



Monthly Newsletter May 6, 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:

- 3-7 Staff Appreciation Week
- 10-14 6th Grade Adventure Week
- 14 Talent Show online at 3:30 pm--DATE AND TIME CHANGE
- 17 - 21 Field Days (Students Only)
- 18 Parent Survey Due
- 26 6th Grade Graduation at MPA at 6:30 pm
- 27 Last Day of School--NOON dismissal

What to Expect for the New School Year: Our goal is to send out a Summer Newsletter in mid-July with updates for the new school year. We're hoping to have more information from the State and District levels to report to our families at that time. We do know we will not be holding an in-person Registration. Our PK and K parents will be sent an email about completing the additional registration forms. Everything will be done online. We ask that you please log onto Jeffco Connect now and verify all the information is up-to-date and correct. The District cleans up the files over the summer and then has you log back into your account and verify again that all the information is correct. The information held in this account is vital to us at the school level and the District level as well. Our funding is determined by the accountability of each student. This is why we ask you to access the account often.

If you don't remember your username and password, please contact Ms. Veronica in the office. It is much easier to locate this information now than in the Fall.

It's hard to believe this school year is just ending and we have an article about the Fall already! Enjoy the Summer, and look for more news to come out in July.

Parent Education Night Recording: What a great evening of information and sharing about fostering independence in children. The link to the Zoom recording is only for the presentation by Jasmine and Maria from the National Center of Montessori in the Public Sector. Sorry, but we can't record the breakout sessions for many reasons.

Topic: MPA Parent Education Night

Date: Apr 26, 2021 06:14 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Recording:

https://jeffco-k12-co.zoom.us/rec/share/qLF2woXdbv-JIjFr94sRxxMZY-S-lGkjt0bhGsl_yV2_n9Rjfw6KCAMLLclPpCh.mO9NLIjoI38a073N

Access Passcode: ZQ?19#AZ

MPA Parent Survey 2021: We are asking all families to complete the MPA's Parent Survey. The survey will only be open for two weeks. It will close on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021, 11:59 pm.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbadvFyuDX8IQueuQroMtoNpIdbk6vibIDKBoU7gVwPgJDAQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Health Appraisals and Health Care Plans for 2021-2022: Our partners at Children's Hospital have advised that appointments for well-check ups and health care plans should be made EARLY this Summer! With the COVID-19 Vaccines being approved for those 16 and up currently, and in the very near future, 12 and up, appointments will be filling up fast. ALL PK and K students and those using Before/Aftercare need a Health Appraisal filled out every 12 months. Any student needing an epi pen or inhaler at school will need the proper health plans filled out and signed by the health care provider. See your email next week for the forms needed.

One More Virtual Tour! Due to popular demand, we have set up one more virtual tour for prospective families! May 12 at 9:00 am. Sign up here! Pass it on.

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

No Remote Learning Next Year: Next year MPA will offer only in-person learning for students. If parents need full time remote learning for the school year, please register for the Jeffco Remote program.

MPA Talent Show--Online May 14!: Due to the many participants, Mr. Tyler will need another week to get the show put together. The link will be out next week!

Yearbooks: The 2020-2021 Yearbooks will be arriving the last week of May. This is the first and only opportunity this year for ordering. In an effort to know how many copies are needed, we are requesting this form to be completed. Payment must be complete to obtain the copy. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00. All

payments will be made via Jeffco Connect ONLY! Once you have filled out this form, you will see a charge on your Jeffco Connect Account. You must pay there in order to receive a book. Please fill out ONE FORM PER CHILD.

<https://forms.gle/w4W28wNNhpDHHWvf6>

Medication Pick up: If you have medication in the clinic, Ms. Christine will be at carline on the last day of school at NOON on May 27. Please drive up to the end of the carline where she will have all the medications ready to hand to you and sign out. We cannot keep medications over the summer. Please pick them up, or they will be destroyed.

From the Library: Summer Vacation with Shelly the Turtle! Due to the amount of construction we are having on site this summer, we are looking for an MPA family who might be willing to keep Shelly, the library turtle. It would be easiest if you have a bathroom with a bathtub that she could stay in. If you prefer, you can try to take her whole 75-gallon tank, but it's a beast to move.

Ms Heather would provide food, filters, and care instructions. Shelly's a pretty easy keeper. Last spring, she stayed in Ms. Heather's bathtub with a few bricks in it for resting, and then she crawled around the bedroom several hours a day so she could get some exercise and bask in the sun.

If you are interested in taking Shelly for the summer or would like more information, please contact Heather. Heather.Walter@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Chromebooks: As we start to prepare for the end of the school year, we are preparing to have everything that has been loaned out returned to us. We would like to have our in-person students bring back their MPA Chromebooks and charging cords during the week of May 17. For our remote students, we will have a curbside drop-off the afternoon of Thursday, May 27. This is the time needed for the remote students to access their online classrooms through the last day of school.

Library Books: Please have students bring library books back the week of May 17. We will need to get everything checked in, re-shelved, and inventoried before going on summer break. If you have questions about any of this, please feel free to contact Heather or Cindy in the library.

Heather.Walter@jeffco.k12.co.us

Pre-Arranged Absence Form: Please complete the Pre-Arranged Absence Form if your student will be out of the building for longer than two consecutive days for vacations and medical procedures. The form is not required for quarantines. This is so helpful to both the teacher and administration. Remote learning is not available

for students who are taking a vacation. We are limiting remote learning to quarantined students and special circumstance cases. See below for the form.

Panda Express Fundraiser: Thank you to all who attended. We had a small snafu in the morning. Luckily Ms. Christine called and was able to straighten things out. Our restaurant fundraisers are finished for this school year. We thank all of you who have attended all year! We raised a total of \$2,300! See you in September!

Quarantine Information UPDATED: 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.

Also, if you or your student tests positive and the health department contacts you saying that your test has been randomly tested and came back positive for one of the variants, please tell us immediately. This changes your quarantine time.

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.

Why is your Student Absent?: Please remember when calling or emailing your student in for an absence, we must have the reason. We are required by the District to know why your student is not in attendance. If they are out due to illness, please give us as many details as possible. We are still tracking symptoms to rule out COVID-related illness.

Don't Forget Your Health Screener Form! Remember to add your students first and last name! 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

[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

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/>

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE FORM – Elementary, K & PK

This form must be completed and submitted to the school office no later than 3 days prior to the scheduled absence.

Complete one form per student.

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

DATE(S) OF ABSENCE: _____

REASON FOR ABSENCE: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone contact during absence: _____

This form must be completed and submitted to the school office no later than 3 days prior to the scheduled absence

Any absence not specifically covered by another section of the Conduct Code, such as family vacations, college visits, or other extended absence, must complete a pre-arranged absence form in order to be excused. This form must be submitted at least three days prior to the scheduled absence. In order for the absence to be excused, the student must meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. Is in good academic standing
2. Has no unexcused absences
3. Has four or fewer excused absences in a semester or seven or fewer in a school year

The school will enforce the written district policy for make-up work.

Administrative use:

- o Administration has checked student academic performance and student is at grade level in all areas.

Administrator or Designee signature: _____ Date: _____



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-3rd**, 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

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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.