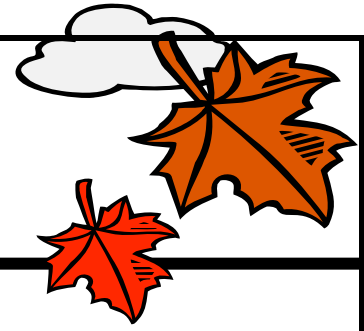


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E-Scrip

E-scrip is such an easy fundraiser for the school and costs you absolutely nothing!! All you have to do is register at www.escrip.com and enter our group ID #6722991. The school then receives a percentage back from a number of participating merchants when you do your regular shopping.

Currently, Safeway is doing a special 10% back on your grocery receipts. If you look at the bottom of your receipt, there is an e-mail address and a number that needs to be entered to get credit. I know that I can easily spend \$100 when I am just running in for a few things and you don't want to see my big shopping receipts!! I entered my code on my receipt the other day and the school made over \$9. You can enter multiple receipts at once, so gather up those old receipts on your desk or in your purse. Safeway is doing the 10% program all during September and through mid October. Just think, if our approximately 300 families each entered just one of their \$100 grocery bill receipts – the school would make \$3000!! And I know that chances are very high that our families spend more than \$100 on groceries in a month and a half.

Family and Friends Fund Drive

This is the last week to turn in pledge cards before you are put on the call list. If you have not yet completed a pledge card please do so this week.

Thank you to the many families who have already turned in their cards.

Remember that Charter School is a non-profit 503(c) corporation. Many companies will match employee contributions, so we encourage you to check with your employer.

Families who have returned a card will be on the Do Not Call List so get your cards in soon!!

Parking Lot

The south entrance of the parking lot is for bus and cars with handicap placards only. Please do not enter the school during the morning through this entrance. If you want to park in the morning, you must still enter the school at Bailey and drive through to an open parking spot. Thank you for your cooperation.

7th and 8th graders Marin

Headlands Adventure

Seventh & eighth grade students spent the first week of September enjoying Science Camp in the Marin Headlands. Our students were well prepared and enthusiastic. Through hands-on learning and guided exploration, they discovered a sense of wonder about the natural world and a sense of responsibility for its stewardship. They developed an understanding of the interconnections that form the fabric of life in our world.

Our students sampled water from a pond in the Headlands, catching macro-invertebrates that indicate water quality. They examined them with microscopes, keyed out their identities, and observed their behaviors. One night they learned about bioluminescence and hiked out to the beach to dig for plankton that give off green light when you disturb them in the sand.

The students played team-building games and faced both individual and team challenges. They hiked out to the NIKE missile site, sampled ice plant, climbed Hawk Hill or Hill 88, identified native plants and animals, and participated in a great program of entertainment around the campfire. Everyone lived in army bunkhouses, ate delicious organic food, made good friendships even better and created memories to last a lifetime.



Our students worked hard to be ready for this adventure, and several camp facilitators said they were among the best-prepared campers they had taught. Our students were ready, willing, and able to handle the challenges of a strenuous week of science camp away from home. We are proud of them and thank them for their good spirit and energy. We also thank their parents who were willing to let them go away for a week and also helped them to raise funds, acquire equipment, and complete their academic preparation for this program. This great collaborative effort resulted in a wonderful week of Science Camp! Thank you and congratulations to one and all!

- Submitted by Ms. Anex

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 22nd-26th	School Pictures - mornings only
September 22nd	Academic Chess
September 29th	Academic Chess
October 1st	Minimum Day - Staff Development
October 3rd	Mid-point 1st trimester
October 6th	Academic Chess
October 13th	Academic Chess
October 15th	Minimum Day - Staff Development Chevy's Day / Night
October 20th	Academic Chess
October 21st	Board of Director's meeting at 7:00 pm at CSMH

School Pictures

School pictures will continue through Friday, Sept. 26th. All information about schedule, ordering and the option for sibling pictures is posted on the school's website. Order forms may be turned in to your child's teacher or to the office anytime in September.

If your child's class has pictures at 8:00 in the morning, please plan to have them at school 5 minutes early. We do begin with the whole class picture and don't want anyone to miss it.

Questions? Call Dana Miller 778-0132 or danamiller@yahoo.com