

“Four Schools, One Vision”

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## Our Charter Schools: The Sweetest Places on Earth

### Cupid loves learning, too

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Valentine’s Day, Charter family and friends! It’s fair to say our charter school system is the sweetest place on earth!

February also has a few other important days to consider. For example, President’s Day and Black History Month. Where do I begin? Both of these federal celebrations ultimately impact our children profoundly, which is why it is vital we share these days of cultural responsibility and awareness with them in productive, and lasting ways.

Did you know although President’s Day was originally set aside to honor president George Washington, and later include President Abraham Lincoln, the entire weekend is now recognized as the day all Americans are encouraged to honor our amazing First Executives, past and present? In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which pushed certain holidays onto the third Monday of a given month every year. The intention was to encourage more families to have time together without penalty for time away from work. Here’s hoping our Charter families will find comfort and pride as together, they reflect upon living in a nation that has been

led by some of the greatest leaders the world has ever seen. Sweet memories, for sure!

Black History Month is another uniquely American celebration honoring our fellow African-Americans past and present. From the first female self-made millionaire (Madam C.J. Walker), to artificial intelligence and deep learning (Kerrie Holley), the contributions members of this community has produced, and continue to produce for all Americans, and the entire world, can’t be ignored or forgotten. Sweet thanks, indeed.

On a daily basis we teach our children that awareness, respect, and changed behavior are life-long skills they must practice diligently. As we head into the future it’s important that we remember that each of us together, makes the whole, and this togetherness makes us both Brilliant, and Bold! How sweet is that?

We are Four Schools, One Vision!

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# School News



## CME Named "School of Excellence"

Christa McAuliffe Elementary (CME) has been named a "School of Excellence." This prestigious award goes to schools that for two consecutive years rank in the 80 percentile on their Florida Standard Assessment (FSA) test scores.

We are proud to say CME is the only Lee County charter school to win this award.

Principal Kevin Brown said that students and teachers worked hard for this acknowledgement. "We are proud and encouraged to know that CME is highly competitive, and in this case, leading other Lee County schools in terms of student achievement."

Although the FLDOE has ranked CME an "A," school four years in a row, the teachers and students aren't just stuck on a grade. "We realize this Excellence Award means we are consistently meeting the learning needs of our students," said Principal Brown, "and yet, this award makes our teachers even more excited, and even more committed to continue finding the right tools, and the right methods, to personalize the educational experience for the students in our charter school system."

Congratulations, Christa McAuliffe!

## Scenes Around the Campus

Ms. Lukomski's Physical Education and Anatomy class, Oasis High School



Ms. Bridget Lukomski's high school anatomy and physiology class recently had some bones to find and then quickly bury.

During a recent anatomy assignment students were asked to draw a human form to scale, and then correctly identify and imbed each bone onto the human outline.

After building their human bodies from the inside-out, the next goal for the class was to figure out the function of each body part, and the body-system as a whole.

Introducing students to the study of anatomy and physiology by having them meticulously map out the human body is one way Lukomski, has found helps students consider their future. "It gets them thinking about the different types of jobs they could do in the physical sciences field. For example, allied health science career opportunities including medical research, and medical investigations, to name a few."

Judging by the engaged student's happy chatter, there's no bones about it -- this is definitely one A & P exercise that makes learning fun.



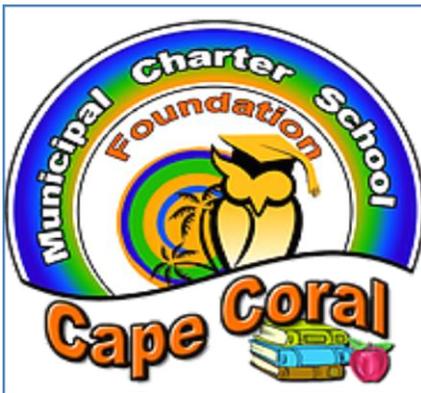
## Welcome to the Charter School Family!

Meet Marek Moldawsky, our new Supervisor of Athletics and Physical Education. His office is located in the high school building.

Maldowsky, M.ED, ED. S., will be in charge of implementing and directing all Charter School Authority athletic programs, and evaluating the instruction of physical education throughout our K-12 charter school system. Marek joins our administrative staff with more than 30-years combined athletics coaching, and school psychology.

Marek's vision for our incomparable charter schools is simple and yet, grand. "Think about it," Marek beams, "Our Cape Coral parents can send their children to one system – one system, where they will find a community of schools that develops and nurtures top-notch academics, as well as provides a competitive athletics environment from grades K-12."

Marek lives with his wife and children in Cape Coral, and spends his free-time, you guessed it – mentoring student-athletes.



## Foundation News

### Who We Are

The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Cape Coral Charter Authority. We are made up of parent volunteers who want to help the school. We invite anyone to join us at our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the High School cafeteria.

### What We Do

Our main initiatives are:

- Charter Authority Rally
- Lighthouse Awards
- Mini-Grants for Teachers
- Scholarships for Students

### The Rally 2018

The Charter Authority Rally is our largest system-wide fundraiser that benefits all four schools and the Foundation. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 7th at the German American Club; gates open at 3:00p.m. We are looking for sponsors, donations and volunteers. For more information, visit [www.charterauthorityrally.org](http://www.charterauthorityrally.org)

### Lighthouse Awards 2018

The Lighthouse Award Recognition Program is administered by the Cape Coral Charter School Foundation and overseen by the Lighthouse Award Committee, comprised of members of the Charter School Foundation. This program is designed to honor the most deserving teachers and staff within our Charter School System. This year the Lighthouse Awards dinner will be held on May 4th at the Yacht Club, at 6:00p.m. For more information or to volunteer to support this event contact [www.capecharterfoundation.org](http://www.capecharterfoundation.org)

### Important School Events

#### April 7

Charter Authority Rally German American Club  
Gates Open 3 p.m.

#### May 4

Lighthouse Award Dinner, Yacht Club,  
6:00p.m. Teachers, Family, Friends and  
Parents are invited to attend.

#### May 19

Oasis High School Class of 2018

Senior Graduation

OHS Gymnasium, 10-11am

#### May 25

OMS 8th Grade Graduation

OMS Gymnasium. 6:00-7:30pm