

SHARK TALES

Message from the Principal, Mrs. Axson

FRIENDLY
REMINDER

Just a reminder that there is **NO SCHOOL** on
FRIDAY, APRIL 18th.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of **APRIL 21st-25th**. All books are **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!** This is a perfect time to buy books for your children to enjoy over the summer. We accept cash, credit cards, and e-wallet. Please see the attached flyer on how to access the e-wallet information. If you have any questions, please let us know.

To set up your e-wallet and more information, please click on the link below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/marioncharterschool>

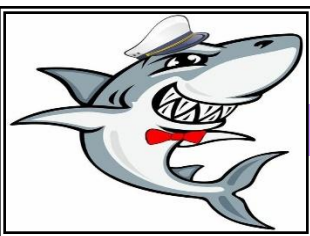
WALL OF FAME

This Week's Wall of Fame Winners:
COURAGE!

Carter - Declan Scott
Maldonado - Elijah Finch
Booe- Emmalyn Arnette
Kucharek - Ava Rawe
Montanez - Gao "Lambo" Gao
Amerling - Elias Valles
Dillingham - Logan V. Jameson-Torres
Belwood - Madison Murray
Dube - Jeremy Mills
Crawford - Isaiah Woolbright
Moon- Lily Lovely
Egert - Brody Kemp
Fish - Whittington Grimes

Last Week's Wall of Fame Winners:
SELF-CONTROL!

Carter - Camila Bache
Maldonado - Oscar Hutchins
Booe- Amelia Taylor
Kucharek - Adabelle Robinson
Montanez - Athena Jagdeo
Amerling - Nico Crowe
Dillingham - Waylon Lindstam
Belwood - Jordan Chesser
Dube - Alexandra Malave
Crawford - Yelianys Ruiz Del Rio
Moon- Fabiel Mercado Rivera
Egert - Ryleigh Laurito
Fish - Maddie Aroch



NEWSLETTER!



Our last F.A.S.T. State testing (PM3) dates are quickly approaching. Please remind your child(ren) the importance of these assessments. These assessments track your child's progress in regards to the State's B.E.S.T. standards and will determine if your student is performing below, on, or above grade level. Please see the attached flyer for some helpful tips on how to prepare for the tests.

UPCOMING STATE TESTING DATES:

Tuesday, April 22nd- Kdg.-2nd Grade STAR Reading Test

Tuesday, April 29th- Kdg. - 2nd Grade STAR Math Test

Thursday, May 1st- 3rd and 4th Grade FAST PM3 Reading Test

Friday, May 2nd- 5th Grade FAST PM3 Reading Test

Tuesday, May 6th- 3rd Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Wednesday, May 7th- 4th Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Thursday, May 8th- 5th Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Tuesday, May 13th- 5th Grade N.G.S.S. Science Test

Please remind your child to do their very best on the tests by taking their time and making sure to read the passages and questions carefully, and for math, by having them work out each math problem on their scratch paper. Remind them that this is their time to SHINE and show what they know by doing their BEST on the test.

MCYFL CHEER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

They are excited to announce that they have extended their cheer program to include kindergarten and first graders. Their PW Hurricanes squad still has a few more spots available, and they would love to see these teams grow so that they can better serve the youth and community.

They do not travel, all practices are in one location within the school area, and games are every Saturday at Jervey Gantt field.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

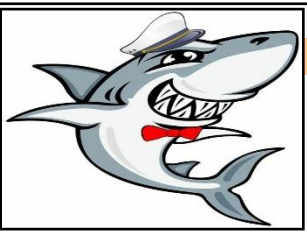


Important Dates:

Friday, April 18th- NO SCHOOL!

April 21st-25th- Scholastic Book Fair is here!

"Spring is April's
way of saying,
"Let's, Bloom."



NEWSLETTER!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. If your child has a fever, diarrhea, or are throwing up, they **MUST** be symptom free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the aide of medicine before they can return to school.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Tammy in the front office at 687-2100.

RESILIENCY SKILL OF THE MONTH:

Mentorship and Citizenship

Mentorship and Citizenship go hand in hand. It is vital that we teach all our students how to practice good citizenship. After all, the actions of each individual person at home, in school, in communities, in states, in countries, and in the world impact all of us. It really helps determine what kind of world we are living in. Mentors are critical in teaching others how to be good citizens and stewards of the earth.

Check out this short video about mentorship and citizenship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtPCjNULJBs>

A great story to read to your child about mentorship and citizenship is "Being A Good Citizen!". Click on the link to hear the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=lfivDGzngQ>

Resiliency Skills

The State of Florida has implemented resiliency skills and standards throughout all grade levels. These skills are intentionally designed to impart the value of resiliency in early grades, such as volunteerism, responsibility, and goal setting, and then support students as they demonstrate those concepts in higher grades. The standards embed concepts of civic responsibility through citizenship and mentorship to not only help students understand the value of these ideas, but to actively engage in activities and exercises that will prepare them to be upstanding, responsible citizens.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

BE HERE! ON TIME! EVERY DAY! ALL DAY!

Our school mascot, Captain Clark the Shark will be visiting classrooms with the best attendance in the school each week! Ms. Wells will also be giving out \$5 Shark Bucks every day to a student in each grade level if they were here on time.

THIS WEEK'S WINNER: Mrs. Belwood's Class!



Text-A-Tip Hotline
352-877-2838



Just a reminder that **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are allowed in the classrooms per our school policy. Children must turn in their phones and/or Smart watches in the office for safe keeping and at the end of the day, they may come pick them up at carline time.

Student Handbook

Please take time to read our Student Handbook located under the **PARENTS** section on our school website at:
www.marioncharter.org

Upcoming Field Trips:

Friday, May 2nd- Kdg. to the Library and Park

Thursday, May 15th- 3rd Grade to Orlando Science Center

Thursday, May 15th- 5th Grade to Kennedy Space Center

Please make sure that you bring your Driver's License so that you can check in at the front office and get your Volunteer badge on the day of the field trip. Remember, you **MUST** complete the Volunteer Application on Raptor **EVERY YEAR** before you are cleared to go on a field trip.



We **LOVE** our Volunteers!

In order to volunteer at field day, on field trips, and any other school function, you must complete the Volunteer application on Raptor every year. Please click on the link below to complete the application. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete the application, as you may not be approved in time to attend the school function. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the front office.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTE2NTplbi1VUw==>

Helpful Tips for Parents of School-Age Children

Based on current Title I survey results, many parents suggested that they needed ideas/strategies to better help their child(ren) succeed in many academic areas. Each week will focus on a different topic and provide information on how to help your child at home.

This week's topic is Preparing for End of the Year State Tests.

To teach children about social relationships and peer pressure, it is best to focus on building empathy, encouraging open communication, and equipping them with skills to make responsible choices while respecting themselves and others, such as practicing "no" strategies and understanding the value of their values.

MCYFL CHEER REGISTRATION *is open*



GRADES K-8

\$75 FEE

REGISTER @ MCYFL.US

BEFORE MAY 2ND



MCS Lunch Menu-April 2025



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Daily Milk Choices:</i> White 1% Milk Chocolate FF Milk <i>*Menu options are subject to change without notice*</i>	31 BBQ Pork Sandwich Crunchy Pickles Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	1 Personal Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Corn Fresh Fruit Juice	2 Chicken sandwich Broccoli Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Juice	3 Chicken Drumstick, Roll Sweet Potato Fries Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit Juice	4 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Carrots Mixed Vegetables Fresh fruit Fruit Juice
	7 Chicken Sandwich Roasted Carrots Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit Juice	8 Cheesy Garlic Flatbread Mixed Vegetables Black Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	9 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	10 Cheeseburger Roasted Broccoli Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Juice	11 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Carrots Potato Smiles Fresh fruit Fruit Juice
	14 Grilled Cheese Carrots Green Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	15 Cheesy Garlic Flatbread Black Beans Corn Fresh Fruit	16 Cheeseburger Roasted Broccoli Veggie cup Fresh Fruit Juice	17 Shepherd's Pie, Roll Mixed Vegetables Cucumbers & Tomatoes Fresh Fruit Juice	18 NO SCHOOL! Good Friday and Mid Term Break!
	21 BBQ Pork Sandwich Crunchy Pickles Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	22 Personal Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Corn Fresh Fruit Juice	23 Chicken sandwich Broccoli Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Juice	24 Chicken Drumstick, Roll Sweet Potato Fries Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit Juice	25 Pepperoni Pizza Sweet Peas Crunchy Carrots Fresh fruit Fruit Juice
	28 Chicken Sandwich Roasted Carrots Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit Juice	29 Cheesy Garlic Flatbread Mixed Vegetables Black Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	30 Pepperoni Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit Juice	1 Cheeseburger Roasted Broccoli Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Juice	2 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Carrots Potato Smiles Fresh fruit Fruit Juice

SMARTIES

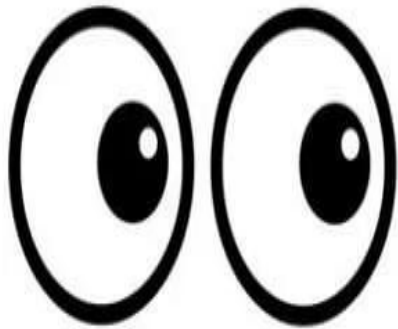
know how
to
prepare
for tests.

7 Great ways to prepare for the test

1. Get a good night's sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Dress comfortably.
4. Start your day peacefully.
5. Arrive on time.
6. Think positive thoughts.
7. Do your best!

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

1. Read the title and scan the text.



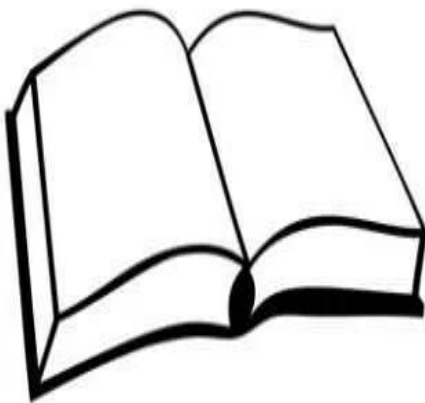
2. Predict the genre and topic.



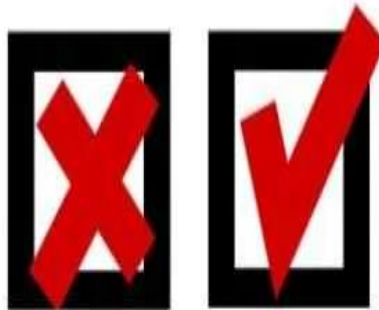
3. Read and analyze the questions.



4. Read the text.



5. Answer the questions using text evidence and the process of elimination.



6. Two-finger check.



Cultivating 
Critical Readers

TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES

- 1. SLASH THE TRASH!** Read ALL of the choices. Get rid of any choices you know for sure are wrong. Put a question mark beside the ones you want to consider. Choose the BEST answer from what is left.
- 2. "JAIL" THE DETAILS!** Highlight, underline, or circle the details or key words in the questions.
- 3. BE SLICK AND PREDICT!** Predict what the answer is BEFORE you read the choices. Select the choice that is closest to your answer.
- 4. PLUG IT IN!** Read the answer choices, and plug each choice in to see if it fits. Ask yourself, "Does this make sense?"
- 5. TICK, TOCK...MIND THE CLOCK!** Don't stay stuck on one question. Take your best "thinking guess" and move on. Make a note of the question so that you can go back to it if you have time.



How can I help my
child **SUCCEED** in
school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

Stop Germs, Stop Flu!

Do you have the flu? Ask yourself two quick questions:

1. Do you have a fever?
2. Do you have other symptoms? A cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, diarrhea or vomiting?

If your answer is **YES** to both, you might have the flu.

If you have the flu, what should you do?

- Stay home, drink plenty of liquids and get rest.
- Protect the health of others by staying away from crowds, covering your cough, and washing your hands often.

If you aren't getting better, please call a health care provider.

When sick, stay home



**Wash hands often
for 20 seconds**



**Can't wash?
Use alcohol-based
hand sanitizer**



Cover coughs and sneezes



**Do Your Part,
Be Healthy Smart!**



Marion Charter School Calendar 24-25

School times: Drop Off Begins @ 7:30; Homeroom Begins @ 7:45 (time suggested to arrive by)

Classes Begin 8:00 (*8:00 or after is tardy*); Dismissal 2:30 ~ 2:45

ORIENTATION: Friday, August 9 (Kg 9-10:00; 1st-5th 10-12:00)

First Day of School: Monday, August 12, 2024

changes/updates are in RED

NO SCHOOL for Students

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

Friday, October 18, Teacher Workday

Monday, November 25– Friday November 29 - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 23 – **Monday, January 6*** - Winter Break

Tuesday, January 7-Weather Make-up Day #2 School will be in session

Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day

Friday, March 14- Friday, March 21 - Spring Break

Friday, April 18 - Mid Term Break

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

Last Day of School: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Early Release Days (ALL ARE 11:30 Dismissal Times at Marion Charter School)

Wednesday, August 28

Wednesday, September 25

~~*Wednesday, October 30*~~ **Weather Make-up Day #1 (Full Day now)**

Friday, November 22 (MCS only)

Friday, December 20 (MCS only) **NO PM EXTENDED DAY**

Wednesday, January 29

Wednesday, February 26

Wednesday, March 26

Tuesday, May 27 (MCS only)

Wednesday, May 28 (MCS only)

Thursday, May 29 (MCS only) **NO PM EXTENDED DAY**

End of Grading Periods:

Thursday, October 17, 2024 - Quarter 1

Friday, December 20, 2024 - Quarter 2

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - Quarter 3

Thursday, May 29, 2025 - Quarter 4



Marion Charter School

(an independent public school)

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<http://www.marioncharter.org>



Uniform Guidelines

Shirts

Red, Navy Blue, and Light Blue (no stripes, plaids, or designs, no white)

Must have a collar and be tucked into the bottoms

Bottoms

Navy Blue, Khaki, Gray or Black

Shorts, slacks, skirts, or jumpers

(NO legging style pants, if their pants/shorts are too big belts must be worn)

Shoes

Comfortable closed-toe shoes (appropriate for PE/recess) with socks

(NO heels (boots)/NO dress shoes/NO crocs)

ONLY MCS Sharks Sweatshirts can be worn during the school day

MCS Shark shirts are required on school field trips

They will be on sale in August

Friday Uniform

MCS shirts, Kids Heart Challenge shirts or Matt Manatee shirts may be worn on Fridays ONLY, unless it is an earned NO UNIFORM day.

If you do not have one of these shirts, then uniform shirts are required on Friday.

Blue Jeans that are appropriately fitted and do not have holes are allowed on Fridays ONLY.

**** Kindergarten and First grade students must provide an extra set of uniform clothes with socks to leave in their backpacks ****

****** NO Jeans except on Fridays! ******

****** Leggings can ONLY be worn under skirts or dresses! ******

Uniforms are worn every day unless the student has a "NO UNIFORM" sticker or the teacher sends you a DOJO and dress code guidelines (i.e., no holes) are still in place. We have a limited number of extra uniforms on hand, if your student is NOT in uniform and we do not have a change of clothes for them, parents are required to promptly bring a change of clothes for them to change into.

*See MCS Dress Code guidelines in our Student Handbook on www.marioncharter.org
Equal Opportunity School*

Marion Charter School Attendance “Be Present, Be Powerful”

Good attendance is essential for satisfactory progress in school. Florida law also states that each parent or legal guardian of a child is responsible for the child’s regular school attendance (FS 1003.24). Failure to attend school in a regular and timely fashion hinders the education process and may result in failing grades. Each student enrolled in a Marion County Public School is expected to attend school every day and be punctual. Schools are required to track excused and unexcused absences in order to prevent the development of a pattern of nonattendance. Marion Charter strives to keep our attendance above 95% on a daily basis so we can all be successful! Students should not miss school more than 9 days (95% of 180 Days) per school year so they can be successful S.H.A.R.K.S. Please make sure to follow the MCPS attendance policy for excused absences. MCS does not approve vacations as excused absences. *Students with attendance concerns may be asked to return to their base school.*

TARDY TO SCHOOL AND EARLY SIGN-OUTS

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Tardiness and early sign-outs are disruptive to the learning environment and can have a negative impact on student achievement. A tardy or early sign-out will only be excused due to sickness or injury, death in the immediate family, medical or dental appointments for student with a note from the physician/ dentist, court date, religious observance, or school sponsored activities. Parents must provide a note for each tardy/early sign-out. Other reasons such as oversleeping; missing the school bus, etc. will be unexcused.

A student is allowed **THREE (3)** excused and/or unexcused tardies/early sign-outs within a nine-week grading period. Thereafter, the school administration will address consequences for excessive tardiness and early sign-outs as outlined in the Level 1 - Corrective Actions, “Violation of Attendance Procedures.” *Children who are continually checked out early or tardy may be asked to return to their base school.*

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Social Work Services
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