

Charter Day School



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“DIRECT INSTRUCTION” PROVEN TO RAISE TEST SCORES CLAIMS EXPERT Charter Day School sponsors talk for interested parents

The public is invited to hear Dr. Michael Medland, an international consultant in Direct Instruction and curriculum design from Minnesota, describe how Direct Instruction produces consistently higher test scores among students and how it has benefited many thousands of children across the country. He will discuss how Direct Instruction works and the documented evidence of higher test scores as well as the measured effects on raising self-esteem and critical thinking skills.

The new, tuition-free, state-funded public school, Charter Day School, is sponsoring the meeting, open to the public, Saturday, April 1 at 3 P.M. at the Hood Creek Community Building on Highway 87 South (Maco Road) at Highway 74-76 next to its 50-acre wooded campus in northern Brunswick County.

“We are very fortunate to have someone of Dr. Medland’s expertise share his experiences and insights with us,” said Baker Mitchell, Chairman of Charter Day School . “The public is invited, and we are having a free get-acquainted picnic after the meeting. Just give us a call at 796-1214 and tell us you are coming so we can plan the food properly,” he added.

Dr. Medland has his degrees in educational psychology and is the author of “Self-Management Strategies” and co-author of “Management of Classrooms.” He has taught at both the elementary and college levels both in the US and abroad and has conducted research and curriculum design projects in U.S. public school systems. He has been

involved in teaching, administering, and developing Direct Instruction curricula at the grammar school level since 1971, according to information released by the school.

Charter Day School is accepting students in grades K and 1 to begin operation in August 2000. The school will add a grade each year thereafter leading to a full K-through-12 campus.

“Charter Day School will serve students in Columbus, Brunswick, and New Hanover Counties,” says Mr. Mitchell. “The school is publicly funded and is tuition-free. Enrollment is open to all students, under provisions of statutes governing the state's charter schools,” he added.

“A number of students have already enrolled, but many parents still do not realize that charter schools are tuition-free; and they are reluctant to investigate. We are trying hard to heighten awareness of the fact that we are free-of-charge, state funded, and open to all students,” he added.

Saturday's meeting will also feature a tour of the beautiful wooded campus where site clearing has already begun. “The school's classroom buildings will be placed around a large central courtyard where the flagpole will be located, and this site plan has been approved by Central Planning in Bolivia,” Mr. Mitchell said. “Our traditional school will begin each day with the students standing as the flag is raised to our National Anthem, after which they will say the Pledge Allegiance,” he adds.

Anyone interested in attending the school is invited to attend this Saturday's meeting, or they may visit the web site at www.RogerBacon.net for more information and to be placed on the mailing list. Or interested parties may call Charter Day School at 796-1214 to receive more information.

Charter schools were initiated in North Carolina in 1997, following approval by the state legislature. At present, there are 97 such schools throughout the state. Classified as public schools and operating on state funds, they may be chartered by the SBE, a local board of education, or by a unit of the State University system. They are governed by statute and SBE regulations, but are allowed considerable flexibility in matters of curriculum, operations, and governance.