



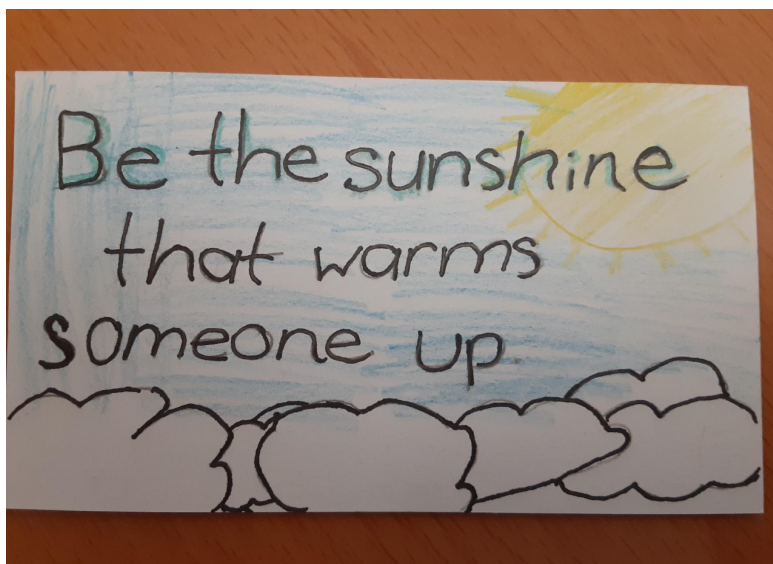
September 3, 2021 Newsletter

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - LABOR DAY

Dear MPA Families,

Thank you for attending the Back to School Nights this week and learning about your student/s Montessori experience for this coming school year. Plus, it was so wonderful to have parents back in the building!!

Kindness Project: This month I will be visiting classrooms and talking about Kindness, reading a story and working on a Random Acts of Kindness project with grades 1st-6th. The goal is to create and pass out Kindness Cards. The world needs kindness, and our students at MPA will lead the way. Someday this month, during carline, you might be the lucky recipient of a student-created Kindness Card. Stay Tuned!



COVID Communications: Lately, some parents have been asking how will MPA be communicating about the positive COVID cases that happened at school this year? The plan is if a student tests positive from a classroom, a letter will be emailed to the classroom parents from MPA about the positive, not the whole school. If needed, Jeffco Public Health will handle communications if students have been exposed and need to be quarantined based on the contact tracing. Again, this process could change as the school year progresses.

Upcoming Parent Education Night: Back in August the MPA staff participated in an Diversity and Inclusion professional development, designed by one our MPA parents. Our goal with this work is to focus on "Montessori for All," which means a safe and inclusive environment for all children, from all backgrounds, all ethnicities, and beliefs. Sarah Stephens is an MPA parent of two children, a part-time MPA Homeschool teacher, and Montessorian with a mission. Please join us on Tuesday, September 28th, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the MPA gym for an evening focused on Celebrating Diversity. Please sign up by clicking on this link: [MPA Parent Education Night: Celebrating Diversity](#)



3M's Founder

Sarah's quest for education equity started long before she was born, having a family of multiple professors and educators. After completing her Bachelors of Arts in Spanish Literature and a Masters in Elementary Education, she met her true passion of Montessori in 2008, and the rest was history! She received her Pan American Montessori Society (MACTE) Early Childhood credential in 2013 and her PAMS Trainer certificate in 2017. After more than a decade of teaching and school administration, she continues to pursue her passion of Montessori education by means of the whole child and for ALL.

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Peace and Progress,

Mr. Brian Berg

Important Dates to Remember:

September 6 No School Labor Day

September 10 Dewey's Dash Kick Off

September 15 Picture Day

September 16 Tuition & Before/Aftercare payments are due

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.

Gifted and Talented: An upcoming family learning opportunity, GT Information Night, is taking place on Wednesday, September 15. View this [informational flier](#) and please visit [this website](#) for more information.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Alex at alexandra.odendahl@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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 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. **If we do not have this form by Nov 1, 2021, you will not be able to participate in the programs. (B/A School and or PK or K school).**

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

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/1FAIpQLSffvmfMMamO4l7kDHdTki-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! [Click here to order](#)

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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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

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Hey MPA families and friends,

If you're looking for additional ways to support your school while getting something back for your business, or recognition for your family, please consider this option! Advertise your business with its logo or list your business or family name as supporters under the logos for this years' Dewey's Dash on the back of the MPA Dewey's Dash t-shirt which will be worn by hundreds of kids and adults! You can use this form and/or send your information via email to: arondeweysdash@mpeakspta.org. Pricing is below. Please feel free to email Aron if you have any questions at all.



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Payment type: ☐ Check made out to Montessori Peaks Academy PTA (drop off at front desk)

☐ Give Lively – pay via Bank account, Apple Pay or Credit Card - go to mpeakspta.org, then Dewey's Dash

You may scan and email this to Aron or drop it off at the front desk.



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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 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://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 server 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>



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A Parent Education Night hosted by Montessori
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