

February 13, 2023



Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs

Hello Walter J. Mitchell families,

We hope everyone is gearing up for the Super Bowl tonight! Thank you to our amazing community for your generous donations of canned food items as we hosted another "SOUP"er Bowl! We love coming together each year for this event to do something wonderful that will have an immediate impact on our local community!

We are looking forward to an awesome week as we fuse Valentine's Day with fun learning activities on Tuesday! Thank you once again to our Mitchell families for your generosity in donating items to classrooms.

As a reminder, **Friday, February 17 is a 2-Hour Early Dismissal**. The dismissal time for this day is 1:30 PM. **Any changes to your child's default method of transportation home, must be made by 11:00 AM Friday morning.** As a reminder, please send these changes to Ms. Gomez, front office secretary at dgomez@ccboe.com and as a courtesy, CC your child's homeroom teacher.

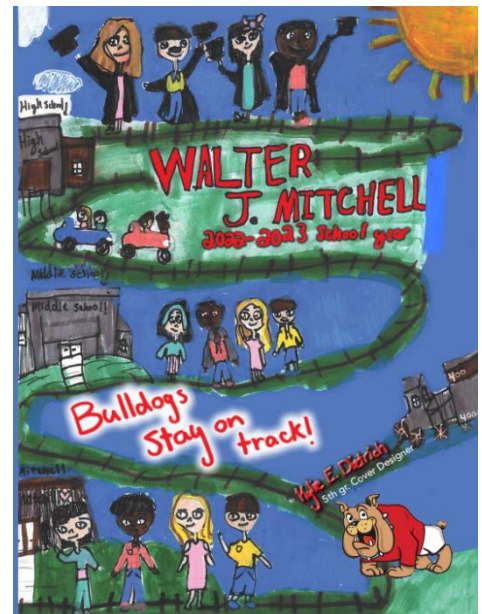
Students and staff will celebrate Random Acts of Kindness throughout the week. Students are encouraged to send a "random note" of Kindness to their teacher. Parents/guardians, please encourage your Bulldog to write a quick note and tell them to give it to their teacher as they enter the room, and don't forget...you are encouraged to send an email to a Mitchell teacher or staff member too! A sure way to make their day!

Important: Cell Phone/Electronic Devices are not permitted at school. If students have a cell phone or electronic device during the school day, the device will be placed in the principal's office and a parent/guardian could be asked to pick it up. In addition, students who violate the CCPS cell phone policy can receive an office referral and miss the monthly PBIS event. Parents should contact Mr. Adam to request a Cell Phone Approval Form (nadam@ccboe.com).

Respectfully,
Nicholas Adam, Principal
Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Assistant Principal

2022-2023 School Yearbook – Stay on Track!

Walter J. Mitchell is excited to continue our tradition of having students design the front cover of our yearbook! Our theme for the yearbook this year is: Stay on Track! Students were given a chance to submit a piece of artwork used for this year's yearbook's front cover. Thank you to all our participating bulldogs! Congratulations to our artist, Kylie Dietrich for having her art chosen for the cover of our yearbook!



Upcoming Dates

- February 14 – Valentine’s Day & School Spirit Day: Wear Red & Pink
- February 17 – Two-Hour Early Dismissal
- February 20 – President’s Day – Schools closed
- February 23 – 4th Grade Black History Museum event
- February 27 – Interims / Progress reports posted
- February 28 – PTO Spirit Night at LEDO’s Pizza – La Plata location
- March 6 – Read Across Mitchell Week
- March 8 – PTO meeting at 5:15 PM
- March 9 – Two-Hour Early Dismissal
- March 17– St. Patrick’s Day & School Spirit Day: Wear Green
- March 20 – Spring Book Fair Begins



PTO

Please join our PTO meeting Wednesday, March 8, at 5:15 PM. Learn how the Mitchell PTO is helping build a stronger WJM community. We will be starting the evening out with a performance by our second-grade students at 5:15 PM and then welcoming **our special guest for the evening, Dr. Navarro, Superintendent of CCPS.**

School meals – Check out the Mitchell Page [by clicking here](#).

The CCPS School Meals site has a fresh new look. The more user-friendly layout houses all relevant links, nutrition facts and other important details in one place. Find the [School Meals website](#) link on the front page of www.ccboe.com in the icons grid or download the MealViewer To Go app in your favorite app store.



Inclement Weather Notifications - How To Get School Closure News

- [Click Here for inclement weather procedures](#)
- Call the 24-hour information line at 301-934-7410 or 301-932-6655.
- Check the CCPS website at www.ccboe.com
- Follow on Twitter @ccps
- Check for Facebook updates at *Charles County Public Schools*.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Our Lost & Found items** are on display during all lunch shifts. Students are encouraged to view these items during their scheduled lunchtime for any lost clothing items.
- **Photo ID for all visitors** - When visiting the school, picture IDs are required for all visitors to enter Mitchell Elementary.
- As an important reminder, the school day begins at 9:00 AM. Doors open for students at 8:45 AM. Children should **NOT** be left on school property before that time, as there will be no supervision.
- **Tardiness** - Students who arrive after 9:00 AM will be considered ‘tardy’ and their attendance record will be marked as such.

- **Dismissal Changes** – Phone calls will not be permitted as a method to change your child's dismissal routines. We require this notification in writing by 12:00 PM (noon) to our front office secretary, Deanna Gomez (dgomez@ccboe.com) and include the classroom teacher.
- If you must send someone else to pick up your child, you **MUST** follow the same procedure stated above - send an email to our front office secretary, Deanna Gomez (dgomez@ccboe.com) and also include the classroom teacher.

Walter J. Mitchell website:

[HOME - Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School \(ccboe.com\)](http://HOME-WalterJ.MitchellElementarySchool(ccboe.com))

Previous editions of the School Newsletter:

<https://mitchell.ccboe.com/parent/news-to-know>

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PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Facebook:

[Walter J. Mitchell PTO | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WalterJ.MitchellPTO)



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