

QHIA Welcome Letter: August 14, 2018

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Classroom Phone # : TBD

Hello families,

Welcome to our 2018-19 Academic Year! Marie and I had a wonderful first “official” day together today, meeting with other charter staff, getting excited about next week. We have moved in to our new classrooms on the QH campus, Rooms 25 and 26, right near the Charter Office (where Holly and Tarah are.) Contact info for your teachers is the following:

Amber Walker: awalker@slvusd.org

Marie Carrington: mcarrington@slvusd.org

**Please see an introduction letter from Marie at the bottom of this email*

If you would like another family member, such as another parent or grandparent of a student, to receive weekly updates that are sent to our QHIA group email address, please send that info to Amber. Please check details below for what to expect as we gather together next week:

First 2 Weeks of School: Group Teambuilding!

It is important for all students to attend for the full days, 9:00-2:30, for the first two weeks if possible as our focus will be community building through Improv Games, Collaborative Challenges, Group and Individual Art projects, brainstorming areas of interest for the year, and getting to know our online systems). We will begin our morning Math/Sci Online Lab time the first week of September.

Monday, August 20: First Day of School

- **Students arrive at 9am and stay until 2:30**
- **12:00** Potluck for students and parents (no need to sign up, just bring something to share) **If you have reusable dishes, silverware, etc. please bring to cut down on disposable waste*
- **1-2:30 Parent Orientation to online program, signing up for teacher conferences and September Calendar**

Tuesday, Aug. 21: Students all day (9-2:30). **Send students with a lunch each day)*

Wednesday, Aug. 22: Students all day (9-2:30) **AND Parent Orientation round 2 at 6pm (if you were unable to attend the afternoon session on Monday)**

Friday, Aug. 24: All Charter Beach Day at Twin Lakes Beach (near the Crow's Nest) from 11-2

**This is not a drop off event, yet a fun optional event to attend and have fun with students of all ages from our other charter programs. Students may attend without their parent if they have made arrangements with another parent to be responsible for them.*

Monday, Aug. 27-Friday, Aug. 31: Students arrive at 9am and stay until 2:30

Monday, Sept. 3: No School: Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 4: Field Trip to SC Shakespeare's production of Romeo & Juliet

Friday, Sept. 7: All Charter Capture the Flag at Quail Hollow Ranch from 10:30-12:30

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Student Supplies:

personal laptop or chromebook

5 Folders for worksheets in each subject area (pockets or 3 hole punch)

4 single subject notebooks or a multi-subject notebook

*We do have extra supplies in class

Field Trip: Santa Cruz Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet on Tuesday, September 4 at 10am

Tickets were ordered last spring. **Please send your student with \$10.00 to cover their admission.** If you would like sponsorship for your child's ticket, please email Amber, all students are encouraged to attend. If you know that your child will not be attending, please email Amber with that info. A separate email will go out regarding chaperones, sibling tickets, driving, etc.

Classroom Wishlist:

Water Dispenser (5 gallon preferred)

Durable outdoor furniture

Planter boxes/Soil

Surface Wipes

See you next week!

Sincerely,

Amber and Marie

August 14, 2018

Hello students and families,

I am excited to work with Amber, and the QHIA students and families this year. Amber and I have enjoyed collaborating together and have planned many creative learning activities for the first two weeks of school. During this time we will all get to know each other and have a lot of fun too!

My teaching style and professional passions are in line with the philosophy of the QUIA program. My core values as a teacher include project based learning, choice, a safe learning environment, creativity, curiosity and honoring multiple ways to demonstrate student understanding. I am looking forward to getting to know each student and their individual

learning styles and interests.

Here is a little about me: I received my teaching credential at CSUMB and then taught fifth grade for five years in Monterey County. I then took time off to stay at home with my first baby and went on to have three more! Now, my youngest child is 6, and I also have a 9, 11, and 13 year old. For the last two years I have worked at San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School both as a 40% second grade teacher and a K - 5 math teacher.

My special training includes, mindfulness certification with Mindful Schools, second year participant in the Silicon Valley Math Initiative, in depth study of choice based reading and writing workshop, and two institutes on inquiry based learning where the arts are encouraged as a way to show understanding.

In my free time, I love to read, hike with my family, go to the river or beach and eat great food. Anytime I can relax or play with my family is time well spent. I live in Felton and some of the families I already know. I look forward seeing old friends and meeting new on August 20!

*Warmly,
Marie Carrington*

All important info, including All Student Assignments and our calendar of events, are accessible at any time here. Just click on this link: [QHIA Website](#)