



Week of
March 7, 2022



News to Know

Dear WJM Parent/Guardian,

It was wonderful seeing so many of our Mitchell families at Texas Roadhouse for our PTO fundraiser last week! We are looking forward to our next PTO fundraiser night on March 16 at Pizza Hotline! The PTO and entire school staff appreciate all of your continuous support. Proceeds from these fundraisers go directly to student initiatives such as the custom-made Kindness Bracelets recently purchased by our PTO!



For Random Act of Kindness Day, our students had the opportunity to purchase Blow Pops and gift them to a peer who has demonstrated kindness throughout this school year. This was a fun way for our bulldogs to recognize other students. Thank you for helping make this so successful! Proceeds from this event were used to purchase our new PBIS Bark Cart as well as stock up on some cool prizes for students to earn! Party favors make great prizes for the Bark Cart! Donations of these items are always appreciated.



Thank you for your continual support!



Nicholas Adam, Principal
Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Vice Principal

Updates and Reminders

- As you are aware, on Monday, February 28, the Charles County Board of Education voted to eliminate the mask mandate in schools. CCPS will no longer require masks in any school system buildings. Mask use is now optional for students, staff and visitors to our schools and buildings. Following guidelines released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Board also voted in favor of eliminating the required use of masks on school buses effective immediately. Students, staff and visitors may continue to wear masks in schools, our buildings and on school buses. CCPS teachers and staff will no longer monitor or enforce mask use among students or on school buses. We encourage parents to have conversations with their children about their expectations for wearing a mask and respecting the decisions of others.
- Last week students brought home the CCPS Performing Arts/Related Arts Course Selection form that is needed for Middle School. Please complete the form and have your child return to their teacher as soon as possible. **All fifth grade students must have this form turned in before March 14.**
- As a way to update student records and ensure attendance in the proper school zones, Charles County Public Schools requires all students entering **sixth** and ninth grade to provide **two proofs**

of domicile to their current school of enrollment from the approved list. Parents of current fifth graders have the option to upload proofs using the Online Registration through their ParentVue account, or by e-mailing Ms. Gomez at dgomez@ccboe.com **no later than April 11, 2022.** [CLICK HERE for more information on How to Submit Proofs of Domicile](#)

Important Dates to Remember

- March 12 – CCPS H.I.T.S Expo
- March 13 – Spring forward – Daylight Savings Time
- March 16 – Pizza Hotline Spirit Night!
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (School Spirit Day: Wear Green) 
- March 20 – First Day of spring
- March 23 – 2-hour early dismissal
- March 25 – Third making period ends
- March 25 – Maryland Day (School Spirit Day: Wear Maryland Gear or Colors) 
- March 26 – Special Education Expo [CLICK HERE](#) to register!
- March 28 – 2-hour early dismissal; 4th Qtr. Begins
- March 31 – School Spirit Day: Wear a Baseball Cap)
- April 1 – School Spirit Day: Wacky Tacky Mix Match Day
- April 6 – Report Cards available on ParentVue



March Character Trait

Our Character Trait for the month of March is **Cooperation** and is represented by the **flamingo**. Cooperation is working together to do more than you can alone. Why do you think it is important to be able to work well with others? Think about all of the different times you need to work with others to accomplish something.



Community Connections

The PTO would love your help with a recycling effort (and contest) that could potentially award our school with a new TREX Buddy bench and a Cash Prize! The support we received last year showed our full Bulldog Pride and brought us up to the 2nd place spot for the second year in a row! We did so well last year, TREX awarded us our first bench! Way to go BULLDOGS!



- TREX has provided Mitchell with collection containers that are placed inside the school. Students may bring plastics into the school and place them in the containers. Families can also weigh their own plastic themselves, report the totals to the PTO and drop the plastics off at Safeway, Target or Walmart.
- The items that can be recycled for the TREX program are outlined below. This is a great way to teach your Bulldogs about the importance of recycling and is a healthy competition between schools across the nation!

- Join in the fun and let us make recycling easy for you! Don't forget to take a picture of your student dropping off their plastic and tagging Walter J Mitchell PTO on Facebook!
- Weight can be turned into PTO via Facebook or email www.facebook.com/WalterJMitchellPto



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PROGRAM

NexTrex

plastic film recycling challenge info sheet

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How does the challenge work?

Schools compete against other schools in their category to collect the most plastic film.

A school volunteer weighs and keeps record of the amount of

film recycled each month.
(On average a 30-gallon trash bag will hold about 650 plastic bags and weigh 6 lbs.).

A school volunteer takes the collected plastic to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling.

Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

Report collection amounts monthly to: my.trex.com.

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

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