



Friday Flyer January 19, 2018

Upcoming Events:

- 1/22-1/26 - Hot Cocoa Sales (support OUR DC Trip kids)
- 1/23/18 - Boys' BB Home vs. Foresthill
- 1/24/18 - Boys' BB Home vs. Bowman
- 1/24/18 - Watch DOGS Donuts with Dads, 8:00a - 8:30a
- 1/25/18 - Boys' BB Home vs. Weimar
- 1/26/18 - Parents' Night Out, 6-9p

Parent's Night Out next week!



The Details

DATE: Friday January 26th

TIME: 6 pm - 9 pm

WHERE: MMCA Gym

WHO: Kids 3.5 years and older (must be potty trained)

WHAT: 7th and 8th grade DC trip kids, along with the supervision of Mrs. Boothby, will be providing a craft, games, story time, pizza, water, and a movie to entertain your children while you have a night out!

COSTS: 1 child = \$15

2 children = \$30

3 or more children = \$40 (what a deal!)

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 35 CHILDREN!

How do I sign up?

Reserving your spot is going to be online now. No need to worry about getting to the office on time. Sign up in the comfort of your own home!

We have room for 35 kids to attend.

Pick the appropriate option of number of kids, and be sure to give us all names of kids attending and pay! It's that easy!

Number of Kids

One child \$15.00 USD

Names (First & Last)

Add to Cart

All reservations for Parents' Night Out will be online. Please Go to this link to sign up for Parents' Night out:
<http://www.mmcharter.org/parents-night-out>

Children's House Enrollment for 2018/2019 is Open!

We are taking enrollment for our preschool class (AKA Children's House) for the 18/19 school year! Requirements are the child must be potty trained and born on or before 2/15/15. Schedule an informational tour by calling the office at (916) 630-1510. Enrollment is being taken on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment packets are available in the office or on our website at this link:

<http://www.mmcharter.org/preschool-enrollment-1>

Hey Watch DOGS! Donuts with Dads coming up!

Donuts with Dads is NEXT WEEK! Please RSVP now and support our Watch DOGS! At this event, we're going to be recruiting dads to get on the Watch DOG schedule for the rest of the school year.

MMCA After School Enrichment Clubs

Our next round of sign up flyers for this session's after school enrichment clubs is coming out next week. In addition, we ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help lead Clubs for future sessions. Club Leader commitment is typically 1 day per week for 1 hour, and our club sessions last 4-6 weeks. In the past, we've had clubs that have included chess, sewing, arts and crafts, STEM, drama, sports and more. It's a great venue for parents to share their interests with students. For any questions about our After School Clubs program, please contact Ray Baldonade at rbaldonade@mmcharter.org.

"Hey Look" what's happening in the Garden!

I was out in our MMCA garden recently and even though our boxes aren't as full of crops as they have been in past years, there are definitely some cool things to check out! The first thing you might notice are our new paths. The river rock and new decomposed granite create a Woodland Garden effect that is magical. In addition to the new river rock, we have another "Rock" project going on school wide. The project is based on the book Only One You by Linda Kranz. This book is the focus of Character Education and its message is one of wisdom passed down from parents to their children (rockfish children that is). Some of its messages include celebrating individuality by swimming against the current (literally) and facing challenges while appreciating the beauty that's all around us. In celebration of this book and its important messages, the students are all painting their own rocks to put out into the rock river bed. In fact, when I was puttering around the garden the other day, Mrs. Boothby had the Coral Room students choosing spots for their rocks! There's no doubt these rocks will add a fun splash of color and individuality to our space.

Some of our classrooms have been taking the gardening indoors as well. Take a walk by Coral Room and if you look in their window, you'll see the students made their own mini compost cups. Some of them have actually sprouted!

Rainfall in January means we don't need to do much watering but, it is important to remember that downpours can ruin crops. When we plant January crops it's important to plant them close together to help protect them from erosion from hard rains. Salad greens in particular prosper this time of year because they are a shade crop and don't like too much sun. Did you know that you can take the outside leaves off of your garden lettuce to eat and leave the inside ones and they will continue to grow? There's no need to chop the entire head off!

Did you know that potatoes are one of a few crops that can be planted directly in the garden in January? Two other items are bok choy and lettuce. Brussel sprouts, cabbage, parsnips, broccoli/cauliflower, carrots, rutabaga and turnips can also be planted if started from seed. Before you plant your potato tower, look closely and you'll see that one of the towers is guarding some volunteer red and green kale. Hint: it's the tower closest to Red Room's box. The kale can easily be relocated as long as we dig up the roots and plant the kale in loose soil. Also close to Red Room's box you'll find some decomposing gourds. Maybe they'll become gourd plants if we relocate them? In previous years, gourds were very successful in our garden. Can you find the box with radishes growing in it? You may need to pull a few weeds to find them but, they are most certainly there. One of the boxes has itty bitty carrots too small for even our bunnies to eat! Sweet peas are growing in another box and they are getting ready to climb. Hint: this box is close to the garden shed.

"Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening and even the most experienced gardener can learn from the unrestrained beauty around them." -Vincent A. Simeone