



The Knightly News

June 5, 2020

Happy Summer RMCA Parents,

We wanted to send out our summer newsletter to share with you all important dates and events that will be taking place over the summer. What a year it has been. I want to thank you all for the support and well wishes that I and the school have received during this closure.

I have had several questions from the community about what the new school year will look like for RMCA. This is going to change throughout the summer and the RMCA team has been working on many plans for our community. Here is what we know: We know that we are working on having the most normal school year possible. We will have 5day school weeks with normal schedules. We will have the most in person learning allowed by state officials. We will continue to have the cleanest and safest school building in the city. We will have some eLearning options for students if necessary and requested. We know that there will be huge cuts in school funding and that RMCA will be tackling these funding issues head on and will be able to provide the best schooling with the best teachers next year. We will have close to a 90% teacher retention rate for next year, which is the best we have had in many years and will lead to improved learning for students.

We know that there will be some safety regulations placed on schools around the transmission of COVID-19. My team has been actively planning for all possible social distancing outcomes and has multiple phases of planning to ensure that students can be in the building in front of teachers and learning with the least amount of safety restrictions placed upon them. This is an ever-changing situation and the safety protocols that we have in place today will change many times before August. We have already opened up the Preschool for parents and those regulations changed within the first week of opening. My team is doing everything possible to ensure that school looks as normal as possible for students and parents next year, and that we have as many options for school as possible for our parents.

Finally, we know that any learning students can do over the summer will help them as they return to the classroom next year. In this newsletter, you will see resources for reading, Lexia and ST Math. If you can see to it that your student accesses these materials as often as possible this summer, they will be in a better place to start in August.

I want to thank you all again for how we as a community have handled this topsy-turvy school year. Our teachers did a great job. Our students did a great job. Our parents did a great job. It is my pleasure to partner with such an amazing group of people. Please have a safe summer and we will see each other again in carpool in August.

Principal Mac



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Summer Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00am - 2:00pm

Front Office: 719-622-8000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Summer Camp

We are back for Summer Camp and we'd love to see you there! There are spaces available for children ages 3 through 6. For more information or to register contact

Melissa at

mcornelius@rmcacs.org
or at 719-550-5440.

Enrolling Now

If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling any new students here at RMCA, please fill out the Letter of Intent to Enroll form. You can find the form on our website under enrollment. The form should be fillable from your computer and the completed form can be sent to Lhuitt@rmcacs.org, faxed to 719-622-8004, or dropped off in our front office Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Once received, we will send a confirmation email and let you know if we have an immediate spot available in the grade(s) you are interested in. If a spot is immediately available, we will send over an enrollment offer through email. If a spot is not immediately available, we will place your student on our waitlist and offer spots on a first come first serve basis. Staff member children, students with siblings who currently attend, and students transferring from the homeschool will receive priority placement.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding enrollment, please contact me at 719-550-5339 or LHuitt@rmcacs.org. Thank you!

Student's Classroom Items

If you have not yet picked up your student's items from the school you will need to come pick up those items before June 12th. The school will be open between 9:00am-2:00pm. After July 10th the items will be disposed of.

2020-2021 Registration

This year registration will be done online. Please be on the lookout for further detailed information.

Elementary Yearbooks Have Come In

If you ordered a yearbook please contact Robin Joseph to schedule a time to pick it up, RJoseph@rmcacs.org or call 719-622-8000. Pick up times are from 9:00am-1:00pm. Unfortunately, Middle School yearbooks haven't arrived yet and have been delayed due to COVID-19. We will send out an email as soon as they arrive.

LEXIA

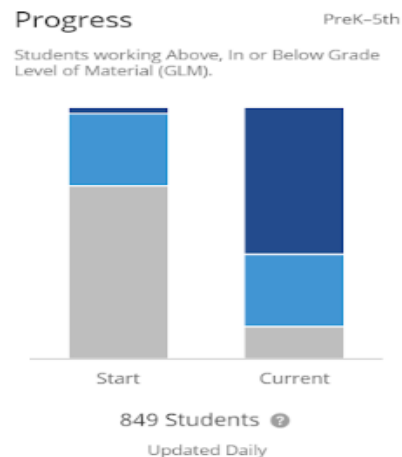


We have seen tremendous growth in our students this year in partnership with Lexia's reading program.

Our students working in above grade level material has grown from just 3% all the way up to 58% of our students! That is outstanding!

We have also moved our students working in below grade level material from 69% of our students down to 13%! Great job KNIGHTS!

Don't forget that over the summer, we can continue to grow by logging on 30 minutes each week day on Lexia.



Plan Your Move to Core5 Browser or Mobile Version—Now

The desktop-installed version of Lexia Core5 Reading will be discontinued after June 30, 2020. This is the version that users download from www.lexialearning.com, and install and run locally on their machines.

You will need to move anyone still using the desktop-installed version of Core5 to an alternate version (browser or mobile app).

How to know if you are using the desktop-installed version:

1. On your computer, open Core5.
2. At the login screen, click on the gear in the lower right corner.
3. Look at the top blue bar. If you see "Version 2.8.147 (v2.8)" or a version number LOWER than 2.8.147, you are using the desktop installed version and should move to the browser-based version.

How to access the browser-based version of Core5:

1. Download a supported web browser -- [Chrome](#), [Firefox](#), [Safari](#), or [Edge](#)
2. Open the browser and navigate to www.lexiacore5.com/register
3. Enter the teacher email to set up the device
4. Log in with the same username and password used on the desktop installed version



ST MATH



ST Math allows our students to represent and manipulate mathematical concepts visually.

Each set of new puzzles challenges the way our students approach a problem and gives them new ways to discuss how they solve them.

Our students have completed over 1,560,000 puzzles this year using ST Math!

Try your best to login for 30 minutes each weekday!

Minutes Spent

Last Week: **19,929**

This Year*: **974,461**

Puzzles Completed

Last Week: **23,252**

This Year*: **1,560,100**



COUNSELOR'S LETTER

Hello Parents and Students,

As we begin these summer months I wanted to give you a heads up about a couple of things. First, I have add some resources if you should need help (last page). Next, though I will be out of the office for the majority of June, I will still be checking my email from time to time. Please know that I will try to get back to you as soon as possible but there could be a delay so if you need something immediate please refer to the list of resources provided.

I encourage you all to do something fun, something you've never done before, and then go tell someone about it. Know that we love you all and we look forward to the day when we can see each other face to face again.

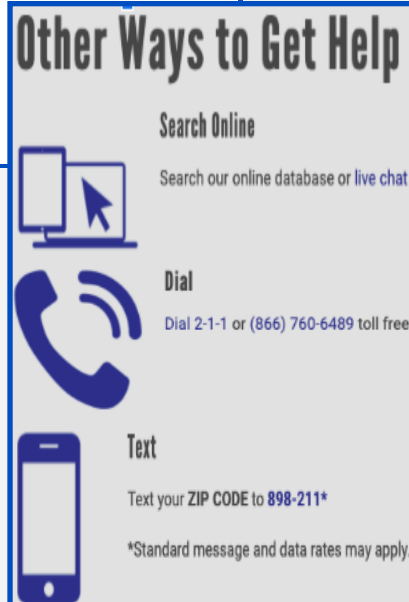
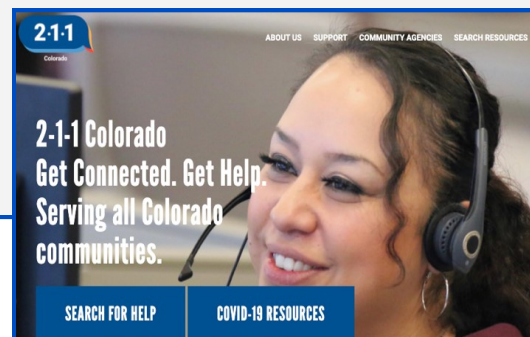
Jeff Stone
Elementary School Counselor
jstone@rmcacs.org

"The Resource Navigator was able to help keep me calm and I could tell she genuinely cared. No matter how many times I called for help, 2-1-1 was there for me."



2-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual service connecting people to vital resources across the state. No matter where you live in Colorado, you can find information about resources in your local community.

SEARCH FOR HELP



SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Summer Adventure

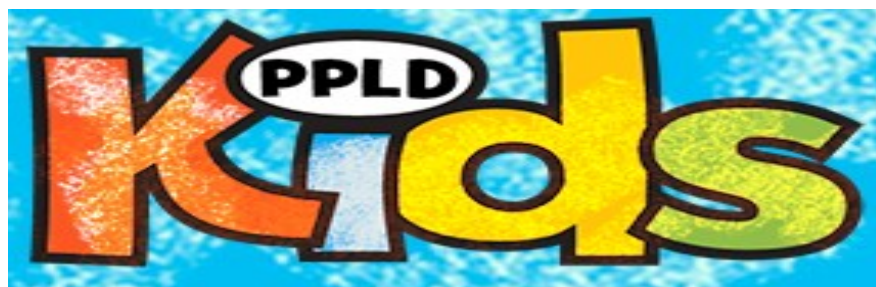
Presented by Children's Hospital of Colorado

Have an adventure with Pikes Peak Library District this summer! Our Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado game helps kids and teens stay engaged and active over the summer months, despite the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

We know you're looking for at-home activity ideas, and we are here to help!

Anyone ages 0 – 18 can participate and win prizes through reading, moving, and imagining. Either participate in one of our virtual programs or use one of our activity ideas!

<https://ppld.org/summer-adventure>



<https://ppld.org/kids>

Programs

- Baby Time
- Toddler Time
- Storytime
- Family Storytime
- Music & Movement
- Paws To Read
- Tween Programs
- S.T.E.A.M.

Games

- Central Intelligence Agency
- Disney
- Code Monkey
- Lego
- Star Wars
- PBS Kids
- **AND MORE!**

Read

- Reading List
- Book Reviews
- Novelist K-8 Plus
- By Reading Level
- Series/Sequels
- In the Spotlight
- Book Talking
- Read Online



MINES K-12 STEM PROGRAM COMES TO YOU!

CS@MINES VIRTUAL STEM CAMPS

June 15th through August 3rd

Separate camps for grades 3rd through 10th, taught by current Mines students

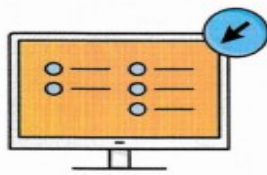
Weekly camps include learning specific computer science topics, take-home activities, and discussions on various STEM applications and careers!

Find more information and register at
<https://tech.mines.edu/summer/index.html>

CS@Mines



School Supply Kits



HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

BUILTBYBLU.COM



FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1

Visit the website: builtbyblu.com

2

Select the **state** for your child's school.

3

Select your **school** to order your child's school supply kit.

4

Add your child's kit to **cart** and continue shopping to buy optional items or another kit for the **upcoming school year**.

5

Review your order and **submit payment**.

6

Receive a **confirmation email** for your order.

**The email will be sent from schoolprogram@bluschoolsupplies.com*

**Your bank statement will show a charge from BLUSOURCE.*

YOUR LAST DAY TO ORDER IS: July 1 @ 12:54 pm

Once your site has closed, no changes or additional orders will be accepted.

School Coordinator:

CASSANDRA CANNON
CCANNON@RMCACS.
ORG

Your child's school supply kit will be sent to the school. Your school coordinator will provide details on when and where to get your kit.

BUILT BY **BLU**
YOUR SCHOOL. YOUR KITS.



www.BLUSCHOOLSUPPLIES.com • schoolprogram@bluschoolsupplies.com

If you'd like to purchase supplies on your own, our list is available on our website under Parent Resources.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Dear D49 Families,

Our commitment to serving students never ends: As we continue to operate under state and local public health guidelines that go beyond our campuses, and our regular school year calendar, we will continue our daily meal distributions through **Tuesday, June 30.** We will serve grab-and-go meals Monday - Friday from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. at our three D49 locations:

- **Evans International Elementary School**
- **Odyssey Elementary School**
- **Falcon Elementary School of Technology**

Meals provided by District 49 Nutrition Services are not free. Please contact [Nutrition Services](#) with dietary requests.

For a complete list of Pikes Peak school meal pickup locations, [Google Maps](#)

We will monitor the numbers of families we are serving, and may adjust our plans to ensure we're meeting our students' needs as efficiently as possible. Please continue to check our regular channels of communications for updates.

For other districts and schools distributing meals
Click [HERE](#).

Food Pantries-

Care and Share Food Bank

2605 Preamble Point
719-528-1247

High Plains Helping Hands

7375 Adventure Way,
719-495-3123

Fresh Wind Community Church

805 North Murray Blvd
719-352-4545

Trinity Church of the Nazarene

5055 El Camino Dr.
719-599-7990

Open Arms Food Bank

6540 Templeton Gap Rd.
719-591-1800

Mercy's Gate

4360 Montebello Dr.
719-277-7470

Redeemed Christian Church of God

3525 North Carefree Circle
719-313-9053

Utilities

Salvation Army

908 Yuma Street
719-636-3891

Home Front Cares

1120 North Circle Dr.
719-434-1501

Financial Assistance

Mountain View Electric

11140 East Woodmen Rd.
719-495-2283

Mercy's Gate

4360 Montebello Dr. #300
719-277-7470

Energy Resource Center

114 West Rio Grande St.
719-591-0772

Clothing

Teens with Promise

5775 North Academy Blvd.
719-266-0106

Mercy's Gate

4360 Montebello Dr.
719-277-7470

Faith Works

4510 Edison Avenue
719-459-7300

This is not an extensive list of resources. More resources can be found by going to 211Colorado.org

These services and the organizations that offer them are not solicited by District 49's Board of Education, Chief officers any zone or school officials.

For more D49 resources please go to d49.org/Community Care or contact Dr. Kim Boyd, Director of Community Care, 719-494-8944