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Front Office Hours:

7:30am— 4:00pm

Attendance E-mail:

Nancetta Westcott

nwestcott@rmccacs.org

Front Office: 719-622-8000

Fax: 719-622-8004

RMCA Families,

Please take a second over the next several days and show support for Rocky Mountain Classical Academy. The Best of the Springs voting is now open and RMCA would love to place in some of the categories. It only takes a few minutes to vote and any votes would be great for our school. Please share with your friends, family and social media. Thank you for all you do.

#proudprincipal #GoKnights!

<https://www.thebestofthesprings.com/voting/#//>

Please vote in the following categories:

Best Elementary School

Elementary School Educator

Best Middle School

Middle School Educator

Best Preschool

After School Program-YMCA

**Donations needed
in the Front Office!**

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ABOUT RMCA

OUR VISION

Creating culturally literate citizens who will impact their world for life, liberty, and justice.

OUR MISSION

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy exists to support parents in developing citizens and characters who are equipped with a strong knowledge base and academic skills. The basis of this development is rooted in an academically rigorous, content-rich, classical educational program with Core Knowledge emphasis.



Process Champions



RMCA Captures Kids Hearts

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 students, welcome students into our class, and give them our full attention, first thing.

Important Reminders

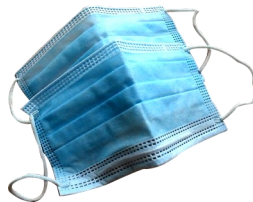
UNIFORMS

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



Students need to have their cell phones and 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

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 Reminders

ATTENDANCE

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

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.

COVID-19 ATTENDANCE

PRESCHOOL

RMCA Preschool is currently enrolling the 3 to 5 year old classes for Fall! Please contact Melissa at mcornelius@rmcacs.org or 719-550-5440 for registration information. We also have a limited number of preschool spaces available for the remainder of this year. Contact Melissa for availability.

LOST & FOUND

Please have your student(s) check lost and found. Since we do not have a lot of space to host these items. Parents may come at 3:45 if your want to look for student items. **All unclaimed items will be donated by 4pm, Friday FEBRUARY 12th!!!**

RMCA PRESENTS OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Book Fair. We are so excited to be able to offer students a sense of normalcy and joy after they've missed so much this year.

Our Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters — helping them become lifelong readers. And all purchases will directly support our school Library!



- **Safety First:** The safety and well-being of your child is our priority. We're taking extra precautions to host a safe, socially distanced Fair at our school, focusing on preventive measures. Students **will only** be able to shop the Fair **with their class** on their designated Library day and time. There will be no additional times to shop the fair.
- **Contactless Checkout:** With Book Fair eWallet, a convenient digital payment account, your child can shop the Fair cash-free. If students choose to bring cash, **ALL change will be donated** to the ALL FOR BOOKS program which will be used to purchase additional books for the RMCA Library.
- **Shop Online:** Experience the Book Fair fun by visiting our Book Fair online! You can shop over 6,000 products — and all orders ship direct to your home (with free shipping on book-only orders over \$25*)! All purchases made during the Fair will bring our school 25% in rewards.

Visit our Book Fair [homepage](#) to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping.

We look forward to seeing your child at the Fair! Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Finney

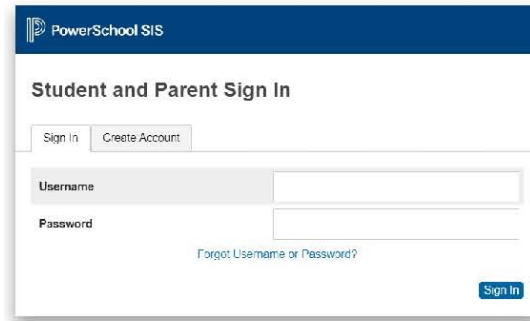
Librarian

SAVE THE DATE February 16th-22nd

STUDENTS WILL SHOP WITH THEIR CLASS ONLY

How to Update Student Information in POWERSCHOOL

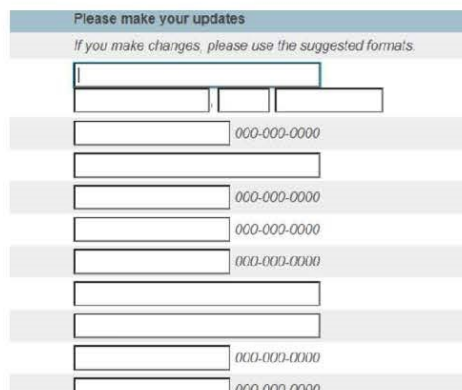
Step 1: Login to your parent PowerSchool account through our website

The image shows the PowerSchool SIS login page. At the top is a blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header is a white box titled "Student and Parent Sign In". Inside this box, there are two tabs: "Sign In" (selected) and "Create Account". Below the tabs are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right of the white box is a blue "Sign In" button.

Step 2: Locate the Demographic Change option on the left-hand side of your account



Step 3: Enter any new phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts or other changes of information. Make sure to press submit on the bottom right.

The image shows a form titled "Please make your updates". Below the title is a note: "If you make changes, please use the suggested formats." The form contains several input fields for updating contact information. The first field is for a phone number, followed by a field for an email address. Below these are several fields for emergency contacts, each with a label "000-000-0000" next to it. The form ends with a "Submit" button.

*If you do not know your login information for PowerSchool, please contact us at 719-622-8000 and we can provide that for you.

*If you want to update a student's address in PowerSchool, please send proof of residency to Lauren Huitt at Lhuitt@rmcacs.org. The only documents that will be accepted for an address change are a utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, or real estate tax bill from the current calendar year.

*If you do not see Demographic Change as an option on your account, please email Cassandra Cannon at ccannon@rmcacs.org and she will be able to add that feature for you.

*If you have multiple children at RMCA, please complete this process for each child on your account in PowerSchool.

Donations

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 [here](#) to sign up.

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

The front office needs copy paper!!!

Donations are accepted
for volunteer hours.

One CASE of paper = 2 hours

Please bring item(s) to the front office.
Hours will be logged accordingly. Thank you!



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« Yearbooks
on
SALE!

Please e-mail any
pictures you have of
your student doing
extracurriculars,
remote learning, or
schoolwork [here!](#)

Deadline
to order is
MARCH 1st!

Order
ONLINE



Link to order your [Elementary Yearbook](#)

PTO Fundraisers



Smencils



Bubble Gum



Plush Crush

Smencil Sale

We have:

Smencils
Tri-Color Smens
Neon Smens
Mechanical Smens
Pencil Pouches
... and more!

Feb 16th & 17th

In the Commons
7:30am to 8:00am



Bubble Gum
Cotton Candy
Watermelon
Pineapple
Tangerine

Send a Valentine Gram

To your child(ren), a teacher, or staff member



Valentine's Stuffed Animal

Candy Love Hearts, Sucker,
3oz Milk chocolate candy
Wooden Rose

\$5 each

To purchase,
please use our
online store at

www.rmcapto.org



Chocolates

2oz 5piece Chocolates
Valentine Sucker

\$2 each



Valentine Gift Card

Gift card and Message

\$6 each



To be delivered to their classroom on Thursday, February 11th

COVID-19: Information for Families

Stay Safe, Stay Well, With These Helpful Reminders

- ▶ Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Yes, even when you are at home!
- ▶ Avoid being around people that don't live in your house. Many people get sick being around people that they know. Limit contact to 15 minutes or less.
- ▶ Continue with social distancing (6 feet), just like at school.
- ▶ Wear a mask when you leave home, and when you are around people that don't live in your house.
- ▶ Help out with cleaning at home – disinfect items that others might touch, such as counter tops, tables, door knobs, light switches, handles and drawer pulls, toys, personal items, and surfaces in the car too.
- ▶ Don't share eating utensils, cups or glasses, or drink containers such as water bottles or juice boxes.
- ▶ Open windows at home when the weather is good. Fresh air is important.
- ▶ Consider getting a flu shot soon – contact your medical provider for information.

Monitor Your Whole Family for Symptoms Daily:

- Monitor all family members for fever or other symptoms of illness, while at home or before leaving home. Take everyone's temperature with a reliable thermometer.
- If your student has any symptoms (even one symptom), they should not be going to the school, to small group instruction, or to special services for any reason. Notify the school immediately and keep your child at home.
- Any of the symptoms listed are possibly COVID-19. It is not possible to tell the difference between COVID and any other illness such as a cold, the flu, seasonal allergies or other illness, without a COVID PCR test. Some people have COVID and have only Minor Symptoms. Some people don't have any symptoms and still test positive for COVID. You might not know if someone has COVID or does not have COVID.
- Symptoms of COVID can appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. A COVID positive person can share the virus 2 days (48 hours) before they have any symptoms.

COVID-19 Symptoms

CRITICAL SYMPTOM	MAJOR SYMPTOMS	MINOR SYMPTOMS
Loss of taste or smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeling feverish, having chills, temp of 100.4F or more• New or unexplained persistent cough• New or unexplained shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sore throat• Runny nose or congestion• Muscle or body aches• Headache• Fatigue• Nausea, vomiting• Diarrhea

EMERGENCY COVID-19 WARNING SIGNS include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face. Seek medical attention immediately by calling 911.

This list is not all-inclusive for Major, Minor, or Emergency Symptoms. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning. Your medical provider may want to discuss evaluation, testing or have other directions for you.

If Anyone in the Home has any Symptoms or is Sick:

Stay home! Avoid being around others. If symptoms last longer than 24-48 hours, contact your medical provider.
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html

Where to get tested for COVID-19:

- ▶ www.ElPasoCountyHealth.org/covid-19-testing-information
- ▶ A PCR test is best. A rapid test for COVID-19 is only treated as accurate if it is a positive result. A rapid test might be negative because it's done too soon or too late to detect COVID. A PCR sample is sent to a lab for results.
- ▶ If there are no symptoms, it may be too soon to tell if COVID is present or not.
- ▶ It may take several days to get results back. While you wait, stay home and monitor symptoms. Avoid others.
- ▶ If anyone in the home has been tested for COVID, or has symptoms, it is best that everyone in the home stays home and waits for the test results. Or, separate the sick person from others as much as possible while waiting.

If Anyone in the Home Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- ▶ Please notify the school, or school nurse. Even if we are E-learning, it is very important that we accurately keep track of the number of cases in our community and those cases associated with our district buildings.
- ▶ If someone in the home is positive for COVID, everyone in the home must stay home and isolate or quarantine also. The decision for the exposed household members to isolate for 10 days, or quarantine for 14 days, is dependent on several factors.
- ▶ Please contact the school nurse for more guidance. The school nurse can provide you with information that you need to care for your family and protect the community.

For further guidance, contact your medical provider, El Paso County Public Health, or your school nurse.

This information provided by District 49 Nursing Services
www.d49.org/nursingservices

If you were advised to go into Isolation or Quarantine, would you know what to do?

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19-Quarantine-vs-Isolation.pdf

- **Isolation** keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their own home.
- **How long is Isolation?** 10 days to monitor for other symptoms and recover. Isolation is only 10 days, because you may have already had the virus 2-4 days before symptoms appear. Stay home and only go out if medically necessary.
- **Quarantine** keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. It helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms.
- People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department. Stay home and only go out if medically necessary.

- **How long is Quarantine?** 14 days to monitor for any symptoms. It takes 2-4 days after being around someone sick with COVID for symptoms to appear if you are infected.
- If you have been around someone who has COVID, you will be advised to Quarantine. If symptoms start during Quarantine when you have been around someone with COVID, you will need to start your own 10-day Isolation to monitor for other symptoms and to recover.
- **Note:** If quarantine begins at noon on Day 1, it ends at noon on the last day.
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html

References:

- ◆ www.elpasocountyhealth.org ◆ <https://covid19.colorado.gov>
- ◆ www.cdc.gov ◆ <https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools>

Vaccination Info



COLORADO

**Department of Public
Health & Environment**

Advancing Colorado's health and protecting the places we live, learn, work and play

Dear parents/guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools for the 2021-22 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

Exclusion from school

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - o Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
 - o Hepatitis B (HepB)
 - o Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
 - o Polio (IPV)
 - o Varicella (chickenpox)
 - Colorado follows recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students entering kindergarten must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella. Students entering 6th grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if they are under 11 years of age. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html.
 - Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.
 - Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, certificate of exemption, or in-process plan for your student on file.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

- You may want to talk to a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at SpreadTheVaxFacts.com, ImmunizeForGood.com, and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education.

Paying for vaccinations

- If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your local public health agency, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your local public health agency at cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency.

Vaccination records

- Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time they receive a vaccine. • Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System. Visit CO-VaxRecords.org for more information.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.*

Vaccination Info

- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule because of personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption to your school*. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR*
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon the completion of our online education module*.

Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

- Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in C.R.S. 25-4-911. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

School Name	2019-2020 MMR Immunization Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER	2019-2020 MMR Exemption Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER
	90.8%	6.8%
<i>Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians</i>		
Vaccinated Children Standard 95% Immunization Rate for All School-Required Vaccines	2019-2020 DTaP Immunization Rate	2019-2020 DTaP Exemption Rate
	2019-2020 HepB Immunization Rate	2019-2020 HepB Exemption Rate
	2019-2020 IPV Immunization Rate	2019-2020 IPV Exemption Rate
	2019-2020 Varicella Immunization Rate	2019-2020 Varicella Exemption Rate

WATCH OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAMES LIVE

This week we will be live streaming our
Boy's Basketball Games on the
RMCA Facebook Page.

February 8th & 10th

C-Team 4:00pm

B-Team 5:30pm

A-Team 7:15pm

Follow us
on Facebook
to catch
the games!

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy Preschool

Register
for Camp
Summer
NOW!!

Calling all Kindergarteners!
Here at RMCA Preschool we are excited to
announce a Summer Camp just for YOU!

Call or Email Ms. Melissa to secure your spot today!
(719) 550-5440 or mcornelius@rmcacs.org

My Kid's Lunch

FREE MEALS!

Extra Milk \$.60

Lunch \$2.95

Breakfast \$3.00

Adults \$3.70

All meals are FREE to students until the end of the school year. At RMCA, we are invested in our students' health and are committed to offer healthy food to our students.

Monday 2/8/21	Tuesday 2/9/21	Wednesday 2/10/21	Thursday 2/11/21	Friday 2/12/21
<i>Cereal</i> <i>Craisins</i>	<i>Chicken Sausage</i> <i>Biscuit</i> <i>Whole Orange</i>	<i>Blueberry Bread</i> <i>100% Juice</i>	<i>Waffles, Syrup</i> <i>Fruit Cup</i>	No School
Tangy BBQ Chicken Sandwich Wheat Bun Steamed Peas Fruit Cup	Penne Pasta & Meatballs in Marinara Steamed Green Beans Blueberry Crisp	Chicken Tenders BBQ Sauce Buttermilk Biscuit Steamed Corn Fresh Banana	Beef Soft Tacos Tortilla, Cheddar Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Whole Fruit	



High School Info for 8th Grade Families

Following is the high school information we received to date. PLEASE check the more detailed information below and each high school website to confirm events and to connect to their registration and program information.

Upcoming Event Dates

- **BLPA**– Feb. 16, 7:00 p.m. **TACO 'bout 9th Grade** (must RSVP for tacos)
- **PPEC** - Feb. 23 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)
March 9 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)
April 6 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)
- **SCHS** - Feb 9, 6:30 p.m. **8th Grade Night**
- **VRHS**- Feb 5 - **Course Registration**

High Schools

BLPA

(Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy)

- [Link](#) to recruitment info
- Feb. 16, 7:00pm, TACO 'bout 9th Grade (must RSVP for tacos)- [link](#) for event

FHS (Falcon High School)

[School website](#)

PTEC (Power Technical)

- enroll@jamesirwin.org
- 719-302-9105

SCHS

(Sand Creek High School)

- Feb 9, 6:30 p.m. **8th Grade Nights**

SSAE

(Springs Studio for Academic Excellence)

Springs Studio is a blended learning campus that merges the best of online learning and the best of traditional practices. Students in grades 9-12 are on campus for coursework Monday and Tuesday. We offer interventions on Thursday's for students with increased academic needs. We use Edgenuity as our foundational online curriculum and combine that with project-based direct instruction models on campus. Student's progress and growth are monitored through our online tools. Additionally, all students will have access to college and career exploration courses and options for concurrent enrollment to receive a free college education while in high school. Our flexible model allows students to own their learning and choose pace and place for most of their learning. We believe that a big brick and mortar school does not fit all learning styles or students.



PPEC (Pikes Peak Early College)

PPEC Meet and Greet Dates - **Must sign up through [link](#)**

Feb. 9 @ 5pm-6:30pm (so far this is scheduled for in-person)

Feb. 23 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)

March 9 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)

April 6 @ 5pm-6:30pm (TBD, not sure if it's in-person or virtual)



[Enrollment Page](#)

[Website Info](#)

[Video for 8th graders](#)

Student learning is self-paced. We offer a robust computer science program (coding) with certification options. We also pay for up to 60 college credits so students can receive a certification or associate's degree while still in high school. We offer job-shadowing and internship opportunities for students in a blended/hybrid learning environment. Students are on our campus for high school classes three days a week (M, W, F).

Pikes Peak Early College is a public school-of-choice high school in District 49 and one of the only hybrid learning early college environments in the state. Students enrolled in Pikes Peak Early College have the opportunity to simultaneously earn their high school diploma, industry certification, associate's degree, or up to two years of college credit. Pikes Peak Early College offers an innovative way for high school students to earn both their high school diploma and a two-year associate's degree (or up to two years' credit toward a bachelor's degree) in the time it takes to go to high school; saving students and their families both time and money. We are focused on getting our students on a direct college pathway. Pikes Peak Early College takes student's high school education beyond college preparation because our students are actually taking college courses. We make college possible for our high school students who otherwise have few opportunities to continue with higher education.'

- We are a fully hybrid-learning school in District 49 running face-to-face classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- We offer a combination of high school and college classes on our campus
- Our newly-expanded campus is an open concept 21,000 square foot state-of-the-art building that emulates the unique feel of a college campus.
- Our high school curriculum is rigorous, relevant, and personalized to meet the needs of all learners and learning pathways.

VRHS (Vista Ridge High School)

Feb 5, Course Registration (other information nights were published and emailed out to families earlier)

Course Registration: Now - February 5

Students are able to select their courses with guided presentations and instructions on our [Registration Site](#). On this site, students will be walked through the course registration process and be provided resources to help them make intentional and meaningful course selections.



*If you don't see information for the school you're interested in, you will have to check their website.

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy

Encore Updates February 2021



Date	Event
February	Kids Heart Challenge
February 16 th -22 nd	Scholastic Book Fair



Hi RMCA Family,

My Name is Chad Linkey, I will be taking over as the new elementary PE teacher and I am super excited to be here! I have been teaching Physical Education at the elementary level for 6 years. My wife and I just moved to Colorado about 4 months ago and we are so happy to be here. We are originally from Arizona and had a great opportunity to move out the Spring's area. I was extremely excited that a position opened up to continue my passion for teaching during these crazy times. So far I have been able to meet a lot of the students and it's been an awesome time getting to know them. I look forward to getting to know more about them as the year progresses!

My philosophy in PE is not just sports related but it is about personal growth. I try to emphasize to my students that it's not about comparing yourself to others but to realize where you are at physically and try to improve yourself. My main goal for all students is to find something active they enjoy so that they can maintain an active lifestyle that will continue way past just PE and school. Being physically active is so important and every single student can find something they enjoy and keep themselves engaged whether that is a sport or just some type of outdoor activity!

Chad Linkey - clinkey@rmcacs.org



It is incredible to see how far we have come in Latin class since the beginning of the school year. The **Kindergarten** classes have been learning a lot of vocabulary words for objects that we see around the house, such as "window," "dog," "cat," and others. They are starting to even use them in sentences, which is super exciting! The **First Graders** have been working so hard on learning their "Animal Words," and they get better and better at them each week. **Second Grade** has just started our verb unit, and I can already see their progress. We are now reading and analyzing full Latin sentences as Second Graders! That is amazing. **Third and Fourth Grade** are both moving on to the next chapter story in our textbook "Latin For Children," where they will find out more about the fate of Marcus and Julia. And the **Fifth Graders** are continuing to explore and learn more about the Roman Army by asking their own questions. I am continuously inspired at the effort and ability of our students at RMCA, and I am excited to see where we go from here!

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ART

Greetings from Ms. Parrish in the Art Studio!

I am very excited as my Art Studio is once again buzzing with joy through the creative expression of my many artists! My **Kindergartener** artists have completed the study of the seasons and are now completing beautiful Native American symbols, as they practice patterning and working with shapes. **Grade 1** has completed the study of Egypt - creating 3-D pyramids and are now creating their own colorful and playful version of the solar system! **2nd grade** is now completing their ancient Greek wax etchings which beautifully showcase complex Greek designs and moving next into the study of the westward movement - with wagons west! **3rd grade** has gone into the wonderfully decorative stage of their Roman art compositions, displaying Roman symbols! **4th grade** is now completing their study of the Middle Ages and the stunning Illuminated Manuscript process, creating personalized bookmarks. **5th grade** is nearly finished with their amazing and spectacular Gothic Cathedral drawings which highlight many architectural features found throughout the Renaissance study. While moving through our strong and rigorous Core Knowledge curriculum, as students complete lessons, they have the ongoing opportunity to work on processes and fundamentals of still life drawing. There is never a dull moment!

Warmly,

Ms. Parrish - Art Director, Art Teacher K - 5

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The Library is hosting a
Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 16th – Feb. 22nd



IMPORTANT Book Fair Information

- First and foremost, during the book fair, the Library **will be closed** for all usual Library activities. There will be **NO book Check-In or Check-Out for students** during the week of the fair. All students must hold onto their library books until the book fair is gone.

- All Kindergarten and Elementary classes will shop on their scheduled Library day **ONLY!**

- Middle School students may shop with their Order Class **ONLY!**

Changes for this year due to COVID restrictions

- This year's Book Fair will have **BOOKS ONLY!** (No spy pens, posters, gadgets, etc...)
- Students will only have **1 opportunity to shop the book fair** and that is **with their class** on their scheduled library day only. **Students who forgot money or were absent will need to shop online.**
- Students **may not** shop before school, after school or during recess or during lunch.
- Students must pay with either eWallet, cash, or check. Please encourage students to count their money and have it labeled **BEFORE** they come to the library. **Any change due will be donated to the library.** All purchases are Tax Free!
- BINGO for BOOKS has been canceled for this year.

Please follow the link for more information about eWallet and to shop online.

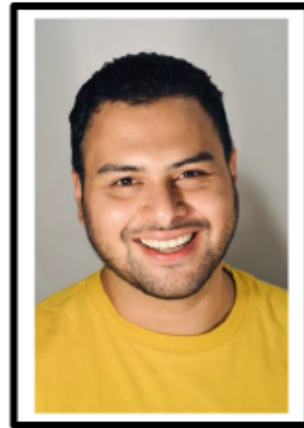
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rmca2021>

Remember the RMCA Library receives 50% of the profits! Let's fill the library with new books for the students to enjoy!

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NEW Volunteer Opening
Every Tuesday
3pm – 3:45pm
Contact Mrs. Finney if interested.

Music



Manuel Brion better known as Mr.B is our K-5 Music Instructor this semester. He first began his career in Education as a Summer Filmmaking Instructor at the New York Film Academy. Ever since, he discovered a passion for Fine Arts Education. Manny holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Performance; not only utilizing his degree to teach but also works for independent films. A life goal of Mr.B's is to establish a Performing Arts Education Center; enforcing a mission to offer opportunities in the arts to students of all backgrounds. With music this semester, Mr.B looks forward to leading the students in music theory, musical theatre, and the appreciation of music technicality. But also challenge them to think about the value of artistic performance components in music. Hobbies and interests that Mr.B enjoy are swimming, reading, and traveling. Mr.B loves to learn every day, so he is hopeful to apply to Graduate School in the upcoming year to earn an M.Ed.

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