



November 19, 2021 Newsletter

Attendance line 303-972-2621 ext 3001

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

Important Dates to Remember:

November 22 -26 No School-Thanksgiving Break

November 30 - 3 Book Fair

November 11 - December 3 Coat/Winter Wear Drive See Flyer Below

December 1 - 6th grade 100 Elk outdoor trip [RSVP deadline](#)

December 11 - Open House for New Perspective Families 10:00 - 12:00

December 13 - Smashburger 6th Grade Trip Fundraiser

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/192438>

December 13 - Ukulele/Choir Concert 6:30 pm

December 13 - 2022/23 Open Enrollment begins

December 14 - MPA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm

December 16 - All Tuition and Before & Aftercare fees are due

December 20 - January 4 No School - Winter Break

January 5 - Students Return

Hello MPA Families,

This is the season of gratitude and thanks. Everyday I appreciate the parents who trust us to educate their children, for all the MPA staff who love what they do, and for the students who are so eager to learn. The student artwork from Ms. Christen's class below is a beautiful example of how we embrace kindness and gratitude at MPA. Everyday is a blessing and enjoy your time together next week.



Morning Drop Off Routine: Please keep your children in the car until the drop of time starts at 7:50 am. Supervision of children starts at 7:50 am and we appreciate your help in keeping children safe.

Peace and Progress,

-Mr. Brian

MPA Principal

Here Comes the Book Fair! The MPA Book Fair will be running Tuesday 11/30 after school through Friday 12/3 after school in the MPA Library! Specific hours are listed below. Families are encouraged to come on the days listed for their levels, since we are trying to keep the numbers in the room at a time down this year. For more information about the book fair, please go to the MPA Book Fair website: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/montessoripeaksacademy>

Book Fair Hours:

Tuesday, 11/30 - 3:00PM-5:30PM (Lower EI and Primary student families)

Wednesday, 12/1 - 7:30AM-5:30PM (Upper EI and Primary student families)

Thursday, 12/2 - 7:30AM-7:00PM (Lower EI and Primary student families)

Friday, 12/3 - 7:30AM-5:30PM (Upper EL and Primary student families)

Don't have time to come inside? Use the online shopping link:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/montessoripeaksacademy>

We still need volunteers to sign up to help run the book fair! If you are able to come to work for a couple of hours, please sign up! We especially need people to come in on Tuesday during the school day to help younger students write their wish lists, but we can use volunteers any time there are openings on the schedule. To view the volunteer schedule and to sign-up to volunteer at the book fair, go to the [MPA Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up](#).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Heather at Heather.Walter@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Informing the office of an absence, late arrival, dismissal: When calling or emailing, please remember to add your student's teacher's name. This is very helpful to expedite the note.

Please call in your student's absence in the morning. Your student will receive an unexcused absence until someone is reached. This includes all grade levels. We must know the reason for the absence. We are required to make notes of Covid testing and any related illness. This is to negate further notice of a possible exposure. Thank you for notifying us.

We get asked many times if an illness is present in a classroom. We are not able to answer this. The only approved illness we can inform you of is Covid and if we have had a possible exposure. We can not give any further information other than what is stated in the exposure letter. We need to be in compliance with the information given to us from Jeffco County Public Health. If you need more information for how and why to get a COVID test, [this site](#) has more information.

Children Left Alone in the Car: Please do not leave your children in your vehicle alone at any time while on the MPA premises. Although it is not illegal to leave a child alone in a vehicle, it is frowned upon, and we do receive complaints from parents. Should anything happen while the child is unattended, MPA cannot be held responsible or liable. Although we reside in a safe neighborhood, no area should be completely trusted. If your child is in Elementary, please use the hug and drop; rest assured that your child will make it safely into the building, and this is beneficial to your other children. If you are dropping off your Primary student, please park and take all of your children with you to escort your MPA child to their classroom.

We cannot stress the importance of safety and precautions at all times. We stress again, please do not leave your young children left alone under any circumstances.

End of Day Carline: Thank you for turning off your engines while waiting for the carline to start around 2:55-3:00 pm.



Students check the lost and found: Remind your child to check the lost and found. We are seeing a lot of coats and water bottles on the rack. All items left behind will be donated during Thanksgiving Break.

Closures and Delays: MPA follows all Jeffco District snow closures and delays. Please review the details on the following link. [Jeffco Closures](#)

The MPA Food Program: The serverly could use some of these items for the lunch hour. The foods that cook in less than a 3 minute time. Examples: Mac and cheese, Small containers of Spaghetios, Soup, Breakfast type Bars,. Granola bars (-nuts). We are also in the need of some more of the Compostable trays (Available at COSTCO)

Looking for Volunteers. Are you looking for something to do to help at school? This is a good opportunity to meet the kids and teachers. Our Lunch Manager, Shannon, is awesome to work with. She puts a lot of time and effort into lunch time, making it special for the kids everyday. Reach out to Shannon at shannon.ennenga@jeffco.k12.co.us she can give more details. A background check is required prior to volunteering. Thank you for your donations and we hope to see you in the serverly.

Second Grade Students took the CogAt Assessment in October: Dear Families, be sure to check your student's folder for their Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) results and an important letter with further information regarding the test, how to learn more, and how to apply for GT Center for next school year. You can also view the letter online so that you have access to the links within it by [clicking here](#).

The district is offering a Webinar to parents to better understand the assessment.

Webinar: *Understanding the CogAT Assessment for Families*

Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021

6:30pm to 8:00pm *virtual*

For more information and to RSVP see [this webpage](#):

<https://tinyurl.com/uwj72yzz>

Pollinator Garden: This summer 2021 the committee planted trees. They are in need of volunteers to help water the trees. There are two places that need to be watered daily. These are split up into two volunteer opportunities. It would be great if they could have three people sign up for every day of the week. They will connect the four people to communicate their schedule for their day. And alternates if you are unable to make your day. This will be for the winter months, until spring when water is turned back on.

Location 1 - The Outdoor Ed area in the back of our school.

Location 2 - 3 trees in the Pollinator Garden which will be nice to water with a watering can.

Please submit your information to Lucyna, Pollinator Garden Lead

lucyna.broniszewskacampo@jeffco.k12.co.us

Name -

Email -



MPA is looking for creative parents to join the **MPA Marketing Committee**

The newly formed committee will be working with staff to help promote MPA, and increase enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year.

Plans include:

- Creating a marketing plan for the school
- Drafting content for social media sites and free websites
- Assisting with updates to the MPA website

If you have a background in marketing, or experience with social media/websites, we would love to have you volunteer! We will be meeting once a month starting in October.

If you are interested, please reach out to justinsassompa@gmail.com

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 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 and field trips. 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 get the approval back. Please check with the office to make sure that the background check has cleared. While you are in the building, masks are required. Thank you, we appreciate your understanding!

Click here to view the form

https://mpeaks.jeffcopublicschools.org/volunteer/volunteer_forms

Student Masks: We are seeing a lot more students arrive without a mask. Although we do have extra. We are going through at least 100 a week. We do accept donations of disposable masks, especially child size ones. Please help by sending your student with their own mask.

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, please get a PCR test. 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. If you have a special or unique circumstance, please contact Karen Matthews, Health Aide for further assistance.

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/>

YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTk626jTbEJz8BZkf639LA>
If you miss watching a Board Meeting you can view them on our YouTube Channel

Additional Links and Resources

[MPA Website](#)

<https://jeffcopublicschools.org/>

Looking forward to the skiing season? The Passport Program is back for 4th, 5th and 6th grade. See this link for more information.

https://www.coloradoski.com/passport?idU=1&utm_source=newsletter_1810&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mdr-in-state-2021

Rudy's Relief!

November 11th - December 13th

We are "Rudy's Relief", a community outreach and assistance project, under the umbrella of The Dead Roots, an organization started up by two Montessori alumni. As global citizens, we are aiming to help our local community through the coldest season by collecting jackets/winter gear, blankets, or anything you think would bring joy to other families in need.

Our founder, Sequoia Garza-Kcith, has been hosting an annual coat drive since 2015, and had the biggest success in 2019. We had the opportunity to donate hundreds of pounds of items to single moms in the Denver Metro Area with the help of Montessori Peaks Academy families and others!

We're looking for coats, mittens, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, anything that might make a family in need happier for the holidays!



Please look for the white plastic barrel in the foyer to the school entrance for your drop offs!!

Montessori Peaks Academy 



**MPA T-SHIRTS
& HOODIES**

**SHOW
YOUR
SPIRIT**



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

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. Foam, 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

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: _____