



Friday Flyer September 15, 2017

Upcoming Events:

- 9/19 - GBB home vs. WSCA, 3:45 p.m.
- 9/20 - GBB @ Gateway, 3:45 p.m.
- 9/20 - XC Practice 3:15-3:45
- 9/21 - GBB @ JAA, 3:30 p.m.
- 9/21 - XC Practice 3:15-3:45
- 9/18 -9/28 Goal Setting Conference Sign Ups
- 9/20 - Garden Team Mtg., 6-7p.m.

Goal Setting Conferences Coming Up! (sign up instructions)

You are invited to sign-up for your child's conference which will be held in the afternoons Monday, October 2nd through Wednesday, October 4th. You will have online access to **schedule conferences starting Monday, September 18th through Thursday, September 28th.**

How to schedule your child(ren)'s conference:

- Go to this link: <https://www.canyoncreeksoftware.com/scheduler/ca/mariamontessori/index.cfm>
- Select "Maria Montessori Charter Academy" and press "Go"
- There will be a prompt for a school password; the password is: mmca
- The next screen will ask you to "enter the student's ID" - we are NOT using student ID's. Instead, press the "LOOKUP STUDENT ID" button.
- After pressing the "look up student ID" button, you will be prompted to enter your child's first name, last name, and birthdate and then press "LOOKUP".
- After your child has been identified, the program will ask you to do two things:
 - Select the classroom you want to schedule the conference for (note: ALL of our classrooms are listed by color names, not teacher names); and
 - If you have multiple children that you want to schedule a conference for, it will give you the opportunity to look up the next child (this will give you the opportunity to see multiple classroom conference schedules listed next to each other, making it convenient for your scheduling)
- The program will take you through a couple of self-explanatory calendar screens, and your conference will be scheduled.

If you are having issues with the software program, you have two alternatives to schedule your conference:

- a. You may come into the office to use one of our computers.
- b. You may call the office after 9:00am and they can assist you with scheduling.

Thanks!

MMCA Staff

[School Communication Pathways Policy](#)

Every year in September, we publish our school communications policy, both to inform our new families and to remind our existing families of the various means available to communicate about school-related issues. Here's a link to our policy: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4b8266_52899ec3ebc94844ae80f4ce0b225c4a.pdf

[Income Surveys](#)

Our annual CONFIDENTIAL Parent Income Surveys went home with the students last week. Please take a moment to fill out and return these confidential income surveys. We are required by law to collect these. Additionally, some federal funding and grant opportunities are based on the data collected here. Any questions about the Surveys can be sent to our Business Manager Denise Thorman at dthorman@mmcharter.org.

[Watch DOGS Update](#)

Thank you to all of the dads who joined us for our Watch DOGS kick off last Wednesday! It was a great turnout and we are well on the way to filling up our calendar with Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students). If you didn't get a chance to attend the pizza night event and would like to sign up for a date, the Sign Up Genius will be available Monday, 9/18. There is a link to the Sign Up Genius on our website: <http://www.mmcharter.org/watch-dogs>. If you would like to learn more about Watch DOGS, you can visit their website at www.fathers.com/watchdogs.

[We want Mr. Baldonade to kiss a pig!](#)

As a part of our annual PTA membership drive, Mr. Baldonade has agreed to kiss a pig at an upcoming assembly if we can get at least 75 MMCA families to join PTA. Families can join PTA at our website, <http://www.mmcharter.org/pta>.

[Recruiting Subway Lunch Parent Volunteers - Deanna Mahnke](#)

Next month, we would like to continue our experiment of offering the students Subway for lunch. For a three week period in October, we are going to offer the lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As we start preparing for this, we'd like to recruit some volunteers to help us out. I have created a Signup Genius to post for parents to sign up for volunteering to help us with the Subway Lunch: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FAFAF23AA8-subway
If interested, please sign up!

[Our School Garden needs you!](#)

Top 10 ways to become involved:

10. Attend your child's classroom hosted Garden Workday (each class hosts one workday during the school year).
9. Attend **any** classroom's hosted Garden Workday...everyone is welcome to attend any/all workdays.
8. Become a garden docent for your child's class.
7. Give to the garden during our annual fundraiser in May... The Big Day of Giving.
6. Join the garden team! We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 in the conference room.
5. Purchase supplies for the garden... our amazon wish list will be published soon.
4. Like and follow "MMCA Organic Garden and Outdoor Classroom" on Facebook.
3. Donate cash! Every \$10 donation counts as one volunteer hour.
2. Read the Friday Flyer each week for the latest in garden news and events.
1. Contact the garden coordinator, Alison Watkins, if you have questions! awatkins@mmcharter.org