



Charter School Connection

A California Distinguished School

3920 Shoemake Ave., Modesto, CA 209-523-0401

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PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

September 14, 2011

Please mark your calendars now
and plan to be here!

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September 2011

When: September 14, 2011

Where: Hart-Ransom Charter School

Remember:

- ◆ There is no charge to have your child's photo taken, and a purchase is not required! We would love to have everyone included in the yearbook, so please plan to be here.
- ◆ Each student photographed will receive a student ID card. No purchase is necessary for the ID card, but the child's photo **must be taken on September 14th.**
- ◆ The following are the picture times for our families:
 - A-C 9:15-10:45
 - D-J 10:45-11:45
 - K-P 12:45-1:30
 - Q-Z 1:30-2:15

If you are unable to come at your scheduled time, please call the Ed Center prior to September 14 so that we may schedule another time for you on that day.

Please note:

Only pictures from our school photographer will be admitted into the student-grade picture section of the yearbooks.

- ☺ **Thurs., Sept. 1st:**
K-Science Workshop 9 a.m.
Zoo Phonics 10:30 a.m.
- ☺ **Fri., Sept. 2nd:**
Class registration closes
- ☺ **Mon., Sept. 5th:**
LABOR DAY-NO SCHOOL
- ☺ **Tues., Sept. 6th:**
Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- ☺ **Wed., Sept. 7th:**
K-2 Writing Workshop 9:00-10:30
- ☺ **Fri., Sept. 9th:**
Grad Trak Orientation
- ☺ **Tues., Sept. 13th:**
7th Grade Science Lab 1 p.m.
- ☺ **Wed., Sept. 14th:**
AWRs due
School Photos
K-2 Writing Workshop 9:00-10:30
Parent Connection Meeting 11 a.m.
1:00 p.m. Character First!
Scholastic Orders due
- ☺ **Fri., Sept. 17th:**
8th Grade Science Lab 9:00 a.m.
Grad Trak 12:00 p.m.
- ☺ **Wed., Sept. 21st:**
1:00 p.m. Spelling Bee Grades 4-6
2:00 p.m. Spelling Bee Grades 7 & 8
- ☺ **Tues., Sept. 20th:**
K-1 Camp 9:00 a.m.
- ☺ **Wed., Sept. 21st:**
GVM
- ☺ **Fri.-Sun., Sept. 23rd-25th:**
Outdoor Education Camp Trip Monterey
- ☺ **Sat., Sept 24th:**
Monterey Bay Aquarium Field Trip
- ☺ **Fri., Sept. 30th:**
8th Grade Science Lab
Grad Trak

Character First! "Responsibility"

Date: Wednesday, September 14th

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Classroom in our new building

Address: 3920 Shoemake Ave.
Modesto, CA 95358

Note new
location on
campus.

"Knowing and doing what is
expected of me"



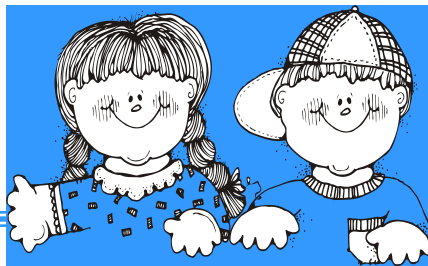
Ed Center Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

12:00—1:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch
(Except for Assignment/
Work
Record Day)

Closed on Fridays!



K-2 Units

Learn about September's special days for Grades K-2nd

- ☺ Calendar Activities
- ☺ Apple Time/Johnny Appleseed fun
- ☺ Grandparent's Day activity
- ☺ Know your colors
- ☺ Constitution page

Available in the Ed Center

What are K-2 Packets?

K-2 Packets are available monthly for students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Each packet may include: calendar activities, creative writing, seasonal activities, and grade appropriate social studies units. Parents may pick up a packet for each student they have in grades K-2 at the beginning of each month. These packets are not required, but they include some fun and exciting activities that may enhance your home education goals for the K-2nd grade student.

September AWRs
Due Wednesday, September 14

Remember:
Math, Writing, Reading Samples
-and- "My Class" List
are due along with the
September's Assignment/Work Record and
October's Projection
the week of September 14th.

If you are new to the Charter School,
please do not hesitate to contact your
Advisory Teacher for further clarification.

We have a very limited number of computers
available for checkout. The computers are to
be used for school purposes only.

Computers are signed out
on a first-come-first-served basis.

Sign up in the Ed Center.



BOOKS ARE FUN!

On display until September 15th

Books Are Fun periodically displays selections in the Ed Center for purchasing. A variety of books, gift items, CD's, cards and small toys are offered. The prices are reasonable, and the service is great!



WANTED:
6th, 7th and 8th grade
Ed Center Helpers!

Do you like helping people and would you like experience working in an office environment? If you can say "YES" to this question, perhaps you would like to be an Ed Center volunteer. We are looking for eager, pleasant and courteous 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to help out during work record week and other events. Just a few hours of your time each month would be greatly appreciated!

No experience necessary! We will gladly train you.

**QUESTIONS? OR TO SIGN UP: Call Isabel Harris at 602-0704 by
Monday, September 12th**

TRAINING DATE: TUESDAY, September 13, 1:00-2:00

WHERE?: Ed Center

Join Us For PARENT CONNECTION Meeting

The first Parent Connection meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the new school facility. If you've never attended a meeting, come and find out how much fun we have and how we value your ideas as our connection to our parents. (Come a few minutes early and have your child's picture taken.)

SPELLING BEE

Attention all 4th-8th grade Charter School Students!



Hart-Ransom Charter School has the opportunity to participate in the Stanislaus County Spelling Bee. One winner and one alternate for grades 4-6 will represent our school at the County Championship. For grades 7-8, two winners and one alternate will represent our school. Our in-house written competition at Hart-Ransom Charter will be held on:

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1:00-2:00 for grades 4-6

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2:00-3:00 for grades 7-8

(If you have a conflict with a class, please contact your Advisory Teacher.)

The County Spelling Bee dates have been scheduled for:
Wednesday, November 2, 4:30, for grades 4-6 (with the location TBA)

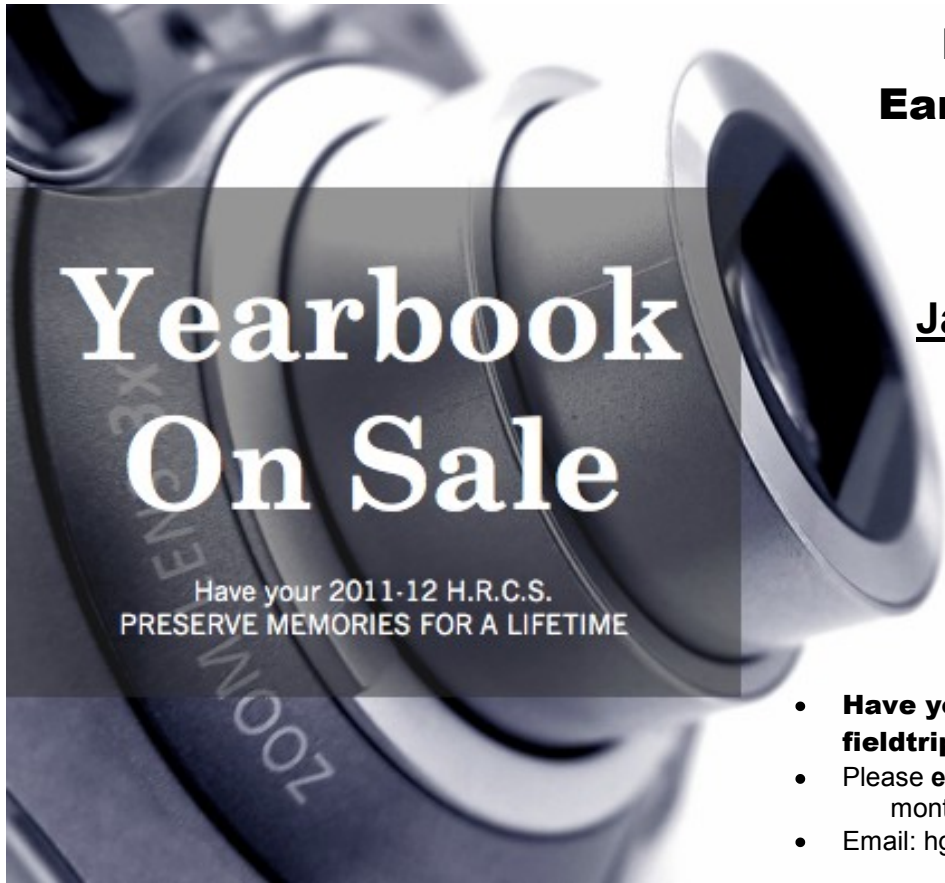
and

Thursday, November 17, 5:00, for grades 7-8, at the Peterson Event Center
in Modesto

If you have questions or to sign up for our in-house competition, please call Isabel Harris at 602-0704, by Wednesday, September 14.



Parents...please remember,
the ladies are working in the office.
Please ask your children to play
quietly and use their indoor voices
when you are in the office.



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**Before
January 25, 2012**

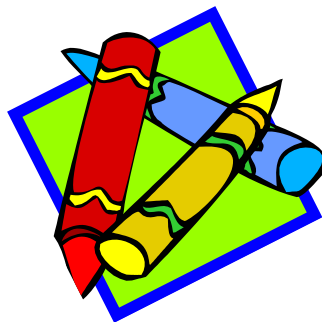
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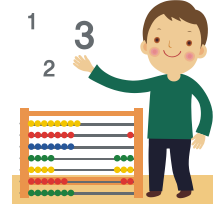
- **Have you taken class &/or fieldtrip photos?**
- Please email or submit on disc monthly as you take them.
- Email: hgiordano@hrcharter.org

There is still room in School Time Arts and Crafts. This is a drop-off class for Grades 2 and 3 that is held here on Hart Ransom Charter School campus. Class days are Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Please call Isabel Harris at 602-0704 if you are interested in signing up your child for this class.



“Home-Made” Math Manipulatives



Home-made math manipulatives can be used successfully to build an **abstract** concept from a **concrete** concept. For example all K students are required to identify a number and remember that it has a value. The best way for a student to learn this concept is to give him/her something they can hold in their hands and manipulate to practice identifying a number and attributing a value to that symbol. This realization takes practice, time and a math manipulative! Below you will find a recipe for making a great math manipulative. Enlist the help of your student and have fun!

Dyed Noodles

Materials Needed:

- Food Coloring
 - A bag of fun macaroni noodles (uncooked)
 - Rubbing Alcohol
 - Large Ziploc type bag (Gallon size is perfect)
 - Paper Towels
 - Cookie sheet
1. Dump your bag of noodles into the plastic bag
 2. Add 3-5 drops of food coloring
 3. Add 2 Tbls. of rubbing alcohol
 4. Seal the bag (make sure it is sealed tightly)
 5. Squeeze and move the noodles around until the color is evenly distributed
 6. Lay out paper towels onto the cookie sheet
 7. Spread out the noodles onto the paper towels and let dry

*You may store the noodles in a plastic container or a clean plastic bag. Have fun making and using these tried and true math manipulatives! For more ideas ask your AT. They will be happy to help ☺

Friendly Reminder!
Class registration ends
Friday, September 2



Using the STAR Test to Your Advantage

Parents, you can find out ANY type of question asked for EVERY subject on the STAR test, grades 2-8. **For example:**

“My child did poorly on the 4th Grade STAR test in math, especially Measurement and Geometry. What types of questions were asked? How can we practice and review?”

1) Follow this link to open the State website:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

2) Click on the subject area and grade level needed (all subjects and grades are listed)

ex. Math, Grade 4

3) First you will see lists of standards assessed with the code given for each part

ex. Measurement and Geometry,

Standard 4MG1.1 means Grade 4, Measurement and Geometry, standard 1, part 1

It looks like this:

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS IN THIS STRAND/CLUSTER

Measurement and Geometry

Standard Set 1.0 Students understand perimeter and area:

4MG1.1 Measure the area of rectangular shapes by using appropriate units such as square centimeter (cm²), square meter (m²), square kilometer (km²), square inch (in²), square yard (yd²), or square mile (mi²).

4MG1.2 Recognize that rectangles that have the same area can have different perimeters.

4) In the middle are practice questions for the student, released from actual STAR tests given years 2003-2008.

5) At the end are the problem #s along with which standard was covered.

For example, a student struggling in Measurement and Geometry, we'd look for the questions that had 4MG under it

Question Number	Correct Answer	Standard	Year of Release
71	D	4MG1.1	2007
72	A	4MG1.2	2004
73	A	4MG1.2	2008
74	A	4MG1.3	2007

So it appears that practice questions # 71-74 had to do with measurement and geometry. See if your child is able to answer them. Help and encourage too!

Another option*:

Follow this link for generic practice questions and answers in each strand/cluster:

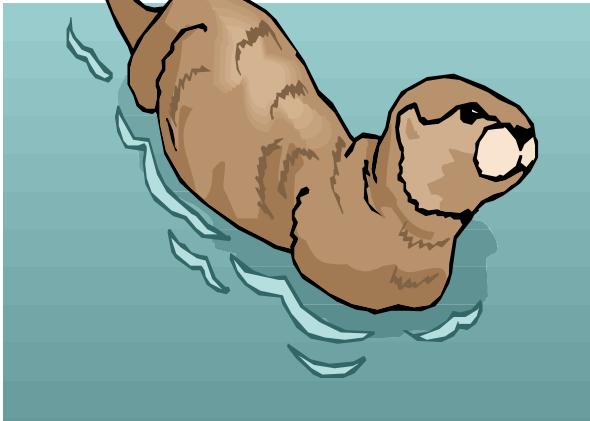
<http://starsamplequestions.org/starRTO/search.jsp>

*This site is not as formal and specific as the one above, but is worth a look!

Questions? Call your AT! We love to help.

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Saturday, September 24 ~ meeting at 9:45 a.m.



Enjoy a day at one of the world's most exciting aquariums! In addition to the many other exhibits, the Aquarium's largest exhibit has re-opened after months of renovation, shining a light on life in the open ocean. In three different galleries, you can see old favorites like tunas, stingrays, ocean sunfish and green sea turtles—as well as remarkable new species like puffins. From the sea otters to the Kelp Forests, come spend a day with sea life! For more info & teaching tips visit:

<http://www.montereybayaquarium.org>

IMPORTANT! When you turn in your registration, take the blue "Information & Directions" sheet. Your registration is your confirmation!

Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 15th

Register Early. Registrations are Limited. Campers have Registration Priority.

Questions or problems? Call Leslie, 602-3412 or Pam, 602-3967

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Family Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Monterey Bay Aquarium

On the lines below, please list everyone attending, check the box with the appropriate description, and place the dollar amount in the final column.

Name	Check One Per Person Listed				Amount Owed
	HRCS Students K-8 Free	Young Child ages 0-5 but not enrolled in K Free	Non HRCS student in grades K-12 Free	Adults (ages 18 and up) \$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> check # _____ or <input type="checkbox"/> cash Total Enclosed					



HRCS Outdoor Education Camping Trip

Veteran 's Memorial Park, Monterey, CA

Sept. 23-25

Come join us for a group camping experience in beautiful Monterey! This 50-acre park a mile up the hill from Old Monterey has walking trails, BBQ picnic areas, play equipment, a basketball court, and a large lawn area which can be used for Frisbee, kite flying, football, softball and relaxing. You provide your own gear and food (no hook ups for campers). Group activities will include get acquainted games on Friday evening, an optional pot luck hot dog supper on Saturday night and campfires, complete with songs and stories, each night at dark. Saturday's planned activity is a visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which is 1 ½ miles from the park. You MUST sign up for the Aquarium trip separately.

Cost: HRCS Student free
 Non HRCS Child \$5 per night
 Adults \$5 per night

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Wednesday,
September 14

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2011 Camp Trip Registration Form-Monterey

Family Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Check One: _____ will be camping overnight Friday only and staying for the day on Saturday
 _____ will be coming for the day Saturday and camping overnight Saturday only
 _____ will be camping overnight both Friday and Saturday

Circle one: Tent(s) Trailer (21 ft. limit) RV (21 ft. limit) (Remember, no hook-ups)

Yes, count us in for the Hot Dog BBQ Potluck on Saturday Evening. Number attending: _____
 School provides hot dogs, buns, condiments, and place settings. You bring a "dish" to share and your own beverages.

List each person in your family group (adults and children):

NAME	Check One (cost is per night)				Circle number of nights camping	Multiply cost by number of nights and put total here:
	HRCS Student Free	Adult \$5.00	Other Child Ages 4 & up \$5.00	Other Child Under age 4 Free		
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