

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

## The Knightly News

August 28, 2020

Good Afternoon,

What an amazing two weeks it has been at RMCA. Watching these halls fill up with students has been wonderful to be a part of. Talking with staff and hearing how uplifted they feel to have students in their classrooms, brings me such joy. It has been a hard couple of months but we have finally done it. Students are coming back. I look forward to seeing you all in carpool. Have a great weekend. Get some rest. Stay healthy. I will see you all in carpool on Monday.

Principal Mac

**Below is our letter from Thursday on In-Person Learning for Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>:**

I wanted to reach out to the community about In-Person learning for Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>. **Monday we will start 5 day/Full day in person learning for all K-5 students.** We will then look at our successes throughout the week and determine by September 3<sup>rd</sup> if Middle Schoolers will come back for 5 day/Full day in person learning starting September 8<sup>th</sup>.

I want to add that this decision could be changed at any time due to changing facts on the ground. Many schools throughout the Pikes Peak Region have already excluded students and had closures related to illness and positive COVID tests. We will not be immune to this here at RMCA. We will continue our high level sanitation protocols and encourage all to continue to mask and wash their hands. We will continue to follow guidelines by local authorities and District 49 and take each issue on a case by case basis. Even with these protocols in place, we may be forced to exclude portions of our community at some point.

I know this information comes late in the week but we wanted to give our leadership team ample time to look at the data, judge our course of action, and see how the hybrid model has worked. At this point I am satisfied that our local metrics are continuing to improve and our daily interaction with staff and students has been a positive one.

Please plan to drop off all K-5 students for in person learning on Monday at 7:30. I look forward to seeing you all back next week.

Principal Mac



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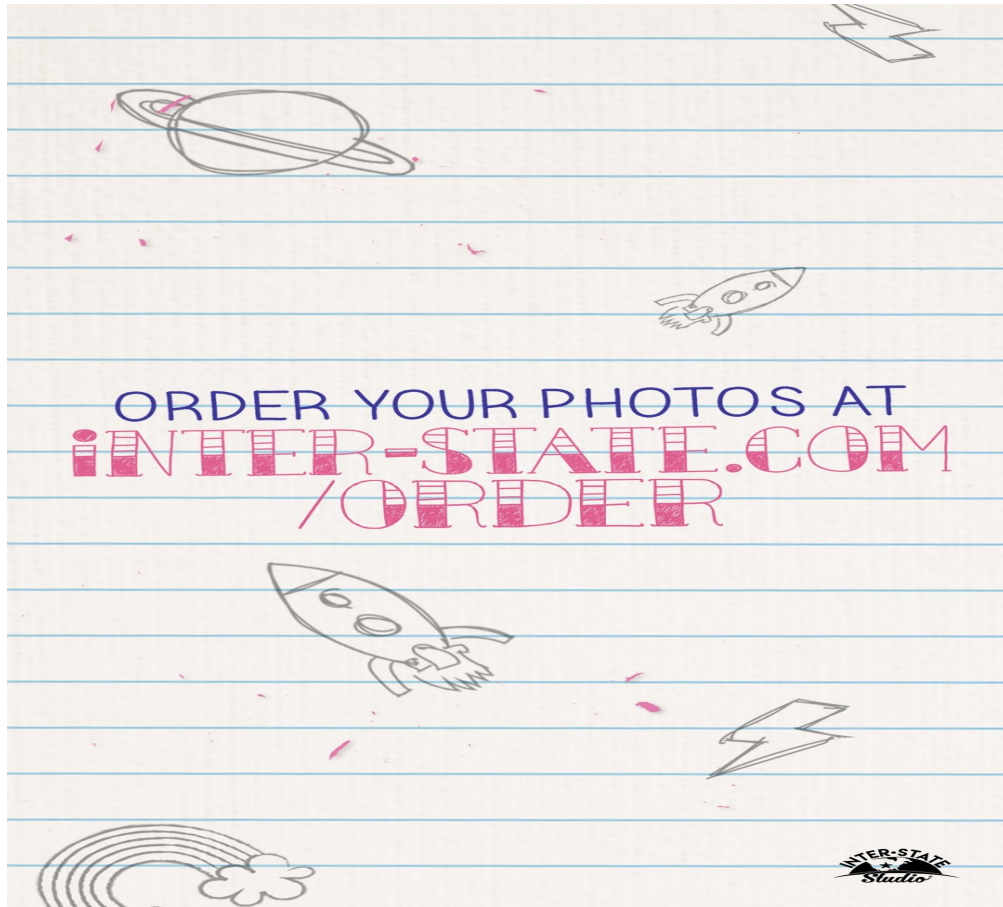
Front Office Hours  
7:30— 4:00

Attendance email

Nancetta Westcott  
nwescott@rmcacs.org

Front Office: 719-622-8000

## Fall Picture Day



We will not be sending Order Flyers home with students this year. Be sure to preorder your pictures at [inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order). **Do not send money with your student!**

September 24, 2020

ES – 49608F <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/49608F>

MS – 49609N <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/49609N>

September 28, 2020– Remote Learners Only

ES – 52665Z <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/52665Z>

MS – 52666R <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/52666R>

# Rocky Mountain Classical Academy

Encore Updates  
September 2020

Mark your  
Calendar



Date	Event
10/15 & 10/16	Parent/Teacher Conferences



## PE

In Physical Education students are running for the mileage club. Please be sure to send students to school with non-marking running shoes on their PE day. (You are welcome to send an extra pair of shoes for students to keep in their classroom.) Please also bring a water bottle; the drinking fountains are closed.

I do encourage students to wear a mask as much as possible. During strenuous exercise the state has lifted the mask rule for PE and I do strongly encourage students to keep social distance. As is possible, I take students outside for exercise. After the strenuous activity, students drink from their own water bottle and are socially distanced. We then get hand sanitizer and continue with our PE activity.

I am looking for a Parent Coordinator for American Heart Association week in February. I did just receive the prizes from AHA from last year and I plan to pass those out soon.

I look forward to passing along a love of exercise to your students.

Coach Wil Winter  
Elementary Physical Education Teacher  
[wwinter@rmcacs.org](mailto:wwinter@rmcacs.org)



## ART

Greetings from Ms. Parrish in the Art Studio!

It is quite exciting to see the joy and eagerness of learning and of creating art in the eyes of my students! You will see that over the next month, your children will be bringing home works of art that did not get to make it home last school year - due to the pandemic. I am very happy to be getting these creations passed back to my artists.

This year, due to scheduling and other conflicts, the RMCA Art Department will not participate in the Original Works fundraising program. We do hope to pick this up again in the future as circumstances allow - thank you for understanding.

I am looking forward to many great artistic adventures filled with curiosity, discovery and the creative expression.

Warmly,  
Ms. Parrish  
RMCA Art Director / K - 5 Art Teacher.  
[cparrish@rmcacs.org](mailto:cparrish@rmcacs.org)



## LATIN

Salvete, omnes! It is so good to see everyone and have everyone back for another school year. We have been reviewing our materials from last year for the first couple of weeks to get ourselves back to thinking about Latin, and each grade has big things planned for September.

Kindergarten is starting off by learning the Latin ABC's and pronunciation and then will start to learn "People and Family Words."

First and second graders are going to review those "People and Family Words" with classic children's stories: "The *Fabula* of Peter Rabbit" for 1st Grade and "Goldilocks *et Tres Ursi*" for the second graders (retelling the stories with Latin vocabulary put into the stories for comprehension.)

3rd Graders will get right into Roman culture with a unit all about chariot-racing, one of the favorite pastimes of the Romans.

And after getting up to speed, the 4th and 5th Graders will jump into Chapter 6 in "Latin for Children" to continue from where we left off. It has been great seeing all of the students already, and it is going to be a great year!

James Booth  
[jbooth@rmcacs.org](mailto:jbooth@rmcacs.org)





Hello RMCA Families!

We are slowly getting back into the groove here in the library.

Extra precautions have been put in place to ensure center areas are thoroughly cleaned and students are keeping proper distance while in the library.

#### New Library Policies:

- Students will check in and out their own book.
- Returned books will be placed in a bin and quarantined for at least 72 hours before returned to the shelf.
- Students are required to bring their own supplies, including: 2 sharpened pencils, crayons or colored pencils, scissors, and a glue stick along with their yellow Library folder and Library book.

Students will begin taking books home this month! Please make sure their book is kept in a safe place, away from younger siblings and pets. Also, please be mindful of leaky water bottles in backpacks. They can ruin books and other belongings rather quickly! Ziploc bags work great!

Also, if you have any interest in hanging out in the beautiful Library, I could really use your help! Books are returned daily and need to be placed back on the shelves. No experience necessary; Training is available!

**\*\*Help is needed daily from 3pm–Carpool\*\***

Skip waiting in the carpool line and get some volunteer hours in! Please email me if you are interested and let me know which days you are available.

I look forward to seeing you in the Library!

Kamrine Finney  
[kfinney@rmcacs.org](mailto:kfinney@rmcacs.org)  
(719)550-5326  
Library/Media Specialist

Daily Volunteers  
Needed!

Contact Mrs. Finney  
if you are interested.



## Music

Welcome back to all of our RMCA young musicians!

It is wonderful making music again with students in the music room!

Here is what each grade will be working on in the coming weeks:

**Kindergarten** is learning about musical opposites. We will be listening and moving to music that helps us identify high/low sounds, fast/slow tempo and loud and soft dynamics.

**1st Grade** will begin to work on coordination between their left and right hands using different instruments to show new melodies using 1-3 new solfege notes.

**3rd grade** will practice composing and reading new rhythmic patterns. These patterns will help us practice independence as we layer rhythms together.

**4th grade** is starting to review what they know about reading music on the staff. We will continue to practice recognizing notes and reading patterns from the staff using both notenames and solfege.

**5th grade** is laying the groundwork for our ukulele practice. This means reviewing rhythm notation, note names and coordination so that we are ready to pick up this fun string instrument in the coming months!

As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to Miss Rafoth at [drafoth@rmcacs.org](mailto:drafoth@rmcacs.org)!

Dana Rafoth - RMCA Elementary Music Teacher -  
[drafoth@rmcacs.org](mailto:drafoth@rmcacs.org)



## **THE LANDSHARKS CLUB PROGRAM FOR FALL 2020!**

COVID-19 has affected many of us in so many ways. Here at Landsharks we are making every effort to support our community, schools, coaches and athletes. We have implemented a **CLUB** program this Fall. The club program runs for 3 weeks, practice 2x a week for 1hr. Registration is \$60 and is now open to Kindergarten through 8th graders. Groups will follow our COVID-19 guidelines listed on our website and registrations are highly limited so register as soon as you see a club that is the right fit for you.

Please join us at the for our Rocky Mountain Classical Academy Cross Country Running Club. Kids will run, play safe and distanced games all while they learn the components of XC running! The club is available to those K-8th grade.

**The club will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays as listed below:**

**9/9, 9/14, 9/16, 9/21, 9/24 and 9/28**

**5:30-6:30 pm**

**Please drop runners off by the basketball court in the back of the school**

Cost will be \$60 and t-shirts are available for purchase.

Space is limited to the first 10 registrations.

Register at <https://www.landsharksrunningclub.com/page/show/3135676-rmca-2020->



## Important Information

### **Masks**

We will continue to follow the state recommendations for students and staff members on wearing masks and facial coverings. Students ten and younger may wear masks and facial coverings. Students eleven years and older and staff members must wear masks or a facial covering. We ask that students wear masks and facial coverings without words or images that could be scary for our younger students.

### **Cell Phones and Smart Watches**

Students need to have their cell phones turned off and put in their backpacks before they enter the building in the morning. If students have their cell phones out of their backpacks the phone will be sent to the office. Smart watches may be worn if used as watches. If smart watches are used to take pictures, record, text, or place a phone call they will be taken to the office. Parents will be called and will need to pick the phone or smart watch up from the front office.

### **Water Bottles**

Please send your child with a water bottle each day. The drinking fountains have been turned off and covered for student safety. We have a touchless water bottle filling station available near the gym if students need to refill their water bottle through the day. Parents have donated some water bottles for students who have forgotten to bring one.

### **Cold Lunch:**

Our lovely lunch aids are looking forward to seeing your children during their lunch and lunch recess. It would be helpful if your child spent a little time practicing how to open the containers and packages sent in their cold lunch boxes. Sometimes those plastic lids are tough and the Gogurt and Lunchable packages are tricky. Our lunch aids have always been happy to help them, but we are also trying to limit the contact others have with your child's food. Don't forget to send spoons and forks for their fruit cups and other lunch items!

RMCA PTO Membership Application  
<https://forms.gle/rCJUMbBmuidqFozP7>



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSICAL ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER – SUMMER EDITION 2020

### From Your PTO Officers

Happy Summer RMCA Parents!  
Your PTO has been meeting on and off all summer long trying to come up with ways to still connect with our RMCA Families. We are still in the process of determining what we can and cannot do under the circumstances.

We will have more information for you at our first PTO meeting. Make sure to follow RMCA PTO on Facebook for updates!

-Your PTO officers

### 2020-2021 PTO Meeting Dates:

August 24	September 15
October 12	November 17
December 7	January 19
February 8	March 16
April 12	May 4

Meetings take place in the Middle School Art Room  
6:00PM to 7:30PM

*We will have food at every single meeting. So come have a bite to eat and help us make this an amazing year!*

### Upcoming Events

Jeans For Dreams  
Annual Sign Up  
Smencil Sales: ONLINE  
for 2020-2021

CLIP ON HAND SANITIZER  
& ADULT AND CHILD FACE  
MASKS FOR SALE!

[www.rmcapto.org](http://www.rmcapto.org)

### Volunteer Opportunities

To Be  
Determined

### contact info:

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**RMCA PTO**

## Support your School! Show your Pride!

School is almost here! Are you ready?

PTO has updated our online store to help meet any needs that you may have. We're also selling Smencils online with delivery to classrooms.

Visit [www.rmcapto.org](http://www.rmcapto.org)

Order yours today!





Lunch



# My Kid's Lunch

**Lunch is available daily!**

**Meals will be available for remote and hybrid students.**

Please click on the link below if your student plans on picking up a meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CA4AE2AA0FA7-meal>

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## **All Meals: Fresh Fruit, Milk and Entrée**

**At RMCA we are invested in our students' health and are committed to offer healthy food to our students.**

Monday 8/31/20	Tuesday 9/1/20	Wednesday 9/2/20	Thursday 9/3/20	Friday 9/4/20
English Muffin Egg Patty Spiced Pears Whole Apple	Pancakes, Syrup 100% Juice Whole Orange	Lemon Poppyseed Bread 100% Juice Dried Pineapple	Cinnamon Roll 100% Juice Fresh Banana	Zucchini Bread Applesauce Dried Papaya
Red Chicken Tamales Sliced Peaches Black Beans	Chicken Patty Sand- wich Wheat Bun, BBQ Sauce Seasonal Fruit Steamed Corn	Creamy Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Blueberries Romaine Salad, Ranch	Turkey Hot Dog Wheat Bun, Ketchup Seasonal Fruit Baked Beans	Southwest White Chicken Chili Home- made Cornbread Pine- apple Baked Sweet Potatoes

**Extra Milk \$.60**

**Lunch \$2.95**

**Breakfast \$3.00**

**Adults \$3.70**





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# BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

School Age Child Care, Ages 5 - 12



The YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region's Before & After School Child Care program expands learning beyond the classroom. Children are celebrated for their uniqueness and provided with multiple opportunities for growth and development through a variety of activities. Homework assistance, snack, and physical activity are provided daily.

**Register online at**  
[ppymca.org/beforeandafter](http://ppymca.org/beforeandafter)



**SERVING SCHOOL DISTRICTS**  
2, 8, 11, 12, 14, 20, 38, D49  
& Charter Schools

For questions or more information please contact the Y  
Before & After School Program at 719.329.7289 or [childcare@ppymca.org](mailto:childcare@ppymca.org).

Financial assistance is available. The Y is an authorized CCCAP provider.  
Please check our [ppymca.org/beforeandafter](http://ppymca.org/beforeandafter) for locations.



Children's Hospital Colorado

### **Volunteers**

**If you have not done so, please make sure you have completed the volunteer application.**

**You must complete an application to volunteer.**

**Click on the following link**

**<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MzEzMTplbi1VUw==>**

Due to COVID-19 only 5 volunteers will be allowed in the building per day. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out at a later date with more details or email teacher for at-home work.

### **Volunteer Hours**

Donations are accepted for volunteer hours. Please bring item (s) to the front office with a receipt. Hours will log accordingly.

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
“Y” or “Yes”  
to 67587**

**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.

