

**Marble Charter School**  
**418 W. Main Street**  
**Marble, CO 81623**

Dear Prospective Parents of the Marble Charter School,

We would like to take a moment to tell you who we are and what we do, so that you can begin to see how special and unique the Marble Charter School is. The Marble Charter School is part of the Gunnison Watershed School District. We are currently enrolling students for the 2018-2019 school year and we'd like to invite your child to join us. We have a low student-teacher ratio in multi-aged classrooms and we focus on the individual needs of each child. We have an integrated curriculum and project-based learning, while at the same time teaching the rigorous Colorado common core standards. Our classrooms are divided into three groups; K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. We integrate kindergartners into our K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom, yet honor their special needs and development with separate activities. Older children become wonderful mentors and role models. All our students take full advantage of our mountain surroundings, participating in Outdoor Education. In the winter we snowshoe, ski, and sled around Marble. When the weather is warm we hike, use the pond, lake, and streams as our science laboratory, and let nature inspire our art and writing.

The Marble Charter School offers bus service, which currently begins at Carbondale Middle School at 7:00 arriving at the school by 7:55. Our school hours are from 8:00 to 3:00. The bus leaves MCS at 3:05 and returns to Carbondale Middle School by 4:00. We also use the buses for numerous field trips so that we can make best use of educational opportunities in the area.

Our school has a hot lunch program that is currently \$ 3.00 a day (\$1.50 or less, if your family qualifies for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program). Students can also bring their own lunch and all students bring morning and afternoon snacks.

Kindergarten tuition is \$245 a month for those students who choose to participate all day. We also offer reduced tuition for those who qualify. Half-day kindergarten options are available at no charge, although most of our kindergartners choose the full-day program. Other fees include nominal charges for outdoor education, field trips, and classroom supplies. We do not charge fees for Art, Music, or other programming and curriculum.

We have weekly Music, Art, Spanish, and Physical Education classes. We venture out on two different Outdoor Education trips each year. Our students excel academically and we have been given the John Irwin School of Excellence Award by the Colorado Department of Education over several years. Our Students enjoy the close family atmosphere engendered through multi-aged classes, common lunch and recess time, and team work. We hold weekly All School Meetings to celebrate excellence, sing together and share successes (parents are always invited).

Marble Charter School is truly a small school with a big heart. We are a lively and growing school and we hope you will join us for the 2018-2019 school year. We would love to have you and your child visit us, please call 970-963-9550 to make an appointment and we will be happy to give you a tour and answer any questions that you may have!

Thank you,  
Amy Rusby, Director and the Marble Charter School Staff