

QHIA Weekly Update: August 17, 2016

Hello families!

I am getting so excited to see/meet all of the students on Monday!

This email is quite lengthy, please take some time to look over all of the different components. In the future, info will be posted on our QHIA website (still pending), and you will receive weekly updates each Friday.

Where is our classroom?

- We are located on the Quail Hollow Campus on Marion Ave. in Ben Lomond. Park in the District Office parking lot, and either send your kids down the hill towards the playing field, or come on down and say hi too! We are in the portable closest to the field (**Room 17**).

What should students bring?

- Reusable water bottle marked with their name
- suggested school supplies indicated at bottom of email
- lunch
- 2 separate checks made out to SLV Charter: \$50.00 for Ropes Course, and \$9.00 for Exploratorium. If you are a driver/chaperone for the Exploratorium, please include \$12.50 for yourself on that check. *If you need a sponsorship for any of these costs, please send me a separate email.

Family Conferences?

- Please use the following link to sign up for a family conference so that I have some time to meet with each parent/student team to learn about your past schooling experiences, and what would be helpful for me to know moving forward with being your child's classroom teacher. If none of the listed available times work for you, please email me and we can set up a different time. If you have trouble entering your name directly into the document, please respond to this email with your requested time slot, and I will add it for you. [Amber's Fall 2016 Family Conference Schedule](#)

Next Week (Week 1):

Monday-Thursday, 8/22-8/25: First week of classes onsite: All of the students should plan on coming for the full day, **9:00-2:30**.

What will we be doing?

- Mornings: Community Building/getting to know each other, the classroom, and the campus.
- Lunch: please provide students with a hearty lunch. We will have a microwave! (thanks Shireen Doyle!)
- Afternoons: a)Setting up our accounts and learning how to navigate the online program, CK-12, for our math and physical science, b)Overview of what we'll be studying in the core content areas, how we will integrate the 4 VAPA disciplines (Dance, Theater, Art, and Music), c)brainstorming with the kids-they will co-create our project based learning activities. d) learning how to maintain their daily learning logs

Friday, August 26: All Charter Beach Day at Twin Lakes Beach

Join us for our annual All Charter Beach Day for all of our Charter programs! We have moved it one beach over, to Twin Lakes, per lifeguard request, as where we used to gather has been a rip tide area at that time of year.

This is not a drop off event. Parents must be present with their children, or send their student with another parent who will be responsible for them.

**Please inform Amber via email if your student will need a ride with another family.*

Teachers will be present between 11-2, feel free to stay longer and enjoy spending time with other Charter Families!

Week 2 (August 29-September 2):

Monday-Wednesday, August 29-31)

- Students have the option of completing their CK-12 Math and Science Assignments **either at home or in the classroom between 9-11am.**
- **11-12:** Transition time/open ended activities
- **12-2:30:** All students at the classroom by noon. English/American History/VAPA

Thursday, September 1: Field Trip to SF Exploratorium to see the Strandbeests!

- student cost is \$9.00
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- adult chaperone cost is \$12.50.
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- We have 6 drivers so far, which is just enough to transport all of our kids! Thank you parents! Please respond to this email if you are wanting to drive on the field trip, how many students you can fit in your vehicle,
- **and also respond if your student will not be attending the field trip.**
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- *Please note that if you are a driver, you need to have the following insurance coverage:
- **\$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence**
- **\$50,000 property. Attached are the appropriate forms that need to be on file with Holly and Tarah in the charter office, located here at the Quail Hollow Campus.**
- We will leave the school at 8:30am and plan to return at around 4pm.
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Friday, September 2: Optional family conferences by appointment, study hall day for students

- This is a homeschool/independent study day. However, students are welcome to sign in and work on their math and science, and complete independent reading/writing projects. Amber will be having conferences with parents throughout the day.

Other Important Dates in September:

Monday, September 5: District Holiday

Tuesday, September 6: Low Ground Challenge/ Teambuilding Day at Mount Hermon from 9-1:30. After much thought, and feedback from former charter middle school students, students will have the opportunity to participate in this full day of collaborative skills development and challenges with the awesome staff at Mt. Hermon, INSTEAD of a beginning of the year camping trip. **We will have a family camping trip at the end of the year instead.** This program really helps the kids to bond and recognize each other's strengths, cheer each other on, and appreciate what each individual has to offer. With the students coming from so many different schools and experiences, this will be a fantastic way to start out our brand new charter program! **The cost is \$50.00 per student, however, please respond via email to request full or partial sponsorship if needed.**

Friday, September 9: Optional family conferences by appointment, study hall day for students

Friday, September 16: Homeschool/Independent Study Day (Amber will be in Boston)

Monday, September 19: Our own Shireen Doyle will be subbing for Amber!

Friday, September 30: All Charter Capture the Flag/Picnic Potluck at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park

One of the most regularly attended field games and a favorite for years, CTF is a fast paced and exciting game that is part speed and strategy, part tag, a bit of social encounter and all fun. Played once a month on the fields at Quail Hollow Ranch it is also a meeting place for parents to socialize and get to know one another.

Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, followed by a Picnic Potluck at the picnic tables and meadow near the cottage.

Where: Quail Hollow **Ranch** (800 Quail Hollow Rd, Felton, CA 95018)

Who: Charter wide students, siblings, and parents welcome! We play rain or shine.

Questions: ask Amber or Katie

*QHIA Students can be dropped off at QH Ranch at 10am, and picked up from there at 2:30pm. **Please inform Amber via email if your student will need a ride with another family, or with me.*

See you next week!

Sincerely,

Amber

School Supply List:

Pens

5 Single Subject College ruled notebooks

Medium sized 3-ring binder with subject dividers

Laptop computer or Chromebook

Water Bottle

I have a small supply of these items in the classroom (except for the laptops :). Please let me know if it would be helpful to your family to have them provided.

I have received info from the District Office that **5th and 6th graders who are on the Free and Reduced Lunch plan can get a Chromebook at a discounted rate from the D.O.**

If you purchase through Amazon, use the link from our Charter Homepage under the Amazon School Rewards link and a percentage of the purchase will go to supporting Charter Events!

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