



Thursday Flyer June 6, 2019

School's OUT for Summer!

8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to all 8th Grade Graduates! Each year we like to publish the speeches of our 8th Grade Graduation Student Speakers. I think they provide great insight, from a student's perspective, of what their experience was at our school. Their speeches are available at the end of this Flyer. I encourage all of our families to take a few minutes to read them.

Summer Office Hours and Summer Communication

Generally, we will maintain Summer Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00a - 12:00p. The office will be closed the first week of July. Additionally, we will electronically send at least (3) Summer Flyers with information about the upcoming school year. These Flyers will be a) sent via e-blast, b) published on the Front Page of our website and c) posted to our Facebook page. The first flyer should be going out around the first week of July. We will also be sending home ordering information related to our Hot Lunch Program that we're starting up in the Fall.

Summer Camp 2019

We have VERY few spots left - six of our nine weeks are now FULL! If you have any questions about the program, please contact Summer Camp Director Julie Cohodes at jcohodes@mmcharter.org.

Yearbooks

A big thank you to our Yearbook Editors Jessica Flacks and Colleen Rekers for another AWESOME Yearbook this year! After selling out yesterday, it turns out we'll be getting about 10 more from the publisher within the next couple weeks. If you'd like to be able to reserve one of these, please email cbrown@mmcharter.org.

Student Medications

Please pick up your child's medications on the last day of school. We do not store them over the summer. Also, please plan to have new medication-related paperwork filled out for the next school year by the first day of school.

Thanks to all of our Watch DOGS!

This has been a great year for our Watch DOGS program! Thanks to all of the fathers and father figures for taking time out of your busy schedules to come spend a day on campus. If you would like your picture from our Wall of

Fame, please stop by (or have your child stop by) the office to pick it up.

Lost and Found

PLEASE check out the lost and found! Even if you don't think you are missing anything. There are jackets, water bottles, lunch bags, etc. Smaller items such as jewelry, keys, hair clips, etc. are in the office.

7th Grade Tdap Requirement

If your child will be entering 7th grade in the fall, please make sure we have an updated immunization record. Students need to have a Tdap after their 7th birthday (many of the students immunization records with the school have not been updated since they entered kindergarten). Please contact Denise Thorman in the office with any question (dthorman@mmcharter.org).

8th Grade Graduation Student Speeches

Trent Boothby

Ben Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

I am very satisfied for the time and effort that I invested into this school. There is no place I would rather do the same.

I will make this short and sweet because unlike other Boothby's, I give short speeches.

Just to think about where I started in Children's House with Mrs. Bass is unbelievable. One time my brother was with Mrs. Bass, and she was the only teacher that wasn't sick, She told him, "This old dog ain't getting sick."

My brother replied with, "I had an old dog. He got sick. He died." They laughed it off and that was referred to as a "Drewism".

It's those kinds of things that make this school so special. Our field trips to places like the Challenger Space Mission in Aqua Room, gave us a fun way to learn and grow. Some field trips were just fun like riding roller coasters at Six Flags or swimming at Sunsplash.

School isn't just about field trips. You can't grow without the teachers guiding you. I appreciate every teacher I have had for putting up with me. Teachers are so vital to growing up and I am grateful. Without teachers, I would be nothing, so I personally would like to thank them. I can recall back in 6th grade thinking Green Room was going to be very hard and wasn't sure if I was going to make it.

One of the most life changing moments during the time period at this school would be Sly Park. At Sly Park, we learned all sorts of science lessons and made friends. We get to explore the outdoors, learn the constellations, interact with animals, and play basketball.

Did I mention that we miss school for a week?! My friends and I had a blast. Everyone did. I think that

having fun is an essential component to learning, like a brain break.

Green Room has probably been the best 2 school years of my life. The teachers taught us new concepts and got us ready for high school. Events like the mock disaster were very stressful but taught me to be responsible.

Now, I think I've tortured myself long enough up here, so thank you listening to my thoughts.

Thank you.

Kiera Catubig-Hess

Hi my name is Kiera Catubig-Hess, and I have spent the last 9 school years here at MMCA. This school has been like another home for many of us. We have seen friends, classmates, teachers, come and go but those of us promoting today stuck around and have the honor of graduating here today.

MMCA is such a fun school both inside and outside of class. The teachers at this school would go out of their way to make learning more fun for us and would organize amazing events for everyone to enjoy.

Mrs. Watkins, my favorite thing about you is that you don't care what others think about you, that you feel free to be yourself.

Mrs. Wibbie, you are very creative person and care about all of us even when we drive you crazy.

Mrs. Jennings, you always told us funny stories and took time out of your busy day to coach the girls volleyball team and made it a very fun experience. Because of you, coach mom and coach Christine, not just me but others feel comfortable and excited to play in high school.

Ms. Guy, when we heard that someone was replacing Mrs. Wallace some of us weren't very happy, but you turned out to be one of our favorite teachers at MMCA. You always tried to make things more fun for us and talk about movies and shows with us.

Mrs. Wallace, we missed having you around for our last year here, you were always really nice to us and made class a lot more fun. Many of us were twice as lucky because we didn't just get you in 7th grade but in third grade as well.

Mr. B you weren't just our principal but our basketball and soccer coach. You taught a lot of us how to play basketball and a lot of us have learned to love it, you say I'm capable, but I'm pretty sure you're lying to me.

Mrs. B, you took the time and effort to add 5 more students to your math class so we could get the education we needed.

Mr Baldonade, you are a lot of things: lunch supervisor, music teacher, aftercare worker, karate teacher

and many more. You have watched us grow and become the people we are today.

Family, you loved us and pointed us in the right direction in life, all you want us to do is succeed and you are the reason we want to.

Everyone here: teachers, family, annoying siblings, you all helped us get here today and on behalf of the whole 2019 graduating class, we thank you. You guys cared for us, taught us, and believed in us, and most of all pushed us be the best we can be and we will never forget that. You guys gave us our chance to be someone someday so we could make a change in other people's lives just like you did. So thank you, we wouldn't be here today without you.

Ika Natassa once said "Time flies but not memories." Many of us here have spent most of our lives at this school; it's sad that we have to leave but it's exciting that we get to start a new chapter in our lives, not forgetting our past but embracing it and leaving with a story or two to share.

Ivy Claxton

Maria Montessori once said "We cannot create observers by saying 'observe', but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses."

Our school has most definitely lived up to this expectation. I have had a Montessori education since preschool and I could not find a more perfect quote than the one I just read to describe the amazing morals of this wonderful school.

When I say amazing school I don't just mean the teaching. I mean the years and years of memories, a lot of the students that are graduating with me tonight I have gone to school with, and I mean it when I say this, as long as I could remember.

We have seen each other through good and bad. As we, 8th graders, have the last day at this school among us, I only wish and hope for one thing.

That all grades, from preschool to the 7th grade, remember the graduating class of 2019 as, maybe even the best, role models, some more than others.

This school is unique, there are so many things that make our school different, which isn't normally looked at as a good word right, but that is how we do it at MMCA.

Without this school I wouldn't of made so many friends or learned so much. My life changed when I was 5 years old and enrolled in this school. I had no idea what I had gotten myself into 9 years ago, none of us did.

While I could have written this entire speech solely about our time here, instead I thought I should mention what is to come, the next step in our long life... high school. I know, scary right?

I know everyone says it, but it seriously feels like yesterday was my first day in Purple room. I wish you all the best of luck (look at classmates) because we are going to have to start all over again as freshmen in the fall.

We are going to make to friends, join clubs and sports teams that may be out of our comfort zones.

But to me this, graduating and going on to high school, means we are growing.

Growing as students obviously, but more importantly, growing as people.

When the bell rings at the end of the day tomorrow, when we leave campus for the last time as 8th graders, we will have new expectations to meet as freshmen, and will take years and years of memories with us to high school.

Thank you friends and teachers for these memories, without you guys I would not have made it through that past 9 years.

Riley Allred

I would like to give a quick disclaimer, this speech won't be the most serious speech you'll hear, but it won't put you to sleep like some speeches.

Also, feel free to laugh at my *quotes* jokes.

I would like to begin my speech with a thank you to my family, friends, and teachers.

Mom, Dad, thank you so much. I can barely put into words how much I appreciate the things you have done for me.

I will forever be in debt because there is nothing I can do to repay you, so thank you.

Reese, Caden, you guys are interesting siblings. You make me smile and laugh, but you also make me scream in a pillow. I know it seems as if I don't really care for you, but I do and I thank you for it. But may I make one thing clear, that does not give you the right to steal my Oreos!

Ms. Guy, I couldn't ask for anyone better. You make the class a fun and enjoyable environment, so thank you.

Mrs. Watkins- you're one of the best science teachers to ever exist. You not only handle us, but two children and I have to say that is pretty freaking impressive!

Mrs. Jennings, I would like to say that your math class has to be the most entertaining math class I have been in. The way you teach is very, very unique, you don't make us sit and take notes all the time but you will get up and make jokes, or show us how you can't lose distance if you run backwards. You are also quite an amazing volleyball coach, and have some interesting cheers, so thank you for what you have done for me.

Mrs. Wibbenhorst, I thank you for everything, History may not be the most entertaining subject, but it definitely is fun thanks to you.

Last, but definitely not least, Mr. Boothby. You may not have been my teacher, but you were definitely somebody who pushed me to be the best me.

Thank you to everybody who has helped me through the years.

I know that was long and I'm sorry. I just want to say how lucky I am to have gone to this school because as small as it may be it holds some memorable times.

I'm almost 100% sure that I won't find any friends in high school who will wear onesies with me, or find a class full of people who play hide and go seek in the dark.

The people in my class have been in my life for quite some time, and it is sad that we are graduating.

I always looked up to the big kids and wanted to be them and now that I am, and I am proud to say it feels good to be the big kid on campus...well some of us aren't so big, but you know what I mean.

Someone once wrote, "A dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan. A plan backed by action becomes reality". This quote is one of the most true quotes I think I have ever heard.

If we go into high school with a mindset like that quote we will go further than we think. I'm guessing everybody in this room loves Michael Jackson, and by the words of him, "If not us, then who; if not now, then when?".

Thank you.