



January 8, 2021



RMCA Families,

During this difficult and trying school year, RMCA has sought out ways to advocate for our mission and vision. To that end, our school has chosen to become a founding member of the Education Alliance of Colorado, a new coalition made up of schools like ours. Currently, the Alliance has 12 member schools serving more than 12,000 students and 20,000 parents.

Education should reflect a partnership between families and schools—a partnership built on trust, support, and mutual respect. This partnership is essential to a successful learning experience for students. It is also the key to defending that experience from those who would damage it or take it away.

The Education Alliance of Colorado is an extension of this partnership into the realm of American government. The Alliance seeks to bring together school leaders, staff, and parents in support of policy that preserves the right of parents to choose the right schools for their children and protects the freedom and flexibility these schools need to educate the next generation of change makers.

**Objectives**

-  Ensure that member schools and their families are represented in Colorado government
-  Active defense of operations, models, and policies central to member schools' missions
-  Support of policy changes that positively impact member schools and the students they serve
-  Coordination and collaboration with other groups and organizations that share these goals

The Alliance is composed of and supported by like-minded member schools that have agreed to work together toward common objectives under a shared mission and vision.

Please be on the lookout for further communication in the coming days about how to participate with RMCA in the education Alliance.

**Mission:** To support and protect educational freedom through public policy that enhances parental choice and preserves the academic, administrative, and philosophical independence of Colorado schools.

**Vision:** That all Colorado parents have the information and ability to access a high-quality education, and that Colorado schools remain free to pursue and provide educational excellence using all tools at their disposal—curriculum, pedagogy, personnel, and administration.

Thank you all for such a positive and healthy week back to In-Person learning. It has been great to see kids back and learning. Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday

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

Friday, January 22, 2021  
10:00 AM to 9:30 PM

## Where

Panda Express located at:  
POWERS & CONSTITUTION  
2850 New Center Point Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80922  
7195743126

## How

In-store:  
Show paper or digital version of flyer  
Online:  
Enter 319505 in the promo code box during online checkout at [order.pandaexpress.com](http://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**

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### **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'

## **Intent to Re-Enroll**

If you haven't returned the reenrollment form yet, please do so by **Wednesday, January 13th!** A copy is provided on the next page. You can print it off, fill it out, and send it back to school with your child.

## **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](mailto:mcornelius@rmcacs.org) for more information.

## **Lost and Found**

Please have your student (s) check lost and found. Since we do not have a lot of space to host these items, lost and found are donated at the end of each quarter. Parents may come at 3:45 if your want to look for student items.



# Letter of Intent to Re-Enroll 2021/2022

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JANUARY 13th  
(1 form per family)**

**Yes! Our student(s) will return to Rocky Mountain Classical Academy for the 2021/2022 school year.**

Parent/ Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list every child that will be RE-ENROLLED for the 2021/2022 school year:**

Child's Full Name	Grade Entering 2020/2021
	K(FD) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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**Use the next section to list any children in your family not currently attending RMCA who would like to start attending RMCA in 2021/2022.**

\*Please note Kindergarteners MUST be 5 years old on or before October 1st to enroll.  
\*Preschool students MUST be 3 years old and potty trained before enrolling.

Child's Full Name	Date of Birth	Preschool	Grade Entering Fall 2021	Current or Previous IEP?*	Current or Previous 504?*	ELL?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Half Day <input type="checkbox"/> Full Day	Full Day Kindergarten 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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\* If your incoming child has an IEP or 504, RMCA will need a copy to review so we can ensure all services can be provided.

**NO, thank you. The following student(s) will NOT RETURN to RMCA for the 2021/2022 school year:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

If not returning in 2021/2022, where will your student(s) attend? Please state the reason(s) for the switch:

\_\_\_\_\_

# BOARD MEETING

RMCACS.ORG

**Please join us for our January  
RMCA Board of Directors Meeting**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLASSICAL ACADEMY  
4620 ANTELOPE RIDGE DRIVE

**THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH 6:00PM  
IN THE COMMONS**





## 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.

# « Yearbooks on SALE!

*Order*  
ONLINE

[INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER](https://www.inter-state.com/order)



**Deadline to order is  
FEBRUARY 1ST!**

**Order code 53180E**

**Submit an  
Anonymous  
Report**

**safe<sup>2</sup>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 1/11/21	Tuesday 1/12/21	Wednesday 1/13/21	Thursday 1/14/21	Friday 1/15/21
<i>Cereal</i> <i>Whole Apple</i>	<i>Pancakes, Syrup</i> <i>Whole Orange</i>	<i>Lemon Poppyseed</i> <i>Bread</i> <i>100% Juice</i>	<i>Cinnamon Roll</i> <i>Fruit Cup</i>	<i>Zucchini Bread</i> <i>Applesauce</i>
<b>Meatballs in Marinara Sauce Hoagie Roll Cinnamon Apples Carrot Bites, Ranch Dip</b>	<b>Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Peas Whole Fruit</b>	<b>Beef Chili Shredded Cheddar Baked Potato Cornbread Peach Crisp</b>	<b>Chicken Mac N Cheese Steamed Broccoli Whole Fruit</b>	<b>Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Baked Beans BBQ Sauce Whole Orange</b>

## **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**

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