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Fall Exhibition

Thursday, November 5th, you are invited to the Charter School's Fall Exhibition. Classrooms will be open from 5:30-7:30 p.m. You may come any time during this two hour period. The students have been working hard in their classrooms on projects and this is their opportunity to show off all their hard work.

This is a family night and our expectation is that families will stay together. We want the students to talk to their parents about what they have been doing in school. This means that they need to be with you. Students will not be permitted to play on the playground. They should not bring skateboards, sports balls, etc. to school this evening. All of the CSMH staff will be reinforcing that this evening is not recess time for students. It is a school event at which we expect students, parents and staff to actively engage together.

On Tuesday morning, we will be e-mailing a program describing all the projects the students have been doing. We strongly encourage you to walk around to all the classrooms and see the great learning that is taking place at our school. A few of the classes are holding special presentations at specific times. Please respect their performances by being on time and staying for the entire presentation.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday night!!

Dinner is Served

Make your life easy the night of the school's exhibition. The 8th graders are preparing a homemade pasta dinner complete with salad, garlic bread and a drink. The dinner will be available from 5:00-7:00 pm. All funds from the dinner go to our 8th graders Washington D.C. trip. Be sure to pre-order your tickets. No tickets will be available at the door. Be sure to see the attached e-flyer. All orders are due to the office on November 3rd. There is a convenient take out option available this year.

Volunteers Needed

One of the best things about CSMH is the many opportunities that we provide for students. We'd like to be able to provide more recess opportunities for your children, but we need your help to do it. We are currently looking for help in the following areas:

***A parent who is available one day a week (any day except Wednesday or Friday) between 11:00 and 12:00 to supervise the intramural sports program for grades 3-5.** This program promotes good sportsmanship, responsibility and physical fitness. Kids love it, and the time commitment is minimal. The program is coordinated

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Barnes, so all you'll need to do is show up on your day and actively supervise/referee the sport of the week!

***Several parents who are available to hang out in the garden area one day a week between 11:15 and 12:15 to allow students to visit their gardens and the chicken coop.** The students love the garden, the chickens, the pig and the goat but need to have adult supervision while enjoying them. Five parents who could each commit to one day a week would allow children to use this wonderful resource that we are so lucky to have right here on our campus!

***Several parents who are available to supervise a game room or quiet room one day a week between 11:15 and 12:15.** Many of our students love to run and play, but sometimes they like to draw, read, and play board games, too! By providing lots of varied opportunities for children at recess, we are promoting a positive school culture and lessening the likelihood of bullying on campus.

Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are right around the corner. If you have not yet scheduled your conference, please be sure to do so the night of the Exhibition. Just a few reminders –

- Exhibition is an evening for you and your child to share in his/her accomplishments this first trimester of school. You will have a chance to talk with your child's teacher in just a few weeks about his/her individual needs and accomplishments.
- Parent – teacher conferences are mandatory. Every parent is expected to attend. It is part of your parent participation obligation to CSMH.

Attendance

It is very important your child(ren) are at school everyday. Of course, if they running a fever or have vomited they need to stay home until well. Otherwise, they should be at school. We have a number of minimum days coming up for parent-teacher conferences. Important learning will still be occurring in the classrooms every morning and all the students are expected to be present. Please do not plan vacations during these weeks, vacations should be planned during our holiday breaks.

Also, as a school, we depend on attendance. We do not receive funds when your child is not at school, even though our costs remain the same. We lose approximately \$40 per child per day. In these tight economic times for schools, we are watching every dollar and need to keep our attendance numbers up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Dates to Remember



November 2 nd	2 nd grade (Price) on field trip Photo Retakes Academic Chess
November 3 rd	2 nd grade (Wilkinson) on field trip
November 4 th	Minimum Day - Staff Development Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
November 5 th	Fall Exhibition from 5:30-7:30 (dinner 5:00-7:00 - see e-flyer)
November 6 th	Charter School Spirit Wear
November 9 th	2 nd graders on field trip
November 11 th	No school - Veterans Day Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
November 13 th	Student Council Spirit Day - Crazy Day End of 1 st trimester
November 18 th	CSMH wear spirit day
November 18 th - 20 th	Minimum Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences Book Fair in multipurpose room
November 23 rd - 24 th	Minimum Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences Book Fair in multipurpose room
November 25 th - 27 th	No School - Thanksgiving break
November 24 th	1 st and 5 th on field trip
November 25 th	Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm