



Summer Flyer #3: August 16, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- 8/20 - First Day of School - Minimum Day
- 8/20-23 - Minimum Days
- 8/22 - New Parent Info. Night, 6p / Back to School Night, 6:30p

Hello MMCA Families,

Welcome to our 3rd Summer Flyer! In this Flyer, we have information regarding:

- A letter from our K/1 teachers for our new Kindergarten and 1st Grade families;
- A Hot Lunch update;
- Before/After School Care paperwork link;
- Student Supplies information; and
- Carpooling

Heads up: We will be sending a fourth Friday Flyer on Monday that will include:

- A link to our updated Parent Orientation Handbook; and
- Instructions for drop-off, pick-up and parking during the first week of school

Kindergarten Families:

With New Parent Information Night / Back to School Night happening after school starts this year, our K/1 teaching staff has written a “welcome to kindergarten” letter with some basic information about the first week of school. Their ‘welcome’ letter is at the end of this Flyer. They will be giving a much more detailed presentation during Back to School Night. Additionally, one of the reasons we added a fourth minimum day to the start of our school year this year was to help assist our new students, particularly kindergarteners, in their transition into school. Given the fourth Minimum Day, our K/1 Teachers will not be hosting a ‘meet the teacher’ event before school starts this year.

Hot Lunch Update:

While we have not received full approval from the state yet regarding reimbursement for our free/reduced lunch kids, we have pretty much received approval on everything else, and based on our most recent conversations with CDE, I’m going to assume we will receive it, thus we are a ‘GO’ on hot lunch! If you’re interested in hot lunch, please go to our hot lunch website, <https://www.mmcharter.org/hot-lunch>. From this website, you can register with Boonli (our online ordering system, access free/reduced lunch paperwork and view August’s menu. Order deadlines for hot lunch will be Mondays at 11:59 p.m. for lunch orders for the following week. The deadline to order for the week of 8/26-8/30 is Monday, 8/19 at 11:59pm.

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 today, 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.

Also, regarding setting up an account in Boonli, it’s going to ask you if you are setting up an account for yourself or for someone else; select “for someone else”.

Class Rosters

Our class rosters will be posted on our front office windows today (8/16) after 5:00 p.m. Each summer, I receive several questions with regards to my strategies for setting a class roster. My overall goal in developing any class roster is to try to establish a balanced classroom looking at these primary factors: 1) behavior, 2) academic ability, 3) gender and 4) grade level. While I will take parent requests into consideration, there will be circumstances where I will not be able to honor all requests, particularly when doing so would lead to an unbalanced classroom.

[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>. If you are using ASC, please fill out and turn in the paperwork. We likewise need updated paperwork from all of our existing ASC families as well.

[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.

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>

[Carpooling Opportunities:](#)

At MMCA, we have families that come from all over the area. In that spirit, we like to promote carpooling. If you would like a carpooling opportunity posted in one of our future Flyers, please email our mmca@mmcharter.org account with a subject line of CARPOOL HELP.

Hi,

My son will be in the Green Room next year (Connor) and I am trying to locate after-school transportation for my son back to Lincoln.

Thanks so much!

Courtney (courtneymw@hotmail.com)

[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.

Welcome to Kindergarten/First Grade at MMCA!

Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in their school career! Kindergarten and First grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning.

School begins on Tuesday, August 20th at 8:30 am. When you drop off your child in the morning, he/she is to report to the playground where they will be supervised until the teachers pick them up. Feel free to wait with them the first week until they become more familiar with the routine.

Snack

The students have a choice of eating a snack in the morning. We promote grace and courtesy at snack and lunchtime. "Restaurant manners" are encouraged. The snacks should be simple and easy to eat; pretzels, raisins, carrots, or sliced apples. Please label everything! We really appreciate sending a cloth napkin with your child, it helps the children define their snack/lunch space and keep their eating area clean. Please send in utensils if needed so the students can eat independently.

** Due to minimum days (12:00 p.m. dismissal), we will not be eating lunch the first week of school. Please be sure to send in a hearty snack for your child.

Because of peanut allergies, we are peanut free classrooms. Please do NOT send peanut products for snack. If students bring peanut products or peanut butter for lunch, we will be asking them to wash their hands immediately after eating. We will be reminding students and watching out for this. We ask that you help remind your child in the morning as well if you pack peanut products for their lunch. We want to make sure we get the word out to everyone, for the safety and health of our students.

BACKPACKS

Your child will need their backpack EVERY day. Please keep a change of clothes in the backpack. Also, there are NO toys allowed at school.

Dismissal

Dismissal is at Noon during the first week of school. We ask that you please park and wait outside in front of the school or by the fence until our classroom is dismissed.

More information will be available at our New Parent Information /Back to School Night on August 22nd at 6:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school and we are very excited about the upcoming school year!

Purple & Yellow Room Teachers