

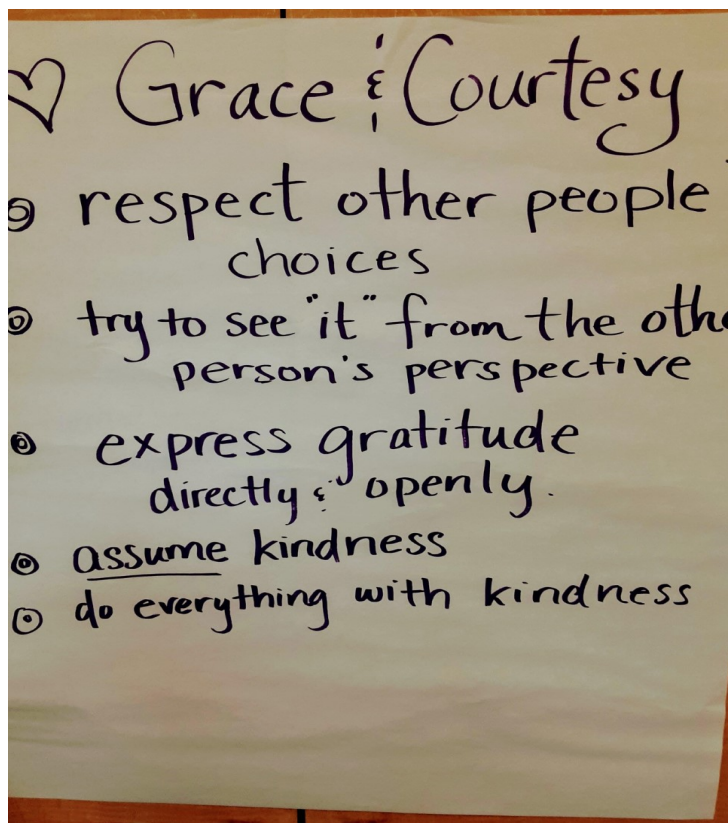


August 20, 2021 Newsletter

Back to School Social
August 28 3pm-7pm
See Flyer for more details

Dear MPA Families,

Grace and Courtesy: One of the reasons I joined MPA as a staff member was because I saw this phrase, "with grace and courtesy" on posters around the building. Well, at MPA it is more than words on a page; we live it each day. In fact, it starts at carline; we are genuinely excited to greet each student and start each person's day with kindness. The poster below is from our first day together as a staff, and we did an activity to renew our commitment to Montessori with grace and courtesy.



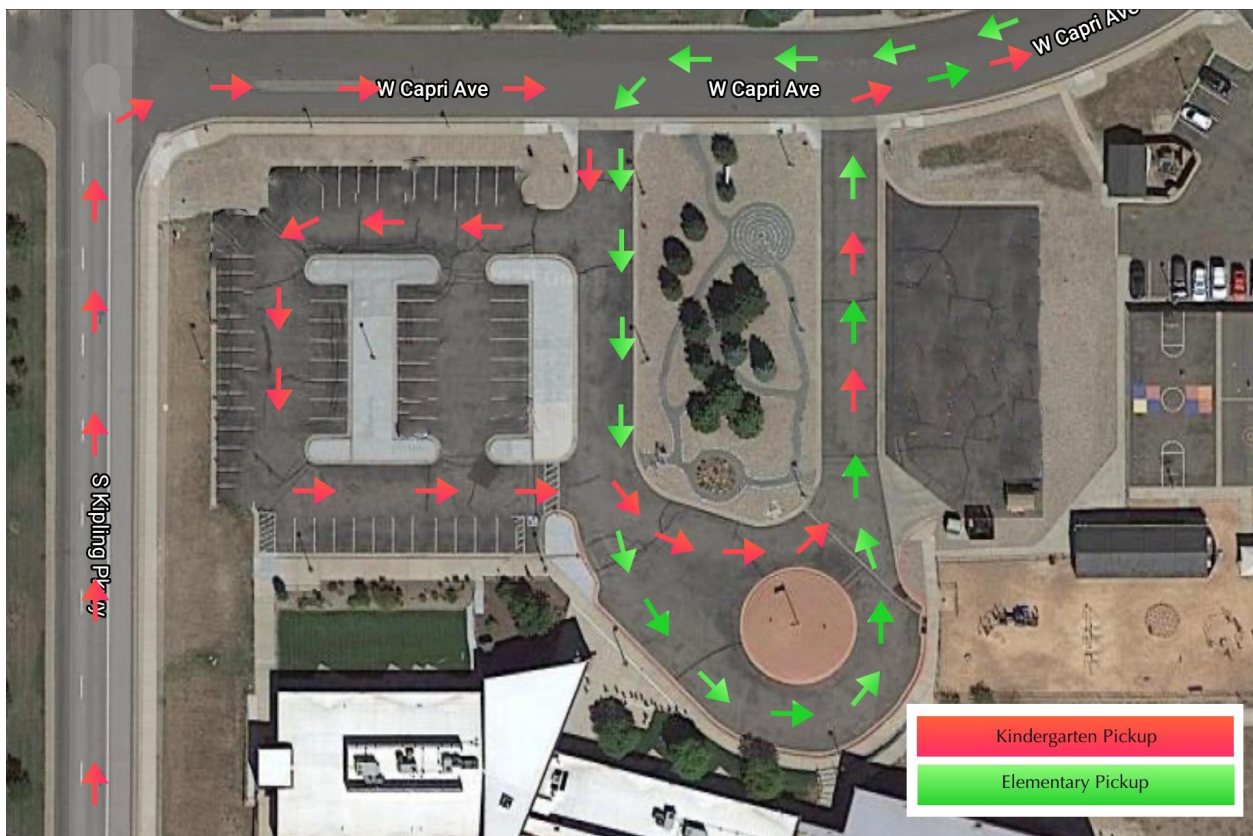
By the way, we are off to a great start this year, which is credit to our whole MPA community of students, staff and parents. Sure, we have a few things to smooth out like the flow and direction of carline traffic (see the map below for which direction you need to enter the parking from Capri Ave). I have noticed parents building up students' independence by saying goodbye at the doors instead in the hallway. Way to go, parents! We need to remind ourselves that some students are

needing more time to adjust to a whole day of learning because they have been out of school for more than a school year due to the pandemic. At MPA we chose this positive mindset because it makes all the challenges easier to handle.

Open Slots at MPA: Currently, we have some open slots at MPA due to some parents wanting remote learning and others upset over the mask mandate. If you have friends who are not satisfied with their current school or want to come to a more gracious and courteous school, please refer them to Ms. Veronica in the front office.

No Playground Use Before School: Parents, please keep children off the playground structures on either the Primary or Elementary playgrounds during the morning dropoff.

Afternoon Careline/Pick-up: Please notice the red arrows for Primary pick up, and Green arrows for Elementary pick up.



In times like these, we ask ourselves; "What would Maria Montessori do?".

With Grace and Courtesy,

Mr. Brian Berg

Important Dates to Remember:

August 24 MPA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm on YouTube Livestream. Link will be sent out on Monday.

August 28 MPA PTA Back to School Social 3-7pm

August 30 Deadline to register for September meals [click here to register](#)

August 31 Upper Elementary Back to School Night 6:30 pm

September 1 Primary Back to School Night 6:30 pm

September 2 Lower Elementary Back to School Night 6:30 pm

MPA Board Meeting Comments:

The basic parameters for public comment at Board meetings are as follows:

1. All comments will be heard only at the beginning of the meeting as designated in the meeting agenda.
2. Anyone wishing to provide a public comment should provide notice to the Board by emailing either Jack Luellen or Becky Springstead prior to the start of the meeting.
3. There is a limit of 3 minutes per comment, which can be made shorter if needed to accommodate all interested in speaking.
4. Depending on the circumstances, reasonable time, place and manner restrictions can be imposed and not everyone is guaranteed to be able to make comments at the meeting.
5. All comments must be presented with grace and courtesy and decorum must be maintained at all times.
6. The Board doesn't comment or engage with the speakers but will discuss the public comments during the Board meeting subject to the meeting's agenda.

Informing the office: When sending notes via the office, please remember to add your student's teacher's name. This is very helpful to expedite the note.

If there is a positive COVID case in your family, please let us know

immediately! We will be working closely with JCPH and our partners at Children's Hospital to let you know about any necessary quarantines.

PLEASE SELF-SCREEN YOUR CHILD BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR SCHOOL EACH

DAY! DO NOT SEND your child with a fever above 100.4 degrees, ANY COVID symptom that we do not have documentation from a health care provider of as being allergy-related, such as cough or runny nose, will result in your student being

sent home. This has not changed from last year! Your child must be fever-free and without any vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. If antibiotics are prescribed, they must be ON THEM for 24 hours before they return to school. If there is a COVID test that you are awaiting for anybody in your household, your child needs to be at home until it is back.

Health Concerns: If your child has ANY health concerns that we need to know about to best care for them at school, please email Christine.Hain@jeffco.k12.co.us and discuss with her. She is our Health Aide that works under our Children's Hospital RN Nurse Consultant, Kelly Brown.

Health Appraisals and Health Care Plans for 2021-2022: ALL PK and K students and those using Before/Aftercare need a Health Appraisal filled out every 12 months per our childcare license. See this form at the end of the newsletter.

Medication at School: 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. The Epi pen and Inhaler plans are linked here:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/coloradoasthmacareplan>

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/standardanaphylaxisplan2016>

If your student will need ANY medication at school, including anything over-the-counter, you will need to have your health care provider fill this out VERY specifically: We do NOT provide ANY medications at school. You must provide them.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eh2DZ_k3NqWSf-VBqygodnwIO-M5qRLcBf0x0DFdaSA/edit

Medication Drop Off: Please drop off the medication and all paperwork on the first day of school at the very end of the carline. They must have RX or name on the package and not be expired.

Medical Exemption Form: Jeffco Public Schools offers medical exemptions for mask wearing, once you apply the request is reviewed and either accepted or denied.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffvmfMMamO4I7kDHdTki-w-QDTgQWX4VpUKyX5sHevcjviKA/viewform>

New Vaccine Exemption Requirements: Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, if you wish to exempt your student from any vaccines, you will need to fill out the attached form AND have a health care provider sign it, OR you may do an online course and print the certificate and turn that in.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UdHc39zCBmuyeBBjxShHa15mG-Ea9yFG/view>

The online course is at the end of this document.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

Get Ready to buy your MPA Swag: This year the PTA has put together a site to buy your MPA T-shirt and hoodie. See the flyer below to order now! We look forward to seeing the attire throughout the school!

Stay connected via Social Media

Instagram at [montessoripeaksacademy](#)

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

Additional Links and Resources

[MPA Website](#)

<https://jeffcopublicschools.org/>

NEEDED: Please see the picture below. Our food manager Miss Shannon is in need of serving trays. Please contact her if you would be able to donate.
Shannon Ennenga shannon.ennenga@jeffco.k12.co.us

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**125
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Five Compartment

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BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL

WHEN

**August 28
3pm-7pm**

WHERE

**Montessori Peaks
Academy**

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school
for the 2021-2022 School Year!**

**FOOD TRUCKS, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND
FUN!**

FOOD TRUCKS

**Food will be
available for
purchase from 3-6.
MAC 'N NOODLES
CHIBBY WIBBITS
SLIDERZ AND BITEZ,
Gluten free and
vegan options will
be available.**

KONA ICE

**will be there from
4-6 and donating
20% of their
proceeds to MPA!**

MPA PTA

**MPA PTA is hosting
this fun evening.
We could use your
help! Sign up here:**

**MPA PTA: Back to
School Social
Volunteer Sign Up
(signupgenius.com)**



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PEAKS ACADEMY
Jeffco Public School of Choice**

**Montessori Peaks Academy
Health Appraisal Form
Statement of Physical Condition
2021-2022**

Student's Name: _____ was given a physical
examination within the last 12 months on: _____

Immunization records are up-to-date (Please attach record) ____ Yes ____ No

Chronic medical Conditions: (List) _____

Restrictions: (List) _____

Allergies: _____

____ Cleared for age appropriate activities

____ Cleared for preschool attendance

Date of child's next physical and well check up: _____

Today's Date

Physician Name (print)

Physician signature

Address

Phone

Montessori Peaks Academy 



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ONLINE**



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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-3rd, August 13 and 16, and/or Teacher Meet & Greet. *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.



Montessori Peaks Academy

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There are so many ways to support MPA and engage in this wonderful community!
The PTA supports and is in need of help with the following:

- **DEWEY'S DASH**- MPA's annual fall fundraiser. Children recruit sponsors who support them in this fun run/obstacle course. Come join the team! Many positions are available. Contact Aron McCauley-Blocher at arondeweysdash@mpeakspta.org
- **BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL**- Food trucks, bounce houses, and fun! Help us welcome back the community to school. Sign up here: [MPA PTA: Back to School Social Volunteer Sign Up \(signupgenius.com\)](#)
- **PASSIVE FUNDRAISING**- Amazon Smiles, King Soopers cards, etc. These are all wonderful examples of passive fundraising that can support MPA. We need your help! Contact president@mpeakspta.org if you would like to lead.
- **SPIRIT WEAR**- Help us sell our Dewey/ MPA shirts and more! Contact Kim Husted to help by emailing volunteer@mpeakspta.org
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION**- Our staff is amazing! We need help providing them lunch on in-service days and help celebrating teacher appreciation week in the spring. We need your help! Contact president@mpeakspta.org if you would like to lend a hand to this committee.
- **HUG N' DROP**- If you have a few minutes to spare in the morning, we can use your help in getting the students safely out of the cars in the hug and drop line each morning. Contact Amanda Baugher at president@mpeakspta.org to help.

- **HOT LUNCH-** Delivering hot lunch to the younger students and helping the older students come through the servery line is needed each day. Contact Ms. Shannon at sennenga@jeffco.k12.co.us to sign up to help.
- **YEARBOOK-** We are looking for a leader for this annual tradition at MPA! It's a wonderful way to recap each year. Contact volunteer@mpeakspta.org for more info.
- **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE-** Our MPA students love LEGO! And they love being on a team building LEGO experience even more. LEGO building, problem solving, engineering, coding and more. We need coaches and support! Contact Caitlin Gardino at cgardino11@gmail.com
- **JR FIRST LEGO LEAGUE-** Our younger MPA students get to participate in JR FIRST LEGO League. LEGO building, problem solving, engineering, coding and more. To coach or provide support, please contact Caitlin Gardino at cgardino11@gmail.com
- **TRUNK OR TREAT-** A fun Halloween celebration! Join the team! Contact Chantel Esterby at volunteer@mpeakspta.org
- **BOOK FAIR-** Held in December just in time for the holidays! The Book Fair always decorates the library with its annual theme and Ms. Heather loves having parent help with the class visits and afterschool sales. Contact Ms. Heather hcwalter@jeffco.k12.co.us to help or watch for a sign-up genius to come out in the fall!
- **SPRING FUNDRAISER-** This fundraiser is currently being designed! It will be held in the spring. Contact Chantel Esterby at volunteer@mpeakspta.org
- **CHILDREN'S SOCIALS-** We need you! Typically held in the spring, the themed socials are a fun afternoon for Lower El and Upper El students. Contact president@mpeakspta.org if you would like to lead this committee.
- **BOOK GIVEAWAY-** At the end of the school year, MPA students are allowed to take a book home to keep from the library. Help with setting up and aiding the classroom visits is appreciated! Contact Ms. Heather at hcwalter@jeffco.k12.co.us to help.
- **Join the PTA!** <https://mpeaks.memberhub.com/store>