



Friday Flyer: May 26, 2017

Upcoming Events:

- 5/8-5/31 SBAC testing 3rd - 8th grade students
- 5/29 Memorial Day - No School
- 6/5 Yearbook Distribution- We have a limited number of extra Yearbooks that will be available for sale starting Monday, June 5th.
- 6/6 FARA Bike Ride
- 6/7 8th Grade Graduation, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/8 Last Day of School / Minimum Day / Free Dress Day

MMCA Open House Update

Thank you to all of the families that came out for our “packed house” Open House Wednesday Night! We’d especially like to thank our parent volunteers that assisted us with the event!

Why do we do events like Ride Ataxia?

I received an email from a parent that basically asked me why we do events like Ride Ataxia when the proceeds raised don’t benefit the school. Below is my response, as I think the answer is beneficial for our entire school community. - *Mr. B*

One of the core elements of our school is a more “global” education - I believe that doing events like Ride Ataxia or past comparable events like Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society helps us accomplish this goal. For all of our students, I believe doing events like Ride Ataxia promotes age-appropriate awareness and perspective, providing a valuable learning opportunity outside the classroom. For our older students especially, events like Ride Ataxia and programs like our Teen CERT Program promote leadership, communication, organizational skill development and time management. I believe students that possess these skills will enjoy success in high school and beyond, and the track record of our recent 8th grade graduates supports this.

Save the Date: MMCA’s Bike/Walk Ride Event on June 6th

Get your bikes dusted off and trail ready! MMCA is participating in a bike ride/walking fundraiser to benefit FARA (Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance) on Tuesday, June 6. Mrs. Bryant’s son, Kyle Bryant has been an inspiration to our school as he has a rare and genetic, neurodegenerative disorder called Friedreich’s Ataxia. He organizes bike rides throughout the year to help raise awareness and funds in order to help with the research to find a cure.

We have LOTS of Volunteer spots we are looking to fill still:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa4a62fabf49-ride>.



Want to learn more information about Friedreich’s Ataxia & Kyle Bryant? They made a movie about him that you can see! Please see Movie Screening Flyer for “The Ataxian” at the end of today’s Flyer.

[MMCA-FARA T-shirts!](#)

Get in the spirit and buy a tshirt to wear on the day of the ride! Children and adult sizes available for \$10 and can be used as a uniform shirt on non-ride days. T-shirts available for sale in the office. All proceeds will go to FARA.

[Share a Bike!](#)

Also, for our Ride Ataxia event this year, we are promoting a “Share a Bike Program” to ensure that all students who want to ride have bikes to do so. If you have an extra bike and/or helmet that you are willing to loan to a child that does not, please contact Mrs. Bass at jbass@mmcharter.org. Be sure to label them. All bikes will be returned on June 6th.

[Summer Camp 2017 Registration is Under Way!](#)

Spots are filling up FAST - five of our nine weeks are now FULL! Registration paperwork is available on the website and in the front office. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Summer Camp Director Julie Cohodes at jcohodes@mmcharter.org.