



September 30, 2021 Newsletter

Attendance line 303-972-2621 ext 3001

Pre-Arranged Absence form is the last page of the Newsletter

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- October 1 Dewey's Dash Run
- October 1 One Day Count
- October 8 No School Staff In-Service
- October 16 MPA North Clean Up Day 7:00-11:00 am
- October 21 NOON Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 22 NO School-Fall Break
- October 27 Picture Retakes
- October 29 International Children's Day
- October 30 Trunk or Treat

Hello MPA Families,

October is one of my favorite months of the year! October brings colored leaves to the trees, a change in the weather, baseball playoffs and Parent/Teacher Conferences. By this time of the school year the teachers have learned many things about your child or children. This is a perfect time to connect and share and plan your child's academic and emotional goals, together. One of the greatest skills of Montessori teachers is how they observe the classroom and the habits of students. At your conference you can expect to learn about your child's:

- Recent academic progress
- Behavioral development
- Social interactions in the classroom
- Strengths and challenges within the learning environment.

Parents, you bring incredible valuable information to the conference by:

- Explaining your child's attitude towards learning and school
- What may be currently impacting your child's learning and emotional growth
- Describing your child's strengths and weakness
- Providing more information about your child's special interests and joys in life
- Struggles from the pandemic

Remember at this time of year, the conference is a replacement for the traditional academic report card. Being prepared as a parent will help facilitate a smooth and informative conference. Report cards will be going home at the end of each semester, which means early January and early June. Frequent and open communication is a wonderful way to learn about your child's school day and develop a stronger relationship with your child's teacher and being an advocate in their life development.

Look for communication about scheduling time to meet with a teacher either in person or by Google Meet during the month of October. Happy Conferencing!

Important Reminders:

**MPA North Clean Up Day**-Please come join us on Saturday, October 16th from 7:00-11:00 am to help clean up our grounds. The last time, we had over 50 people come out and help pull weeds, trim bushes, even cut a tree down, to make our future Homeschool and Middle School space presentable. Please sign up by clicking on this link: [MPA North Clean Up Day Sign Up](#)

### **Carline and Crosswalk Safety:**

- Thank you, parents, for turning off your car engines while waiting for your children, this helps us all breathe easier.
- Thank you for driving slow and not using your cell phone during carline. Keeping safety first is everyone's responsibility.
- No smoking on the MPA campus, even if you are in your car. This includes Vaping.
- If you are parking at the MPA North property, I encourage you to park in the main parking lot and cross Capri street where I am helping with traffic. I know this is farther for the Primary parents to walk, but the danger of crossing traffic and not using a crosswalk is a real concern. We are working at adding an official crosswalk on Capri street, but until then please walk down to my crossing area and I will help everyone get safely across.

Peace and Progress,

-Mr. Brian  
MPA Principal

**Introducing our New Team Member:** We have great news! We want to introduce **Karen Matthews, MPA's new Health Aide.** She has been with MPA

since September 13. Karen has had great enthusiasm and skills to help us out in the front office. Please give her a warm MPA welcome. You can reach Karen via email at [karen.matthews2@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:karen.matthews2@jeffco.k12.co.us) or 303-972-2627 X219.



**Informing the office:** When calling or emailing, please remember to add your student's teacher's name. This is very helpful to expedite the note.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found is growing daily! We will put the items outside the main office every Thursday. This week they will be outside on Thursday and Friday.



### **Hello Sixth Grade Families! It's that time to share those adorable baby pictures for the yearbook!**

We are collecting photos of your grown "babies" for the annual "Guess That Baby!" portion of the book. Please have them in digital form, so we can upload the picture to the page. Please email the pictures to [mpa.yearbook.21@gmail.com](mailto:mpa.yearbook.21@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

Thank you!

We look forward to seeing all the pictures!

-Yearbook Committee

**All Parent Volunteers:** Must have a background check done to participate in the classroom. This is very important for people to be in direct contact with students. The form is located online at our website. It does take a minimum of 3 days to a week to get the approval back. Please check with the office to make sure that the background check has cleared. Thank you, we appreciate your understanding!

[https://mpeaks.jeffcopublicschools.org/volunteer/volunteer\\_forms](https://mpeaks.jeffcopublicschools.org/volunteer/volunteer_forms)

**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.

If your child is going to be tested, all students from the same household must stay home until the results are received. If your student has a sibling and stays home and you decide to have testing done, the sibling must be picked up from school until you receive the results.

**Health Appraisals and Health Care Plans for 2021-2022:** ALL Preschool and Kindergarten students and those using Before/Aftercare need a Health Appraisal filled out every 12 months per our childcare license. **If we do not have this form by Nov 1, 2021, you will not be able to participate in the programs. (Before & Aftercare and/or Preschool and Kindergarten program.)** [Click here to download the Health Appraisal Form.](#)

**The MPA PTA** Staff Appreciation team is coordinating two great thank you events we need your help with.

We would love to provide breakfast for the staff on October 8th for the In Service day. Also lunch on the Oct 21st for the half day to help them fuel for their days of parent/ teacher conferences.

If you are able to sponsor a lunch or donate an item for breakfast please see the signup genius link.

Thank you MPA Staff for all you do for our kids!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba5aa22abfc1-staff>

**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:** Our food manager Miss Shannon is always in need of serving trays. Please contact her if you would be able to donate.  
Shannon Ennenga [shannon.ennenga@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:shannon.ennenga@jeffco.k12.co.us)

**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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YOUR  
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Youth & Adult Sizes  
T-Shirts: start at \$25  
Hoodies start at \$39

**PURCHASE  
ONLINE**



**SCAN ME**

Portion of proceeds  
support MPA PTA

**URL: [bit.ly/MPAshirt](https://bit.ly/MPAshirt)**

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 year's 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](mailto:arondeweysdash@mpeakspta.org). Pricing is below. Please feel free to email Aron if you have any questions at all.



## Pricing:

\$500 - Business Logo at top of shirt plus listed either business or family name

\$350 - Business logo only

\$200 - Family name or business name only listed under logos

## Thank you for your support!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s - Cell \_\_\_\_\_ home /office \_\_\_\_\_

Donation level: Circle one \$500 \$350 \$200 Fill in the information below where applicable

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be sending a logo? Yes No

Family or Business Name to List \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://mpeakspta.org), then Dewey's Dash

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





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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cgardino11@gmail.com)
- **TRUNK OR TREAT-** A fun Halloween celebration! Join the team! Contact Chantel Esterby at [volunteer@mpeakspta.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hcwalter@jeffco.k12.co.us) to help.
- **Join the PTA!** <https://mpeaks.memberhub.com/store>

# BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL STEM Clubs

STEM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Math)

## Enrichment Programs



**SLIMEOLOGY** Slimy, Goopy, and Gross. FINALLY, a club all about SLIME. We will make all different kinds of Non-Newtonian Fluids and explore the properties of matter. If you can squeeze it between your fingers and toes, we are going to make it. Floam, Sparkle Slime, and, of course, glow in the dark slime. It's a messy club made for the messiest of us all!

Starts 11/5/2021



**RADICAL REACTION LAB** Enter our reaction lab and you will be transformed into a chemist! Create chemical concoctions that fizz, bubble, and ooze. Make your own chemical reactions to create a super polymer bouncy ball, meet the mysterious Mushroom Men, create your own Magic Crystal, and much more. If you like mixing things up, then come get Radical in our lab!

Starts 1/14/2022



**SCIENCE BLOOPERS AND PRACTICAL JOKES** OOPS! Is it a blooper or something quite super? Discover the fun behind Serendipity Science as we use some crazy science to do amazing projects. Create your own Talking Cup. Experiment with the vanishing quarter. Have fun with your friends doing Amazing Feats of Science. Astound an audience with our terrific but very scientific magic tricks. Sign up today, and you'll be the one who has the last laugh!

Starts 2/25/2022

**BLAST INTO SPACE** SPACE: The Final Frontier! In this club you will train to become a Space Voyager. Learn about our Solar System, Planets, and beyond. Design your own space vehicle. Find out how it would be to live and work in space. Enjoy Astronaut Ice Cream. Build your own squeeze rocket. Don't miss out on this cosmic adventure!

Starts 4/22/2022



### Montessori Peaks Academy

- Meets on Fridays from 3:10 - 4:10pm in the Art Room for 5 weeks
- Grades K-5
- Price: \$89

For exact dates check the website



Find us on social media!  
#ScienceMattersinAmerica



Register at:  
[www.ScienceMatters.tv](http://www.ScienceMatters.tv)

Help keep everyone safe -  
Masks are required in this club

1-866-KIDZ FUN (1-866-543-9386)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_