



Friday Flyer April 5, 2019

Upcoming Events:

4/5 - Basketball Club, 3:15-4:30p

4/8 - Ballet Club, 2-3:10p

4/9 - Karate II Club, 3:15-4p

4/9 - Running Club, 3:15-4:15p

4/9 - Girls Volleyball @ Weimar, 3:45p

4/9 - Boys' Soccer Scrimmages, 3:30p (home)

4/10 - KinderMusik Club

4/11 - Girls Volleyball @ MMCA, 3:45p

4/11 - Boys' Soccer Scrimmages, @ Victory Christian (Cherry Island Fields), 3:30p

4/12 - Free Dress Day

4/12 - Snowie King, 2pm

4/12 - Basketball Club, 3:15-4:30p

4/15 to 4/22 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Odyssey of the Mind

Big shout out to our 4/5th grade Odyssey of the Mind Team, who after placing 2nd in regionals was able to compete in the state competition last weekend! Great job!



OPEN MIC NIGHT??!!!

On Wednesday, April 10th at 6 pm, MMCA will be hosting our first Open Mic Night. This is an informal venue for the musically inclined to perform for their friends and family. The MPR will be set-up with a small stage and the tables will be out for your dining pleasure.

No food will be served at this time but you may bring dinner along to enjoy while watching and waiting for your turn to perform. Performance order is first come first served. Participants will be allowed to do two songs. If we finish early then we'll start at the top of the list again.

I hope you will encourage your child to participate in this event. Alumni are also welcome. Questions? Please contact Ray Baldonade at rbaldonade@mmcharter.org.

HEADS UP! MMCA Summer Camp Flyer and Website goes LIVE next week!

We will be publishing information for our annual Summer Camp next week. NINE different themed weeks beginning June 10th. Questions about Summer Camp? Contact our Summer Camp Director Julie Cohodes at jcohodes@mmcharter.org.

2019-2020 School Calendar Now Online!

We have published next year's calendar on the 'school calendar' website page:
<https://www.mmcharter.org/school-calendar>.

This year's calendar, as well as the list of our prescheduled 'free dress days' for this year, are still on the page (below the new calendar). Please take a look, as there are a couple small changes that we are experimenting with next year.

Proposed Anti Charter School Legislation

Generally speaking, as the Executive Director of the school, I try to be apolitical, unless it's an issue that directly affects the school. Like almost all charter schools in the state, our school is a member of the California Charter Schools Association ("CCSA"). Recently there has been several proposed pieces of legislation that if passed would fundamentally change the charter school landscape within California. The paragraphs below were published by CCSA in their member's newsletter. Given the potential significance of these bills, I am re-publishing the CCSA article within our Flyer for all of our families to see. The Assembly Education Committee is holding a hearing on these bills next week (April 10, 2019). If anyone has any questions regarding these proposed pieces of legislation, please feel free to contact me at brent@mmcharter.org.

(from the CCSA "Capitol Update" originally published March 22, 2019)

A package of extreme and divisive bills has been introduced by Sacramento politicians that would end the charter school movement as we know it and result in the closure of hundreds of high-quality charter public schools throughout the state. These bills represent the greatest threat to charter school families in nearly 30 years and will be heard by the Assembly Education Committee on April 10th.

- *AB 1505 (O'Donnell) would eliminate due process rights for teachers, families, and charter operators to appeal local denials of new, renewing or revoked charter schools to the county and state boards of education. AB 1505 would also delete academic performance as the most important factor for approval.*
- *AB 1506 (McCarty) imposes a cap on the opening of new charter schools at the existing level of approximately 1,323 schools, and only allows new charters when an existing charter school closes.*
- *AB 1507 (Smith) removes the right of charter schools to locate their facility outside their authorizing district under very limited circumstances.*
- *AB 1508 (Bonta) would allow a district to deny a charter petition or renewal based on financial, academic, or facilities impacts a charter school would have on neighborhood public schools.*