

# Middlebury–Monterey

## L A N G U A G E A C A D E M Y

Dear 2009 MMLA Students and Families,

With the start of this summer's MMLA program less than one month away, we would like to take a moment to share some important information with you.

### Student Health

In light of the recent news concerning the H1N1 virus (swine flu), we wish to make it clear that MMLA will be held as planned. We have discussed this and other health safety issues with the Middlebury College doctor and administrators, and we have established specific plans for any contingency. Since we are part of the Middlebury College community, we subscribe to the pandemic and disaster emergency response plans developed by the College. One of the most important ways you can help is to provide us with up-to-date contact info. If parent phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or mailing addresses have changed since you applied to MMLA, or if any of this information changes during the MMLA summer session, please let us know immediately.

### Travel Information

If you have not yet communicated to us your travel plans to and from Green Mountain College, please do so as soon as possible. Students who are flying into the Burlington, Vermont airport will be met by an MMLA staff person at the airport's very small baggage area. Staff members will accompany all arriving students to the bus that will take them to campus. For more information, please take a look at our [2009 Student Handbook](#).

### No Family Weekend

We have received a few calls from parents wondering if there will be a family visiting weekend at MMLA this summer. We have not scheduled a visiting weekend so that students are able to get the most out of the four weeks they are at MMLA this summer. In the past, we have found visiting weekend to be detrimental to our students' language progress; maintaining the language immersion environment is paramount to our students' success, and we appreciate your understanding on this matter.

### Activities Planned

MMLA faculty and staff have been busily lining up a variety of exciting activities, events, field trips, and guest performers and lecturers. In addition to projects and classes, each day will offer different afternoon and evening activities. Here is a small taste of what's to come this summer:

*Arabic:* Henna application and a Debke dancing performance and workshop

*Chinese:* Calligraphy presentation and a Resident Taijiquan (Tai Chi) instructor

*French:* West African dance and drumming workshop and a Bastille Day celebration

*Spanish:* Musical performance by La Mar Enfortuna from Mexico and Inka Wasi from Peru

### Tuition Reminder

If you have not yet submitted complete payment for this summer's tuition, please contact our office immediately. Students with outstanding balances will not be allowed to register on arrival day.

### Student Handbook

We ask that all students and families read the *2009 Student Handbook* before arriving on campus. It contains important information about daily life at the program. The handbook was sent to you by mail, but is also available for download at our [web page for accepted students](#).

### Web Page for Accepted Students

Please continue to periodically check our Web site's [page for accepted students](#) for important updated information.

This will be our last e-mail update before the start of the session. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 802-443-2900 or by e-mailing [mmla.admission@middlebury.edu](mailto:mmla.admission@middlebury.edu). We are looking forward to welcoming you in a few short weeks!

Best wishes,

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