



Summer Flyer #2: August 8, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- 8/20 - First Day of School - Minimum Day
- 8/20-23 - Minimum Days
- 8/22 - New Parent Info. Night / Back to School Night

Dear M.M.C.A families,

With about two weeks to go before school starts, I would like to take this opportunity to write each of you a quick summer update with the second of our Summer Flyers! We send our Summer Flyers electronically via our Google Apps Email Distribution Group, posting it to our website, and posting it to our FACEBOOK page. If you did not receive this Flyer via email, please 1) check your Spam folder and 2) email us at mmca@mmcharter.org with the subject line SUBSCRIBE so that we can make sure that you are on our distribution list.

Given all of the questions I've understandably been receiving about our new Hot Lunch program, I'm going to keep this Flyer primarily focused on a Hot Lunch update. We've also updated our Before/Aftercare website with this years' paperwork, and that is linked below as well. I will be sending a Flyer early next week that will have more information about protocols for the first day of school and our upcoming combined New Parent Information Night/Back to School Night.

I hope each of you is continuing to have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Boothby

Hot Lunch Update:

On the things that we can control, MMCA is ready to provide our students Hot Lunch in a couple weeks.

We have:

- 1) Got the necessary equipment and our kitchen approved by the Health Inspector;
- 2) Are under contract with our food vendor (Revolution Foods);
- 3) Have an on-line ordering system setup for all of our families and staff via Boonli; and

We even have a school hot lunch website ready to go that has:

- 1) The August Menu from Revolution Foods;
- 2) Our application for free/reduced lunch services for all of our families interested in applying for free/reduced lunches; and
- 3) Access with instructions to Boonli to allow families order lunches in August.

<https://www.mmcharter.org/hot-lunch>

Here's our problem: We've been working with the California Department of Education Hot Lunch Division for several months to get re-approved to serve hot lunches to our students. All of our paperwork, etc. has been submitted. CDE is currently backlogged processing these applications. Beyond telling us that we are now applicant number '13' in the review order, they will not give us a timeline for when we'll have official approval.

For now, I am going to assume that CDE approves our application before our first 'hot lunch day' (Monday, August 26th), and make our Hot Lunch page 'live' to allow our families to get registered in the ordering system, turn in free/reduced lunch paperwork and even order lunches via Boonli. If by **Monday, August 19th** we do not have sign off from CDE yet, I will be forced to inform our families that we will NOT be serving lunches until we have CDE approval, and refunding families their money.

I sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and uncertainty.

Finally, regarding Boonli - when you register, it's going to ask you what class your child is in. We know that about half of you don't know which class your child is in yet (it'll be posted on the front office windows at 5:00p on Friday, August 16th). Boonli asks this question because we have different lunch times and there are different serving sizes based on the age of the students (preK-5th is one size, 6th-8th is another). Just select the appropriate grade level for your child(ren), and we will make sure they get their lunch.

K-8 Before and After School Care Update:

Our Before and After School Care webpage has been updated with this year's application form and reservation calendar. The link to the page is: <https://www.mmcharter.org/blank-mw9kc>

Student School Supplies Update:

New parents: One of our traditions at MMCA has been to bulk buy the core student school supplies on behalf of our families. We've done this for two reasons:

1. To save you the time, energy and hassle of going to several different stores to pick up all of the items on our published school supplies list; and
2. To save you SIGNIFICANT \$ by bulk-buying these supplies on your behalf.

The 2019-20 school supplies list information is now posted on our website. Depending on grade level, our ACTUAL cost for these supplies is approximately \$75-\$95 per student. We are going to continue the promotion we did last year related to school supplies:

Buy early and save! Purchase supplies for only \$60 8/8-24; and \$70 8/25 and later. School Supplies can be purchased on our website at this link: <http://mmcharter.org/store>

Available Preschool Spot

I believe we have one available spot in our preschool for next year. Preschool applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

MMCA is a school of choice. One of our unique attributes is that we have a Family Volunteer Commit policy, whereby we ask each of our families to contribute at least (40) hours of Volunteer time per family, per year. There are several reasons we promote this policy, including:

1. Enhancing the Student Experience;
2. We want students to see that not only do their parents know what's going on at school, but that it matters to them; and
3. Transparency

Some of the Volunteer opportunities that we are going to be recruiting for in a couple weeks include:

- Room Parents
- Classroom Field Trip Parents
- Classroom Art Docents
- Classroom Garden Docents
- School Information Sign updater
- Yearbook Editors
- After School Enrichment Club Leaders
- WatchDOGS
- After School Athletics Coaches

If you have any questions regarding any of these upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact Mr. B at brent@mmcharter.org