

# Charter Day School



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## **Charter Day School Celebrates National Charter School Week**

Charter Day School will celebrate National Charter School Week May 4 through May 7 with a program entitled "Honoring Our Heritage" on Tuesday morning, May 5 from 8:30 to 10:00 AM.

The program features songs by the Roger Bacon Academy chorus and hosts the Honorable Judge James Faison as keynote speaker. The public is cordially invited to come visit the school and share in celebrating the achievements of the students in their unique environment.

Charter Day School is operated by The Roger Bacon Academy and features a direct instruction, traditional curriculum with emphasis on reading and math in the early grades. "Our kindergarteners are typically reading at a first grade level by their third quarter of class work," stated Mark Cramer, Headmaster. "There is an Academy pledge and each student wears the Academy's uniform to emphasize that they are part of the academic team," he added.

"Each charter school is formed for its own specific, local purpose. We do not pretend to be all things for all parents, but we do try to serve a niche for those who desire a caring, but disciplined, approach to traditional direct instruction for their children," Mr. Cramer said. "By giving parents a choice, we view ourselves as complementing the local systems, not competing with them," he said.

More than 3,000 charter public schools across America will celebrate their achievements and positive impact on the country's education reform efforts during the fifth annual National Charter Schools Week, May 3-7, 2004.

Families of more than 735,000 students and about 50,000 teachers currently choose charter schools as their preferred place to learn and teach.

"National Charter Schools Week is a celebration of the families, teachers, local leaders and others who choose charter public schools because of their proven ability to help children attain academic and personal success," said Gene Hickok, Acting Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

As a tuition-free, tax-supported school, Charter Day School has grown from an enrollment of 65 students in 2000 to an enrollment of 520 for 2004-2005 with waiting lists in each grade. Students from five counties attend the school. Interested parents can call the school at 655-1214 or come by the campus on Highway 87S just south of the new traffic light on Highway 74-76 fourteen minutes west of Wilmington.