



**Week of
April 11, 2022**



News to Know

Dear WJM Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations to all of our students who received Honor Roll and Principal Honor Roll last week! We continue to have many reasons to celebrate the success our Mitchell students are having this school year. Our Destination Imagination Teams represented our school at last week's Tournament. The Mitchell Majestic Axolotls: 3rd place in their Engineering category! The Mitchell Seven Adventurers: 7th place in their Engineering category! The Mitchell Gladiators: 4th place in the Service Learning category! Congratulations to all of our students, coaches, and sponsors for an awesome year! In addition, the fourth and fifth grade Math Teams did great at last week's competition. Thank you to both team coaches and all of our mathematicians for a job well done!

We are looking forward to a great week as we head into Spring Break. Students are encouraged to join staff on Thursday, April 14, for our Rainbow Spirit Day. Students in 5th Grade should wear **Red**. Students in 4th Grade should wear **Orange**. Students in 3rd Grade should wear **Yellow**. Students in 2nd Grade should wear **Green**. Students in 1st Grade should wear **Blue**. Students in Kindergarten should wear **Indigo (Dark Blue)**. Students in Pre-K should wear **Violet (Purple)**



Picture Day is tomorrow, April 11. Students will take a group photo with their class and take individual pictures.

News & Reminders

- **FOR ALL CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS - DUE APRIL 11. Fifth Grade Proofs of Domicile - DON'T FORGET** to turn in your proofs of domicile! Please call Ms. Gomez in the front office if you have questions. If your child's proofs are not submitted by Monday, April 11, you will have to coordinate with the middle school for verification of domicile.
- This week, your child will be receiving a box containing two COVID-19 rapid tests. Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) recently received an abundance of rapid tests from the State for use by students and staff. Spring Break for CCPS students and most staff is April 15-22. Please consider using the rapid tests to test your child before they return to school on April 25. **Testing is not required to return to school or work.** Additional free COVID-19 rapid tests are also available at the branches of the Charles County Public Library. Call any branch to set up a pick-up time.
- As a reminder, schools are closed for spring break from Friday, April 15, through Friday, April 22. CCPS administrative offices are closed April 15, April 18 and April 22.
- **PTO Spring Fling Tie Dye Event** – RSVP date has been extended to April 13. Please see the flyer below for more information.
- **Toys and Personal Items** - Recently, there has been an increase in students bringing toys and personal items like Pokémon cards into school. Unless they are used for a special event or are a part of the instructional program and preapproved by the classroom teacher, toys, cards, and personal

items are not permitted on school grounds, as they are a distraction to learning. This includes handheld games, personal music players, portable communication devices, trading cards, etc. These items tend to interfere with the instructional program, and can cause negative interactions among students. Your help in making sure these items are left at home is greatly appreciated.

- Fourth grade parents - Be on the lookout for an email from CCPS regarding instrumental/choral course selection for the 22-23 school year. The email should be coming out on April 11.
- After Spring Break, students in grade 3, 4, & 5 will begin taking the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program Tests for Math and Reading. Classroom teachers will provide specific test dates.
- **If you test positive for COVID-19:** Parents of students who test positive for COVID-19 should let the school know they will be in isolation, per recommendations from the state health department and their family doctor. Students who are exposed to a COVID-19 positive person should stay home from school and quarantine for the recommended amount of days advised by their doctor.

Yearbook Sale

Order your yearbook today at **ybpay.com**

Encarga hoy tu anuario en

Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

April 22, 2022

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:

1768222

For more information please contact:

Mr. Specht— cspecht@ccboe.com or Ms. Roper— croper@ccboe.com

You're invited to WJM's Spring Fling

Date: April 30
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.
Location: Walter J. Mitchell

**Enjoy fun, food
and TIE DYE!**

Ticket Pricing:

\$10: Lunch + 1 Tye Dye Shirt
\$5: Lunch Only

Food ticket includes:

1 slice of pizza, bag of
chips and a drink

Must RSVP and prepay by Wednesday, April 13!

APRIL IS...

- World Autism Month
- National Assistant Principal's Week (April 4 - 8)
- National Occupational Therapy and Poetry Month
- Administrative Professional's Week (April 24 - 30)
- National School Library Month



PTO
**Pizza Hotline
Spirit Night!**
May 18

Please mark your calendar!

April 11 – Spring Picture Day & All Proofs of Domicile Due for 5th grade students

April 12 – CCBOE Board Meeting

April 13 – Spring Fling: RSVP and Pre Payment DUE!

April 14 – School Spirit Day: **Rainbow Day /Grade Level Colors- 5th Grade: Red, 4th Grade: Orange, 3rd Grade: Yellow, 2nd Grade: Green, 1st Grade: Blue, Kindergarten: Indigo (Dark Blue), & Pre-K: Violet (Purple)**

April 22 – Deadline to purchase a YEARBOOK.

April 29 – Career Day at Walter J!

May 18 – Spring Concert. 6:30 PM @ Somers Middle School; PTO Pizza Hotline Spirit Night



Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians

Mark the Moment! We are looking forward to celebrating our fifth graders as we transition them to middle school. This year, we will be celebrating with our students in a variety of ways! More details about these events will be coming soon!

Don't forget to send in your proofs! 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 grades to provide **two proofs of domicile** to their current school of enrollment from the approved list. Parents will 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](#)

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

- **100% ID Check: Strictly Enforced (Even if we recognize you)** - CCPS Policy requires any visitors to our building to show photo identification. This is especially important when picking up a child from our school.
- **Career Day-** Do you, or someone you know, have an interesting career you'd like to share with our students? WJM's Career Day is scheduled for Friday, April 29* and we are looking for presenters in all professions! Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **Headphones-** Throughout the day, students use a range of instructional resources on their devices. Many of these resources have an audio feature that make having headphones essential. In addition, MCAP testing will occur throughout the month of May and all 3rd-5th graders will need headphones. Please ensure your child has a personal set of headphones for school.
- Beginning in Fall 2022, CCPS will offer a full-day prekindergarten program at all 22 elementary schools. Additionally, kindergarten registration is open. [Click here for information](#) about the prekindergarten program application process. Details about kindergarten registration are [posted on the CCPS website here](#).
- **Car Rider Line** - It is imperative that we continue to keep the car rider line a safe area for students and staff. **Unless directed to by Principal Adam, parents should not pass another vehicle or**

school bus. In addition, 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. Parents who need to buckle their child into the seatbelt are asked to do so after moving forward and pulling into the Bus Lanes.

- **DID YOU KNOW?** Listing an emergency contact does not allow the individual to pick up a student at any given time in a non-emergency situation without prior **written authorization from the parent/guardian**. Please make sure to send an email any day that someone who is not the parent or guardian, is planning to pick up a student for an early dismissal. Please make sure to have your photo ID when picking up a student!



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