



Week of
January 24, 2022



News to Know

Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs!

Dear WJM Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of the first semester of the 2021-22 school year. Wednesday, January 26 is the official end of the 2nd quarter. Just a reminder that Friday, January 28 is a two-hour early dismissal - this is a change to the original school calendar and will give teachers an opportunity to work on student report cards. Report cards will be available for parents to view on February 7 through ParentVue.

Our new school website is up and running! Please visit <https://mitchell.ccboe.com/> or [CLICK HERE](#) and take a moment to view our site and let us know what you think!

The staff and students at Mitchell are so fortunate to be a part of this awesome community! We are reminded on a daily basis how much our parents and community members come together to support our school. Please see below for two opportunities to help us support others in our community.

- Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School is hosting "Souper Bowl" to help support our community! **We are asking for cans of soup or other canned food items** to be donated over the next several weeks. Students will get to vote for their favorite football team by placing their canned food item on the *NFC table or the AFC table*. All of the canned food items will be donated to the Southern Maryland Food Bank to help families in our community. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



- Walter J. Mitchell will be supporting our local hospital staff at Charles Regional Medical Center! We need your help to provide pre-packaged snacks and drinks for our hardworking doctors, nurses, and hospital staff during these difficult times. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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

Back by Popular Demand!

Walter J. Mitchell's PTO has once again partnered with TREX to bring their NexTrex School recycling Program to Walter J. Mitchell Elementary! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Community Connections!

Tri-County Youth Services Bureau continues with its series of interactive parenting classes to be featured virtually via Zoom every Thursday. Parents can join any Thursday class based on their interest in the topic. Parents can register for the FREE class by sending an email with their name, child's name, child's school and the class (classes) of choice to: workshops@tcysb.org. An email will be sent to the parent with the Zoom link for the class.



January Character Trait!

Our Character Trait for the month of January is **Self-Control** and is represented by the **jaguar**. Self-control is choosing to do what you should even when you do not want to. Having self-control takes practice and is something everyone can improve on. What do you need more self-control of at home and at school?



Important Dates to Remember

- January 26 – Second marking period ends (moved from January 19)
- January 27 – Third marking period begins (moved from January 20)
- January 28 – 2-hour early dismissal
- **January 31 – Mitchell ReadAthon fundraiser begins (Jan 31-Feb 14)**
- January 31 – Read Across Charles County!
- February 7 – Report cards will be available on Parentvue
- February 16 – 2-hour early dismissal.
- March 23 – 2-hour early dismissal.

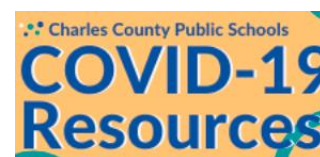


CCPS *Inclement weather information can be found [HERE](#)*



Links to Important CCPS Resources

- [CLICK HERE](#) to view the updated SOP.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to access the updated prescreening questionnaire.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to view the covid quarantine protocol for CCPS.



Reminders from Previous Newsletters

- With the colder temperatures, it is imperative that we continue to keep the car rider line moving efficiently. We are asking parents to remain in their vehicle when dropping off or picking up their student. Getting out of the vehicle takes time and causes delays in the process. School staff can assist younger students with opening & shutting doors as needed. Parents who need to buckle their child into the seatbelt are asked to do so after moving forward and pulling into the Bus Lane.
- Please help keep COVID out of our school! If your child displays any of the symptoms on the prescreening questionnaire, the child should not come to school. In addition, any student who has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should remain at home.
- When visiting the school, we request that you contact us by phone first, if possible, to handle any school business (301-753-1760). Picture ID's, social distancing and facemasks are required for all visitors to Mitchell Elementary School.
- **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 both office secretaries, Deanna Gomez (dgomez@ccboe.com) and Deborah Williams (ddwilliams@ccboe.com).** Please also include the classroom teacher.
- Parent / Guardians picking up their child should not park along the road/parking lots and walk up to the school during car rider dismissal. You must stay in the car rider line.
- Students will not be released from school after 2:45 PM for early dismissal as we are preparing for our dismissal procedures. This allows for a safe and orderly dismissal of all students.

