



Thursday Flyer October 31, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- 11/1 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service Day
- 11/4 - Hot Lunch Order Deadline Monday, @ 11:59p
- 11/4 - Odyssey of the Mind Tryouts - 6-8th grades after school in Computer Lab
- 11/5 - Odyssey of the Mind Tryouts - 4-5th grades after school in Computer Lab
- 11/6 - Girls' Soccer team tryouts - after school
- 11/8 - Parents' Night Out! Sign up at <https://www.mmcharter.org/parents-night-out>
- 12/3 - SAVE THE **NEW** DATE - Starstruck Performance @ Lincoln Community Center, 6:30p (please See 'save the date' graphic at end of *Flyer*)

MMCA has a Twitter account??

A couple weeks ago we wrote an article about all of the ways we can communicate with parents (email, Kinderlime, OneCall, Facebook, website, etc.). We haven't used it much in the past, but we also have a Twitter account - @MMCAMustangs. We had a great site visit yesterday with our Placer County Superintendent of Schools Gayle Garbolino-Mojica. She reminded us that in the age of PG&E Blackouts, etc., that we should be using all of our social media tools to communicate with families. Thus, moving forward we will also be distributing links to our *Flyers*, parent notes, etc. on our Twitter account. If you're active on Twitter, please follow us at @MMCAMustangs.

Importance of Student Attendance

Dear MMCA Families,

Over the last month, I have noticed a disturbing trend that our absenteeism rate has been increasing. This concerns me for several reasons, including:

- Too many absences causes students to fall behind in school;
- Too many student absences disrupts the routine of the overall classroom; and
- Since schools are funded on actual attendance, too many student absences affect programming.

Did you know that:

- Even in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing school increases the chance a student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.

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Public schools in California are mostly funded based on "average daily attendance" ("ADA"). Any day a student is absent, whether the absence is excused or unexcused, the school does not receive any ADA funding for that student. Student ADA

funding is approximately \$60 per day. As an example, let's say we average 50 students absent per day for a week – that is **\$15,000** in lost funding that could otherwise be used to enhance the educational experience of your child.

What can you as parents do to help with attendance:

If you know your child is going to miss school, set up an Independent Study Agreement. From the student perspective, I.S. Agreements help keep the students on track and minimize the amount of make-up work they need to complete when they get back to school. **Please note that your student will only get credit for the Independent Study if they complete assigned work.** Denise Thorman (dthorman@mmcharter.org) coordinates Independent Study – if you have questions about the program, please contact her.

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Have your child prepare for school the night before, finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Don't let your student stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Avoid appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Develop back-up plans for getting kids to school if something comes up. Keep track of your student's attendance. Missing more than 9 days could put your student at risk of falling behind.
- Talk to your student about the importance of attendance.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs. [i]

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at brent@mmcharter.org.

Sincerely,

Brent Boothby, Executive Director, Maria Montessori Charter Academy

[i] Portions of this letter are attributable to AttendanceWorks.org

[MMCA Yearbook - On Sale Now & We Need PICTURES!](#)

Yearbooks are on sale now through March 15, 2020. **Preordering is the only way to guarantee** your student receives a yearbook. Price is \$25 through 11/30/19. Price goes up to \$30 on 12/1/19. Any questions? Contact mmcayb@gmail.com

Click the link to order online: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01106053>

We are looking for photographers to submit pictures for our yearbook. We have a need for pictures from our Fall Sports Teams, clubs, field trips, classroom activities and more! Volunteers who agree to be a Yearbook Photographer will have their volunteer hours met FOR THE YEAR! Interested? Please contact our Yearbook Editors at mmcayb@gmail.com. *Please do not send compressed files or low resolution photos.

[Carpool Help](#)

We have a family looking to carpool in the West Roseville neighborhood (Junction Blvd. between Woodcreek Oaks & Baseline). They'd like to drive kids to school, they're looking for help driving kids home after school. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Vanesa Murcia at vanhe31@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

MMCA Presents

STARSTRUCK DANCE SHOWCASE

TUESDAY

December 3, 2019

6:30pm

Lincoln Community Center
2010 1st Street, Lincoln, CA 95648