



January 30, 2023



## Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs



Hello Walter J. Mitchell families,

Thank you all for the generous donations of items for this week's PBIS celebration for students who are referral free for January. In addition, thank you to all the parents who indicated an interest in volunteering for this event. Volunteers were randomly selected and notified by Mrs. Carrington. If you were not chosen this time, don't worry! There will be plenty more opportunities to volunteer this year.

As a reminder, our PBIS team plans monthly celebrations to recognize students who remain referral free throughout the month. This month's celebration requires a signed permission slip. If you have not done so already, please sign and return the blue "Snow Much Fun" form as soon as possible. We look forward to an event that is sure to be "Snow Much Fun!" on Friday, February 3, 2023!

**B – Behave Politely**

**A – Act Responsibly**

**R – Respect Learning**

**K – Keep Safe**

We are looking forward to a great week,

Nicholas Adam, Principal

Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Assistant Principal

A special thank you to our awesome teachers, Ms. Constantine, Ms. Mato, Ms. Brumberg, and Mr. Murphy for the wonderful winter concert held at Milton Somers Middle School last Thursday. Our incredibly talented fifth graders put on a top-notch performance.



Shout out to our PTO, families, and Mitchell staff who came out to support our spirit event at Fosters Grill last week. These events are a great way to bring our community together and raise funds to help support upcoming student activities.



Thank you to our PTO members for the awesome treat. The staff at Mitchell appreciate your constant support.

### Fifth Grade Swim Trip!

Our school is blessed to have such great parental involvement. It takes a great community and ours is amazing! Mitchell 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned so much at our Water Safety Field Trip! Thank you parents for all your support!



### Mobile Science Lab Engages Students!

Mitchell students had the opportunity to extend their learning while visiting the Mobile science lab. Thank you to Ms. Jarboe, Ms. Escanilla, Mr. Snyder, and special guests - Mr. McMahon, for bringing this learning opportunity to Mitchell!

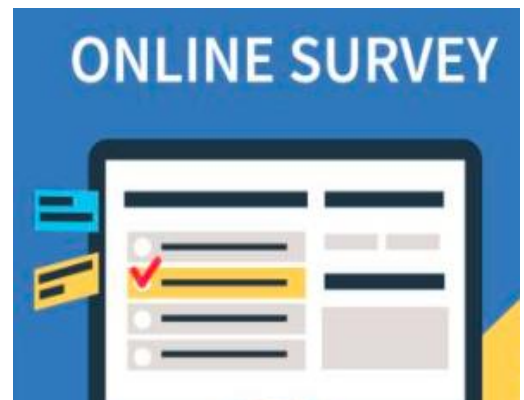


### All fifth grade students/parents

You should have received an email on Monday, January 23 regarding elective courses for sixth grade. This survey asked parents to enter a choice of band, strings, chorus, or related arts. **The survey will close Friday, February 3.** Once the results have been collected, the office of Accountability will upload course selections to Synergy. Students who do not make a selection will be placed in related arts.

### Share your input with CCPS leaders

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is seeking input from parents, staff members and students regarding progress on areas outlined in the school system's strategic plan. Staff developed three stakeholder surveys, one for parents, one for staff and one for students in Grades 4-12. The deadline for all three surveys is 11:59 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10. Survey data will be used to evaluate areas included in the CCPS Strategic Plan. **Parents are encouraged to complete the survey.** [Click here to access](#) the links.



## Mitchell Hosts “Souper Bowl”

Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School is hosting a “Souper Bowl”. 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.



Students received a flyer for American Cancer Society Dedication Footprints. The dedication footprints are to honor those who have battled cancer. They will be displayed in our school's atrium through the rest of the school year and at our Mitchell Bulldog team campsite at the June event. **We are asking for a \$1.00 donation for each footprint dedication.** Dedication requests will be accepted beginning this month, January 2023, and available through the rest of the school year until the Charles County Relay for Life event on June 10, 2023. Thank you for your support!

## 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](http://www.ccboe.com) in the icons grid or download the MealViewer To Go app in your favorite app store.



## Upcoming Dates

- January 30 – Report Cards posted on ParentVue
- February 2 – National Groundhog Day
- February 3 – January’s PBIS Celebration, “Snow Much Fun”
- February 6 – National School Counselor Week – Thank you, Ms. Saunders; Science Fair Viewing & Celebration
- 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 30 PM
- March 9 – Two-Hour Early Dismissal
- March 17– St. Patrick’s Day & School Spirit Day: Wear Green
- March 20 – Spring Book Fair Begins



## 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](http://www.ccboe.com)
- Follow on Twitter @ccps
- Check for Facebook updates at *Charles County Public Schools*.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The third marking period has officially begun and students are working hard on their academic goals. **Second quarter report cards will be available on ParentVue tomorrow, January 30.**
- 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.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:dgomez@ccboe.com)) and 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 our front office secretary, Deanna Gomez ([dgomez@ccboe.com](mailto:dgomez@ccboe.com)) and also include the classroom teacher.

**Walter J. Mitchell website:**

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

**Previous editions of the School Newsletter:**

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

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



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