



The Knightly News

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Front Office Hours
7:30— 4:00

Attendance email

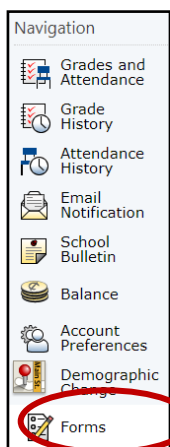
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Back to School Form Instructions

All Back to School Forms will Need to be Done for Each Returning Student on PowerSchool



Step 1: Sign in to the parent PowerSchool portal on your computer. If you don't have your login information, please contact the Registrar, Lauren Huitt, at 719-550-5339 or email at Lhuitt@rmcacs.org.

Step 2: Once logged in, please find forms on the left hand side.

Step 3: Fill out **Device User Agreement** and **Media Release** form under **General Forms**.

Step 4: Please fill out the **Multipurpose form** and **Health Information forms** under the **Enrollment** tab.

A composite image showing three screenshots of the PowerSchool forms interface. The top screenshot shows the 'School Form Listing for 1' page with tabs for 'General Forms', 'Class Forms', 'Enrollment', and 'Student Support'. 'General Forms' and 'Enrollment' are circled in red. Below this are two screenshots of the 'Forms' section. The left screenshot shows the 'General' tab with a table of forms: 'Media Release Form' and 'Device Use Agreement'. The right screenshot shows the 'Enrollment' tab with a table of forms: 'Health Information' and 'Multipurpose Form - Student Information Update'. Red arrows point from the 'Step 3' and 'Step 4' labels to the respective form lists. A third navigation menu is shown on the right, with 'Demographic Change' circled in red.

Step 5: Please select **Demographic change** on the left hand side of the screen. You can make updates to parent/guardian contact information, address, and emergency contact information. I

Step 6: If you have more than one child returning to RMCA, please switch student profiles on the top left hand corner and repeat steps 2-5.

Note: If you want to update the student's address, you will need to either email proof of residency (i.e. utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement) to the Registrar, Lauren Huitt, at LHuitt@rmcacs.org, or fax it to 719-622-8004, or drop it off in the front office at the Enrollment window.



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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
October 12
December 7
February 8
April 12

September 15
November 17
January 19
March 16
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

Volunteer Opportunities

To Be
Determined

contact info:

Email:
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President: Phil Ray
PRay@rmcacs.org
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KTucker@rmcacs.org
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RMCA PTO

Support your School, Show your Pride!

School is almost here! Are you ready?

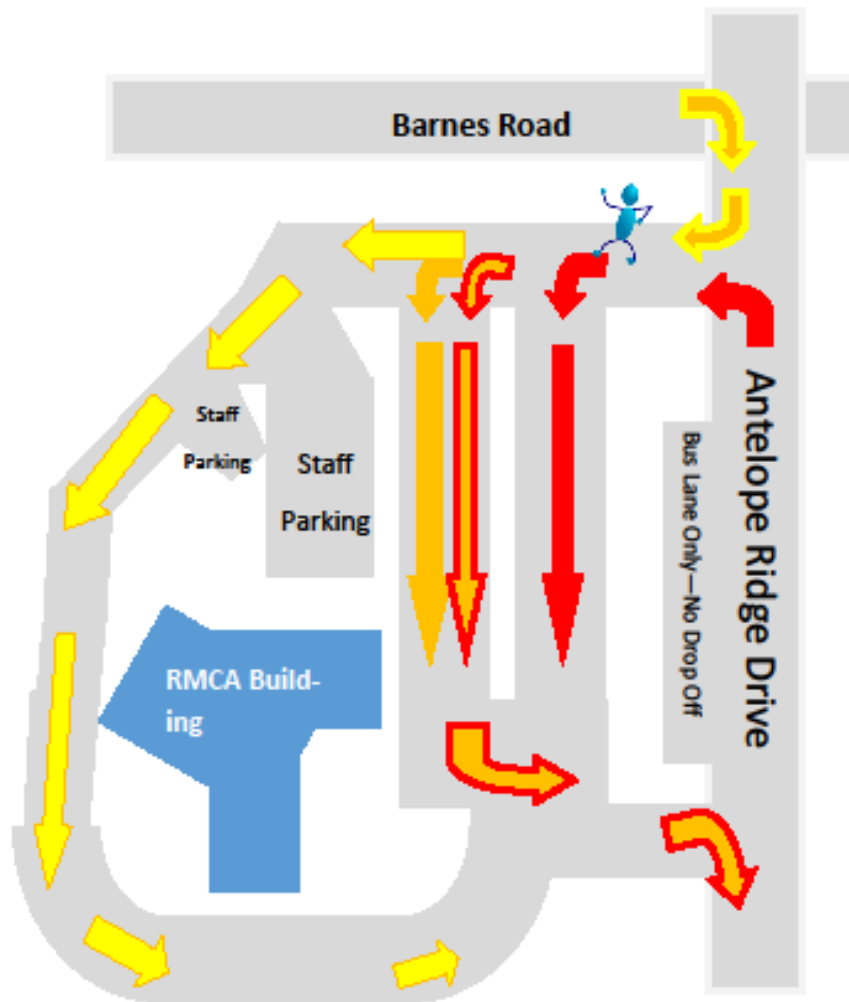
PTO has updated our online store to help meet any needs that you may have. We're also selling Smencils online with delivery to classrooms.

Visit www.rmcapto.org

Order yours today!



Morning Carpool Drop—Doors open at 7:30am Classes start at 8:00am



PRESCHOOL

- If Preschooler has a K-8 sibling drop off between 7:45 and 8am (K-8 students come in with pre-school and continue to appropriate locations)
- Preschool without K-8 sibling drop off between 8 and 8:15 am
- Must come in from the north Barnes entrance

*Starting at 7:30, staff will open access to the parking lot for student drop-off.

*Staff will direct you to the lane for entry. Stay in the lane to which you are directed.

***NEVER CROSS OR CHANGE LANES WHEN ENTERING AND/OR EXITING CAR POOL.**

***NEVER DROP STUDENTS OFF IN BUS LANE**

***RIGHT TURN ONLY TO EXIT after drop-off.**

***Never park in a drop off lane and exit your car** ***Do not threaten RMCA staff , other drivers or students.**

***The City of Colorado Springs & El Paso County Sherriff's Department have approved this traffic plan. Keep our students, faculty, and yourself safe by following all procedures.**

Violating any of the carpool rules creates serious safety hazards and drivers who do not comply may have their carpool privileges revoked by administration. These drivers would need to make other arrangements for drop-off.

Be Good to Our Neighbors!

Please note that Antelope Ridge to our east, and Falcon Ridge to our west are **PRIVATE PROPERTIES!** Do not drive though, park in, or walk through these properties. You will be ticketed or towed.

Our neighbors to the south in Whispering Pines need access to their driveways and streets. We ask that you do not park in front of their homes, block driveways or roadways

If you do not live in the neighborhood and walk to school, please use carpool

Afterschool Carpool Pick-Up

K – 4 dismisses at 3:00 pm

Pre-K 3:15 pm,

5th–8th dismiss at 3:30 pm

Parents of 5th–8th & Pre-K grade: Wait until 3:30pm to enter the line. If you arrive before elementary carpool is complete, you will be asked to leave the parking lot and return to the end of the line



* If you have a K-4 grade student with a Pre-K sibling, the K-4 student will wait in the Pre-K waiters room from 3 to 3:30, then when called will go out through the gate from Kindie gate. This will mean parents 2 stops in close proximity in the fire lane.

- Display your carpool numbers on the front dashboard of your car.
- K-4 dismiss at 3:00 pm. Older siblings go the youngest sibling's carpool line.
- If you have children in both K-4 and 5-8, the K-4 younger siblings will to their waiters room until the 5th-8th grade sibling picks them up after the 5th-8th grade dismissal at 3:30 pm.
- All siblings go to the youngest 5th-8th grade student's carpool line.

Enter the parking lot from the designated direction as display on the map. In 30 minutes, we safely move and average of 765 cars every day, providing pickup for 1,200 students. Traffic safety is a serious matter, we need YOUR help to ensure the safety of our children's lives.

- Once your children load into your car, wait for Staff to direct you to pull forward. Do not pull around any cars. RMCA reserves the legal right to deny violators the privilege of carpool
- Only RIGHT TURNS are permitted to exit the parking lot during carpool and only RIGHT TURNS are accepted by the City of Colorado and El Paso Sheriff Department's approved traffic plan.

ONLY STAFF may access the building through the staff doors before and during school. All others must enter through the front entrance near the flagpole for safety purposes.

Lunch



My Kid's Lunch

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>

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 8/17/20	Tuesday 8/18/20	Wednesday 8/19/20	Thursday 8/20/20	Friday 8/21/20
Cereal, Dried Pineapple Rings, Whole Apple Cheese Lasagna Roll Up, In Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Steamed Carrots	Chicken Sausage Biscuit , 100% Juice, Spiced Peaches Turkey Pepperoni Calzone, Marinara Dipping Sauce, Seasonal Fruit, Romaine Salad, Italian Dressing	Blueberry Scone, 100% Juice Whole Orange Breakfast Burrito Scrambled Eggs Cheddar Cheese, Fresh Banana, Hash Browns	Waffles, Syrup, 100% Juice, Craisins Grilled Cheeseburger Wheat Bun, Ketchup, Seasonal Fruit, Baked Beans	No K-5 (Testing Day) Pumpkin Bread, Applesauce, Dried Papaya Chicken Fried Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Steamed Green Beans

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



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.

Financial assistance is available. The Y is an authorized CCCAP provider.
Please check our ppymca.org/beforeandafter for locations.



Children's Hospital Colorado

Announcement

Cohort Information

RMCA Elementary

Families should have received their Cohort.

Blue Cohort:

Monday, Wednesday: In-Person Learning
Tuesday, Thursday: Remote Learning and Learning Extensions
Friday: Remote Learning

Silver Cohort:

Monday, Wednesday: Remote Learning and Learning Extensions
Tuesday, Thursday: In-Person Learning
Friday: Remote Learning

Classes have been divided as evenly as possible. Families should have been contact with lessons and schoolwork for students to work on during their Remote Learning and Extension work, if not please contact your student's teacher.

Student drop off will begin at 7:30 and not before in order to ensure we can continue with our cohorts. For the first week of school, Kindergarten students will begin their school days at 8:30 am. Parents should drop their kindergarten students off between 8:15am - 8:30am in the front car-pool lanes. Kindergarten teachers will be standing out front to greet your child so they will not have to walk into the building by themselves.

RMCA Middle School

Cohort A:

Monday-Wednesday: Remote Learning and Learning Extensions
Thursday: In-person learning (8-period day)
Friday: Remote learning

Cohort B:

Monday-Wednesday: Remote Learning and Learning Extensions
Thursday: Remote learning
Friday: In-person learning (8-period day)

Contact your student's teacher if you have not heard from any one which Cohort your student is in, Middle school parents contact your student's Order teacher.

See you next week!

Volunteers

If you have not done so, please make sure. You must complete an application to volunteer.

Click on the following link

**[https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/
MzEzMTplbi1VUw==](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.

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 for more info.



Important Information Regarding Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may have heard about a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) called Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer or P-EBT for short. This program intends to provide financial assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals who have lost access to food due to the school closures caused by COVID-19. The financial assistance will be distributed to eligible families on new or existing Colorado EST cards. The average P-EBT benefit is \$5.70/child per day or up to \$279 per eligible child, retroactive to when school initially closed. [Optional language: This benefit is in addition to the grab-n-go meals that the district is currently offering at select locations (optional: provide list of locations).]

If your family is already participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and possesses an EST card, the P-EBT benefits will automatically be loaded onto your card within the month of July 2020. **If your family is not currently enrolled in SNAP benefits, you must complete an application to receive P-EBT.**

Receiving these benefits will **not** affect your immigration or public charge status. All families who are eligible for P-EBT may receive it, regardless of immigration status. P-EBT is a pandemic emergency benefit based on free or reduced-price school meal eligibility, and similar to other benefits that the Department Homeland Security has stated that it is excluded from consideration in public charge.

Household information that is used to determine eligibility is protected under both federal and state data privacy practices.

To successfully complete the P-EBT application, you will need your child(ren)'s State Assigned Student ID (SASID) number [option: change to student ID number for private schools].

Best Practice and Encouraged Option:

See below:

Name: - - - - -

SASID: _____

Additional options:

If you are interested in applying for P-EBT, contact [Cassandra Cannon at ccannon@rmcacs.org] to obtain the required SASID [option: or student ID] information.

Upon approval, an EST card with the qualifying amount will be mailed to you. To access the P-EBT application visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/p-ebt>.

For more information about P-EBT, please visit Colorado Department of Human Services' Frequently Asked Questions [webpage](#). If you have further questions, please contact pebt2020@state.co.us and a representative will respond.

If you have other questions or need help, contact [Cassandra Cannon at ccannon@rmcacs.org]



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(1) mail : U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442;

or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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