-26!**

These themes were chosen by our Upper Elementary 6th Graders:

Monday: Book Character Day

Tuesday: 80s Day

Wednesday: Wild and Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: Video Game Character Day

Friday: PJ Day

**PTA Sponsored Lunches on March 11:** Hello, MPA Community! With conferences coming up, the PTA is coordinating a delivered lunch from Noodles and Company for our wonderful staff on March 11th. If you would like to contribute towards a staff member's lunch, please contact Amanda Baugher, and she will let you know how you can help. [amandalorentz@hotmail.com](mailto:amandalorentz@hotmail.com)

**What are Guidelines for Remote Learning?** Remote Learning is not a drop-in service. We will inform you if your child is eligible to join remote learning on a temporary basis. Students who will need to be out of school for continuous days due to illness or who are in quarantine will be placed in remote learning. Here is the list of reasons to join remote learning:

- Waiting on test results (1-3 days) – Lead teacher sends home paper & pencil work.
- Pre-Arranged Personal Vacations - Lead teacher sends home paper & pencil work.
- Quarantine more than 3 days (personal vacations do not qualify) – students will report to Erin (LEL) or Todd (UEL), and they will include them in lessons that go with the work they have in progress already from their Lead teacher. The Lead teacher will inform the remote teachers that your child is joining remote learning. The Lead teacher will send home work and materials. The Lead teacher has informed Erin/Todd what your student is working on (not a class quarantine; just a single student quarantine).
- Extended absence (more than 3 days) – same as quarantine

**Quarantine Information:** If you have more than one student at MPA, and one of them has a class quarantine, your other student may attend school unless they or their sibling at home develops symptoms.

**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. Your student may not return to school until they are completely symptom free. Stuffy, runny noses and cough can be uncomfortable in a mask.

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

### [Mental Health and Wellness Hub - Jeffco Public Schools](#)

Jeffco Schools Foundation -Thanks to our generous community, Jeffco Schools Foundation is able to continue to provide supports over the Summer of 2021 for students and families impacted by the economic impacts of COVID-19. Through the leadership of our District, and in partnership with our community partners, corporate partners, and volunteers, we are able to continue to offer internet support ...

[www.jeffcopublicschools.org](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org)

[https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/mental\\_health\\_services/mental\\_health\\_hub](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/mental_health_services/mental_health_hub)

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

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

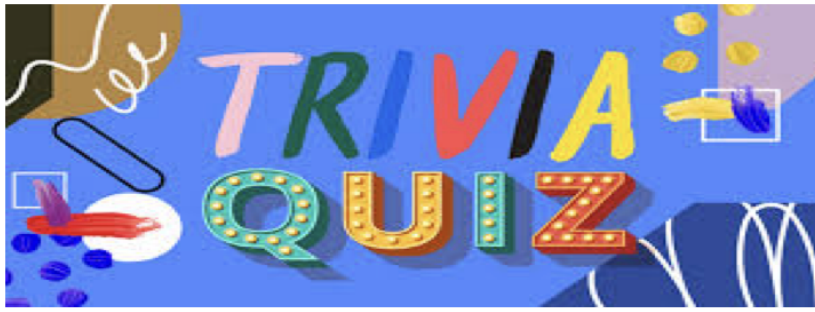
### **Additional Links and Resources**

[MPA Website](#)

On Instagram at [montessoripeaksacademy](#)

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

<https://jeffcopublicschools.org/>



Bamboo can grow about an inch in one hour.

## The MPA PTA is pleased to present: Family Trivia Hour



Writers once used bread crumbs instead of erasers to correct pencil mistakes.

MPA Family Trivia Hour

(virtual, on line)

March 20 or 21, 3pm

Your PTA will be hosting a virtual trivia hour for all MPA families. Both events will be the same so we ask that you sign up for 1 SignUpGenius slot per family.

All SignUpGenius RSVP's received by Mar. 17 will entered to win a family trivia board game.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA5AA22ABFC1-mpafamily>

**MPA families, please join us for a virtual family trivia hour being hosted by your PTA on March 20 and 21 at 3pm.** You may have had a chance to join in on one of these virtual games before or, like me, it may be your first time. Kids and adults of all ages say it's a ton of fun so give it a try and see what all the fuss is about! We ask that you RSVP by signing up for one of the time slots in the SignUpGenius link. Both events will be the same so just pick the day that works best for your family. You will need a computer (phone, tablet, chromebook) with internet access to participate. Children who are good readers may be able to play alone but we encourage your family to play together. Zoom links will be emailed to those that sign up. Goodie bags will be sent home with the kids in advance with snacks and trivia to celebrate our school trivia hour event.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA5AA22ABFC1-mpafamily>

All RSVP's received by March 17th will be entered into a drawing for a family trivia board game!





# FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Bring this ticket to our event and present when ordering.

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# Montessori Peaks Academy

## Academic Calendar 2021-2022

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**First Day of School for K-6 Students**

August 17

**Last Day of School for All Students**

May 26 (Half Day Noon Dismissal)

**First Day for Preschool**

August 18

\* Possible DIBELS Assessment Days for K-3<sup>rd</sup>, August 13 and 16, and/or Teacher Meet & Greets. \*Depends on Jeffco Assessment Calendar Window

**No School for Students**

- Oct. 8, Feb. 18, April 15
- Parent/Teacher Conference windows Oct. 8-22, March 1-18
- Fall Break, Oct. 22
- Thanksgiving Break Nov. 22-26
- Winter Break Dec. 20-Jan. 4
- Spring Break Mar. 18-25

- First day for Lead staff Aug. 10
- First day for Assistants Aug. 11
- Last day for Lead staff May 27
- Staff Workdays, Aug 10,12,13,16, Oct. 8, Jan. 4, March 18, May 27
- Staff In-Service Days, Aug. 10-11, Oct. 8, Jan. 3, Feb. 18, April 15
- Potential Snow Make Up Days: April 15, May 27

**Half Day of School for Students 12:00 pm Dismissal**

**Holiday (no school)**

- Labor Day – September 6
- Thanksgiving Day – November 25
- Christmas Day – December 25
- New Year's Day – January 1
- Martin Luther King – January 17
- Presidents' Day – February 21

JANUARY 2022						
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JUNE 2022						
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**Student contact days:** First semester = 82.5 Second semester = 91  
**Teacher workdays:** First semester = 87 Second semester = 97  
 School hours for full-time students will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. This calendar was approved by the MPA Board of Directors on 2-16-21.

