

January 2, 2023



## Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs

Hello Walter J. Mitchell families,

Happy New Year! We hope all of our Mitchell families enjoyed a restful and joyous holiday. Before going on winter break, all students attended our annual Winter Sing-along, with the WJM staff putting on a splendid performance. In addition, our students who were referral free in December ended the week participating in our PBIS Gingerbread House activity. Students were highly creative as they used cardboard to build a house and added decorations using buttons, gems, tape, glue, wrapping paper, cotton balls, and popsicle sticks, and so much more! We would like to thank everyone who made donations for our PBIS activity.



**B – Behave Politely**

**A – Act Responsibly**

**R – Respect Learning**

**K – Keep Safe**

January starts a new opportunity for students to show BARK behaviors and take part in our monthly PBIS events. As a reminder, only students who are referral free for the entire month are invited to attend the monthly PBIS event.



### Looking ahead

Thursday, January 19 is the end of the second marking period! Report cards will be available on ParentVue January 30.

We are looking forward to a great week,  
Nicholas Adam, Principal  
Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Assistant Principal

### Upcoming Dates

- January 3 – Schools reopen
- January 10 – WJM Staff & Student Recognition @ the Board Meeting– Congrats Ms. Escanilla and Chloe Williams!
- January 11 – School Spirit Day: Wear Flannel!
- January 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – Schools/Offices closed
- January 17-19 – WJM's College Week- More information to follow.
- January 19 – End of Quarter 2
- January 20 – Semester Break – Schools closed!
- January 23 – Start of Quarter 3
- January 23-26 – PTO Spirit Week at Fosters Grille, La Plata (all week)
- January 30 – Report Cards posted on ParentVue



## 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 Mitchell Elementary.
- **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 both office secretaries, Deanna Gomez ([dgomez@ccboe.com](mailto:dgomez@ccboe.com)) and Deborah Williams ([ddwilliams@ccboe.com](mailto:ddwilliams@ccboe.com)). Please also 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 both office secretaries, Deanna Gomez ([dgomez@ccboe.com](mailto:dgomez@ccboe.com)) And Deborah Williams ([ddwilliams@ccboe.com](mailto:ddwilliams@ccboe.com)). Please also include the classroom teacher.

### Inclement Weather Notifications - How To Get School Closure News

- Call the 24-hour information line at 301-934-7410 or 301-932-6655.
- Check the CCPS website at [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com)
- Follow on Twitter @ccps
- Check for Facebook updates at *Charles County Public Schools*.
- Text Messages from CCPS: Parents/guardians can opt-in to receive text message alerts from CCPS through School Messenger. Parents/guardians must have a cell phone number listed on their child's emergency notification card. To opt-in, text Y or YES to 67587. Users will then receive a confirmation text. Text STOP to 67587 at any time to stop receiving text message alerts from CCPS. Standard text message rates by cell phone carriers apply. This feature is available only to parents.
- Notification by Charles County CNS: Receive free email and text message notifications from the Citizen Notification Service (CNS). Visit <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/CNS> to sign up. Select Charles County Public Schools notifications.
- Notification by press release: CCPS will post a weather alert press release any time school status is affected by inclement weather. Subscribers receive our press releases by email the instant they are posted to our website. To subscribe, visit [www.ccboe.com/pr](http://www.ccboe.com/pr) and enter your email address in the "Subscribe" box.



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

#### Previous editions of the School Newsletter:

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

Twitter: [@WJMitchellES](https://twitter.com/WJMitchellES) / Twitter

#### PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Facebook:

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