

January 15, 2021

Good Afternoon RMCA Families,

The results are in. I wanted to share some success with all of you as we are in need of success during this crazy up and down year. In the midst of global pandemic, uncertainty around closures, and national trepidation, RMCA is seeing successes throughout the year.

Daily we are seeing an average of 95% attendance rate for our students. For students that are supposed to be in school and are not excluded or participating in remote learning 95% of those students come every single day. This is better than our normal year average. We have done everything in our power to keep our doors open to students this year, and our families have voted with their feet, every single day. We are so thankful that we see so many of our students every day. Thank you for your trust and support.

Our middle of the year assessment results are in. In DIBELs, 42% of our students who were well below benchmark in composite scores at the beginning of the year are now off that well-below benchmark. 53% of our students who were below benchmark at the beginning of the year moved to benchmark by December. A movement of 41 students. In total, we started the year with 140 students on benchmark composite and now we have 154! We also started with 296 students in above benchmark and now have 351!!!

When it comes to Lexia and ST Math we are on top of it as well. While we did not win the challenge over the break, RMCA still put together close to 30,000 completed puzzles during the slowest ST math month of the year. So far this year students have earned 1,122 Lexia certificates. Our scholars have completed 534,000 ST Math puzzles with an average of 634 puzzles per student. KEEP IT UP. What great work our students have done.

Our students are showing amazing culture and character as well. We are on track to cut our discipline referrals in half this year, which will be the fewest number of incidences of misbehavior in the last decade of RMCA. This past December we had the best positive referral rate for the month since the program started.

I want to thank all our community for making this such a great start to the year. Let's make 2021 even better. Have a restful long weekend.

Principal Mac



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Front Office Hours
 7:30am — 4:00pm

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FUNDRAISER EVENT

Help Us Raise Money For: Rocky Mountain Classical Academy PTO



When	Where	How
Friday, January 22, 2021 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM	Panda Express located at: POWERS& CONSTITUTION 2850 New Center Point Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80922 7195743126	In-store: Show paper or digital version of flyer Online: Enter 319505 in the promo code box during online checkout at order.pandaexpress.com . Orders must be placed on the event day

20% of event sales will be donated to: Rocky Mountain Classical Academy PTO

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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RMCA Captures Kids Hearts

Engage

Genuinely engaging our students is a pillar within the CKH program. There are several things we accomplish by implementing this step: we start the day with a positive greeting, affirm each student, welcome the students into our class, and give them our full attention, first thing.

Process Champions





Important Information

Uniforms

Uniforms make it easier for students to focus in class and promote a safe student culture not focused on style, brands, and fashion trends. Please make sure your student's shorts and skirts are long enough to meet the uniform policy guidelines. Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 2" above the knee when sitting. You may use this link for further information on the [RMCA Uniform Policy](#). Students may "dress up" on occasions when special events are scheduled, ie: music programs, game days for athletes, picture days, etc. Rules for modesty and dress code still apply on these days. Skirts must be of school appropriate length, no strapless or spaghetti strapped tops, no tight or low-cut clothing, no heels greater than 1", etc. Thank you for helping us by having your child follow this policy!

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 Weather

Colorado is known for its crazy weather! Be sure to watch the weather forecast and send warm coats for students on colder days. If it is too cold we will keep students in for inside recess, but want to give kids the opportunity to be outside and get their wiggles out as much as possible.



Important Information Cont'

Prospective Family Night!

January 28, Prospective Family Night has been **Cancelled!**

Attendance

If your child will be absent, the best way to notify the school is to e-mail Nancetta Westcott at nwestcott@rmcacs.org. You may also call the school and press #1 to reach the attendance line.

COVID-19 Attendance

If your child has to be out of school for a COVID-19 related absence, you can contact your child's teacher for daily work. If your child is keeping up with their daily work and you are communicating with the teacher on a daily basis, the absences will not count against your child's total number of absences. This can apply if your child has to be out of school for a COVID-19 exposure or if they test positive for COVID-19 and are able to do school work.

Preschool

Preschool still has spots available this semester!

Please contact Melissa at 719-550-5440 or mcornelius@rmcacs.org for more information.

Elementary Class Pictures

Wednesday, February 3rd

Students must be in uniform. There will be no retakes.



Sample Picture



Link for payment will be sent at a later date.

Considering High School for my 8th grader

Yes, it is THAT time, for RMCA 8th graders to be thinking about registration for next year's freshman year at high school! Here are some things to get you started down that road.

(My information is from the District 49 website. For other school districts, please go to their website to make sure you have their enrollment/registration information.)

1. What is your "zoned neighborhood high school?"
 - If you want your child to attend that school next year, you will still need to register at that school. (Even if it is a D49 school and though RMCA falls under D49, you will still need to register.)
2. What if I want my child to go to a different school than our zoned neighborhood high school?
 - If you are considering a high school that is NOT your zoned neighborhood high school, you will need to complete and submit a "School of Choice" application directly to that school. Once you have received approval, you will need to complete their enrollment application and find out about getting registered for classes.

Here are the steps to keep in mind:

1. School of Choice – Do you need acceptance from a school outside of your zone?
2. Enrollment/Registration – This application will need to be completed by all RMCA 8th graders for their high school. (For D49 schools, go to the District Enrollment Office website. Make sure you look over the documents you will need before enrolling.)
3. Registration for classes – This will be done directly through your new high school.

Don't wait for the last minute! Begin now!

As our high schools get more information to me, I will be sending it out to families.

Here are the links to District 49's information pages:

- District 49: Registration Overview - <https://www.d49.org/Page/1780>
- District 49: School of Choice Information - <https://www.d49.org/Page/1782>
- District 49: Get Enrolled - <https://www.d49.org/Page/1781>

District 49's Enrollment Office Information

Falcon School District 49 Enrollment Office
Creekside Success Center
3850 Pony Tracks Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80922
(719) 494-8911

Starting on Monday June 22, 2020 the District 49 central registration office at the Creekside Success Center is open by appointment only. However, due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, we are encouraging everyone to register their children online by clicking [Here](#). Please read the instructions, and click the Online Registration link at the bottom. If you need assistance, our registration team is standing by to help walk you through the process. They can be reached by phone 719-494-8911, through LiveChat or by emailing registration@d49.org.

If you need help with registering your child, you can reserve a computer at the registration office by clicking the appointment link. Click here [Appointment link](#) to set up your appointment. If you need to register more than one child, please reserve more than one appointment but only one station. Plan on 30 minutes for the first child and reserve an additional 20 minutes per each child you are registering.

COVID-19 In Person Registration Procedures:

Effective June 22, 2020, and until further notice, the following procedures will be required for everyone who needs to come into Central Registration at the Creekside Success Center.

- 1. In person registration will require an appointment. They can be scheduled online by clicking [appointments](#) or by calling 719-494-8911.**
- 2. Upon arriving for your appointment, please park on the south side of the building and enter through the main entrance near the flagpole.**
- 3. Upon entering the building, you will need to wear a mask.**
- 4. People with symptoms of COVID-19, or who have been in contact with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed inside the building.**
- 5. The waiting/play area, normally used to occupy children while parents are registering their child will be closed.**
- 6. All people that come in as a group must stay together to ensure social distancing.**
 - **To follow the Covid 19 guidelines, our space is now limited. We are encouraging only the parent/guardian who is completing the registration to attend.**

Please contact the school's Registrar directly for assistance with records requests, transcripts, report cards, proof of attendance, disenrollments or any other school questions.

District 49 and Partnering High Schools' Directory Information

Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy

Charter School (6-12)
719.638.3040
9433 Vista Del Pico Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80927
<https://www.blracademy.org/>

(No need to complete a School of Choice application. Go directly to BLPS to register.)

Falcon High School

High School
719.495.5520
10255 Lambert Road
Peyton, CO 80831
<http://d49.org/falconhigh>

Pikes Peak Early College

Early College (9-12+)
719.494.8924
6113 Constitution Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
<https://www.d49.org/ppec>

Power Technical

Charter School (6-12+)
719.301.6200
2525 Canada Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80922
<https://jamesirwin.org/power-tech/>

Sand Creek High School

High School
719.495.1160
7005 North Carefree Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80922
<http://d49.org/sandcreek>

Springs Studio for Academic Excellence

Blended Learning School (3-12)
719.494.8940
6113 Constitution Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
<http://d49.org/SSAE>

Vista Ridge High School

High School
719.494.8800
6888 Black Forest Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80923
<http://d49.org/vistaridge>

PARENTS: Please send any pictures you have of your student doing extracurriculars, remote learning, or schoolwork to elementaryyearbook@rmcacs.org!

« Yearbooks on SALE!

Order
ONLINE

INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER



Deadline to order is
FEBRUARY 1ST!

Link to order on [RMCA website](https://www.rmca.org)
Order code 53180E

COVID-19 Information



"If you had close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, stay home (quarantine) and monitor your health for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after your last contact.

- **Get tested.** Contact your healthcare provider to ask about getting tested because of your exposure. Call ahead to your healthcare provider and wear a mask when you leave home. It is best to wait at least 5 days after your exposure to get tested. If you test negative, you will still need to monitor your symptoms for the full 14 days and you might need to stay home longer before it is safe to be around others. See "How long do I need to stay home (quarantine)?", below.
- **Stay home and away from others ("quarantine").** Avoid contact with others to avoid spreading COVID-19. Do not go to work, school, or take children to day-care.
- **Monitor your health for 14 days after your last contact.** Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day (once in the morning, once at night) and watch for fever. Also, watch for other signs and symptoms of COVID-19, such as cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- **How long do I need to stay home (quarantine)?** It can take up to 14 days after an exposure for you to develop COVID-19. This is why The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advise people to stay home (quarantine) for 14 days after their last contact. It is safest to stay home for 14 days.

COVID-19 Information Cont'

If you live with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, stay home (quarantine) and monitor your health for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) for 14 days after your last contact.

- **Stay home and away from others (“quarantine”).** Avoid contact with others to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others. As much as possible, stay separate from sick members in the household. Avoid sharing the same space within the home, including being in the same room or using the same bedroom or bathroom. Do not go to work or school. Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares, if possible.
- **Monitor your health.** Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day (once in the morning, once at night) and watch for fever. Also, watch for other signs and symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- **Clean and disinfect the household.** Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in common household areas (such as tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, keyboards, handles, desks, toilets, sinks). See [CDC’s Cleaning and Disinfection for Households](#) for additional information.
- **How long do I need to stay home?** It can take up to 14 days from exposure for you to develop COVID-19. This is why the CDC recommend that household contacts stay home (quarantine) for 14 days **AFTER** the last sick member of your household was released from their isolation of 10 days (a Total of 24 days). If household members are able to be completely separate from the infected person, then they should stay home for 14 days after their last contact with the person. Complete separation means having no contact, spending no time together in shared spaces, staying in a separate bedroom, and using a separate bathroom. Staying home for 14 days after your last contact is the safest option for household contacts.

If you start to feel sick, isolate yourself at home.

If you test POSITIVE for COVID-19 on a viral test:

You have COVID-19 and need to stay home, separate yourself from others (Isolation). The most common symptoms are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Other common symptoms include chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. Not everyone with COVID-19 will have all symptoms and fever might not be present. If you do have symptoms and want to get tested for COVID-19, please reach out to your healthcare provider.

**Submit an
Anonymous
Report**

safe² tell Colorado

Make a Report. Make a Difference.



1-877-542-7233



Anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family or your community.
We are open 24/7, 365 to take reports.

Parents are key players in creating safer schools and communities. Safe2Tell Colorado provides the only anonymous way for students, parents and community members to report unsafe and risky behaviors before they grow out of control. Each year, Safe2Tell Colorado receives thousands of reports on bullying, cyber-bullying, suicide threats, mental health concerns, child abuse, substance abuse, violence, planned school attacks, and other concerning behaviors. Each concern reported to Safe2Tell Colorado allows for caring, concerned adults to effectively intervene in the life of a child or youth who is struggling.

Safe2Tell Colorado wants everyone to know - telling isn't "snitching." Telling is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors or dangerous situations.

Not sure if you should use Safe2Tell? If you don't, who will? We need your help to improve your school and community. By calling, you can help stop a friend from committing suicide, get another student off drugs, or stop a bully from making other people miserable. If you have information about the following topics, please call.

To make a report, call 1-877-542-7233 from anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free. You may also make a report by clicking on the yellow conversation box adjacent to this paragraph that reads Submit a Tip or download the Safe2Tell mobile app on the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Remember, your identity is safe. No one will ask for your name or number. There is no caller id., no call tracing, no call recording and no call forwarding. We only want to hear your concern and try to help. The anonymity of all Safe2Tell Colorado reports is protected by C.R.S. 07-197. This means the reporting party remains UNKNOWN by Colorado State Law.

Lunch



My Kid's Lunch

All meals are **FREE** to students until
the end of the school year.

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.

Extra Milk \$.60

Lunch \$2.95

Breakfast \$3.00

Adults \$3.70

Monday 1/18/21	Tuesday 1/19/21	Wednesday 1/20/21	Thursday 1/21/21	Friday 1/22/21
No School	<i>Chicken Sausage Biscuit, Cinnamon Apples</i> Cheese Lasagna Roll Up in Marinara Sauce Diced Carrots Peach Crisp	<i>Cereal Whole Apple</i> Breakfast Burrito, Scrambled Eggs, Cheddar Cheese, Tortilla, Salsa Hash Browns Sliced Pears	<i>Waffles, Syrup Fruit Cup</i> Grilled Cheeseburger Wheat Bun Baked Beans Ketchup Packet Cinnamon Apples	<i>Pumpkin Bread Applesauce</i> Chicken Fried Rice Edamame Coleslaw, Vinaigrette Fruit Cup

My Kid's Lunch



Free Lunch!

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL CHILDREN AGE 1-18

Sunday's from 10:30 am to 11:30

NUEVA VIDA CHURCH

801 N CIRCLE DR
COS, CO 80909

Sunday's from 12:30 PM to 2 PM:

BY GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER

737 DALE STREET
FOUNTAIN, CO 80817

7 days Breakfast & Lunch w/gallon milk Per child

Announcements

Volunteers

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

You must complete an application to volunteer or receive volunteer hours.

Click on the following link:

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

**Due to COVID-19, please contact your teacher for work-at home projects.*

Volunteer Hours

The front office needs water bottles!!! Donations are accepted for volunteer hours. **One case = one volunteer hour.** Please bring item (s) to the front office. Hours will be logged accordingly. ***Masks are also needed!*** Thank you!

