

NEWS FROM MS. BONNIE SEPTEMBER

Well families, we are off and running, and what a beginning it has been! We have had an inspection from the Fire Marshall, the financial auditors, and an IRS visit, and I am happy to say we are in good shape! More importantly, thank you to all families for your participation in our opening day, conferences with fourth and fifth graders, and Casa parent education. I especially want to extend my appreciation to families for following our new practice of dropping off and picking up students at the front of the school. We had very few problems. Just some reminders; **PLEASE NO CELL PHONES**, have students dropped off on the passenger side, walk on the sidewalks, and be patient and respectful of all drivers, walkers, and bike riders. If you are concerned about the wait time, I suggest you wait until 3:30 to pick-up children. Again, thank you for your safe driving.

What are we doing to protect students and faculty from the H1N1 virus?? First our school is receiving all information from the CDC via the New Mexico Public Health Department. We have implemented the following:

- Lessons on the importance of hand washing through our Wellness program,
- Posted information in bathrooms/classrooms on hand washing and covering coughs,
- Cleaning our classrooms using our normal cleaning process,
- Created a folder specific to reasons students are not in school/sent home,
- Students with a fever will be given a note with the information stating that the child must stay out of school with no fever for a 24 hour period without using a fever reducing medicine,
- Maintain all information from NM Public Health Department related to the virus.

If you have any additional questions please call.

I hope you are finding that your students are enjoying new activities in our before and after care program. We are full and Ms. Kellie is maintaining a waiting list and will inform families when an opening is available. Remember that your payment is at the beginning of the week/month and can be placed in the black mailbox in the office. Help us make sure the payment is charged to the correct amount by putting the student's name on the check.

Your student has been very busy with class work as well as those assessments that are required at the beginning, middle and end of the year. Kindergarten and first grade complete DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) and A-Z (a reading assessment). Second through sixth grade complete MAPs, (Measured Academic Progress) and A-Z. You will get these results at the October parent/student/teacher conferences.

Have you had an opportunity to look at our website? At www.mrgcharter.org, you can keep current and up-to-date on what is happening at MRGC. Also, Miss Debbie, our Instructional Coach, posts educational information about our Montessori practice. She updates frequently, so please check this out and learn more about what your child is doing in our three planes of development.

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Attached to this newsletter (the last hard copy - others will be posted on the web), is our current student directory and legislator information. If you requested for us not to include you in the directory we honored this request. The directory allows you to contact your child's friends and families. Please remember that if you are having a party of any kind that you send info through the mail, or phone them at home. The information on your legislator will be helpful when we want to support any legislative bills on public education.

Student and family information needs to be current. So if you have changed any numbers please let Ms. Kellie know. We use SchoolReach to broadcast information to all families. If you have a block on your email or phone, please make sure you can receive mail from an mrgcharter.org and 842-5993, otherwise you will miss my important messages. All other communication from TAPAS or our teachers will now be through classroom emails.

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call so we can address your issues as quickly as possible. I'm looking forward to your continued support of our learning community.

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SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2-4 PM GET INVOLVED AND JOIN THE FUN!*