



Friday Flyer March 29, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- 3/30 - Good luck to our 4th/5th grade Odyssey of the Mind Team @ the State Competition!
- 4/1 - Garden Workday! 2:30-4:00p Co-hosted by Aqua Room and Children's House
- 4/2 - Garden Team Mtg., 6:30p
- 4/2 - Boys' Soccer Tryouts, after school, 3:20p-4:30p (signups posted in MPR)
- 4/2 - Girls' Volleyball Jamboree @ WSCA, 3:45p
- 4/2 - Deadline to Order Pizza, 9:00p
- 4/4 - Girls' Volleyball @ MMCA, 3:45p
- 4/5- Pizza Friday!

2019-2020 School Calendar Now Online!

We have published next year's calendar on the 'school calendar' website page:

<https://www.mmcharter.org/school-calendar>.

This year's calendar, as well as the list of our prescheduled 'free dress days' for this year, are still on the page (below the new calendar). Please take a look, as there are a couple small changes that we are experimenting with next year.

Calling all knitters!

If you would like volunteer hours helping Mrs. Jennings with an upcoming Friday afternoon elective please email Mrs. Jennings at ejennings@mmcharter.org.

Upcoming Spring Trimester Volunteer Opportunities

- Morning Drop-off Sidewalk Assistance (8:15a-8:30a) - TRIPLE VOLUNTEER HOURS
- After School Basketball Club Assistant for Coach Bakshi - Fridays 3:10p-4:30p
- Boys' Soccer Team Assistant Coaches (approx. April 4 - May 24)

Are you interested in one of these Volunteer Positions? For more information, please contact Mr. B at brent@mmcharter.org.

Proposed Anti Charter School Legislation

Generally speaking, as the Executive Director of the school, I try to be apolitical, unless it's an issue that directly affects the school. Like almost all charter schools in the state, our school is a member of the California Charter Schools Association ("CCSA"). Recently there has been several proposed pieces of

legislation that if passed would fundamentally change the charter school landscape within California. The paragraphs below were published by CCSA in their member's newsletter. Given the potential significance of these bills, I am re-publishing the CCSA article within our Flyer for all of our families to see. If anyone has any questions regarding these proposed pieces of legislation, please feel free to contact me at brent@mmcharter.org.

(from the CCSA "Capitol Update" originally published March 22, 2019)

A package of extreme and divisive bills has been introduced by Sacramento politicians that would end the charter school movement as we know it and result in the closure of hundreds of high-quality charter public schools throughout the state. These bills represent the greatest threat to charter school families in nearly 30 years and will be heard by the Assembly Education Committee on April 10th.

- *AB 1505 (O'Donnell) would eliminate due process rights for teachers, families, and charter operators to appeal local denials of new, renewing or revoked charter schools to the county and state boards of education. AB 1505 would also delete academic performance as the most important factor for approval.*
- *AB 1506 (McCarty) imposes a cap on the opening of new charter schools at the existing level of approximately 1,323 schools, and only allows new charters when an existing charter school closes.*
- *AB 1507 (Smith) removes the right of charter schools to locate their facility outside their authorizing district under very limited circumstances.*
- *AB 1508 (Bonta) would allow a district to deny a charter petition or renewal based on financial, academic, or facilities impacts a charter school would have on neighborhood public schools.*