



Week of  
OCTOBER 18, 2021



# News to Know

## Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs!

Dear WJM Parent/Guardian,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful weekend! Thank you to all of our Mitchell families who came out to Chipotle to support our PTO last week. We are eagerly waiting on the total funds raised but based on the line and energy from all of you, we anticipate continuing our reign as the Chipotle's #1 school!

October is Bully Prevention Month. Everyone can take part in being kind to others and we encourage our students to be kind every day. **We will celebrate Unity Day on Wednesday, October 20.** This special day was created to unite all people in schools, communities and online against bullying. Everyone can express his or her support by **wearing orange**. The color **orange** was chosen to represent Unity Day because it is described as **vibrant, warm and inviting, and is commonly associated with safety and visibility**. Every student is encouraged to wear something **orange** on Wednesday.

Students in grades 4 & 5 have completed the fall administration of MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) for reading and math. Parents will receive a report from MSDE once the assessments have been scored.

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) will be closed on Friday, Nov. 12, for all students, teachers and school system staff. The Board of Education at its Oct. 12 meeting unanimously voted to change the 2021-2022 school year calendar and close CCPS on Nov. 12. Schools are already closed for students only on Thursday, Nov. 11, for teacher professional development and planning. The Board's vote to close Nov. 12 shifts the last day of school for students by one day to Thursday, June 16. The last day of school for teachers now shifts one day to Friday, June 17. These dates also assume CCPS uses four inclement weather days this school year. Parents, staff and community members should make a note of the change to their copy of the printed 2021-22 Parent Handbook/Calendar.



### **Thankful for our Mitchell Community!**

Thank you to WEIS Market of La Plata for their generous donation of \$400.0




### Accessing Dreambox from home:

- The school code for Dreambox when using an iPad's is: **kqed/2fvr**
- Student's logging in on laptops or desktop computers may access Dreambox through Clever

### Important Dates to Remember

- 🍁 **October 20** – Unit Day – **Wear Orange!**
- 🍁 **October 25** – Spirit Day – Kick off to Red Ribbon Week- **Wear Red!**
- 🍁 **October 29** – Fall Picture Day
- 🍁 **November 1** – Storybook Character Parade, October PBIS Celebration
- 🍁 **November 3** – First marking period ends
- 🍁 **November 4** – Second marking period begins





**Join us for our**


**Storybook Character Parade**

**When: Monday, November 1 at 1:45p.m.**

**Where: Mitchell E.S. Field**

Students are encouraged to bring their storybook character costumes to school. They will have time to change before the parade. Students will receive a token of participation if they bring the book their character is based on. Please keep in mind that violent or frightening costumes are not acceptable. **No look alike weapons, fake blood, or masks will be permitted.**

Parents are welcome to come watch the parade from the "Parent Cheer Zone" in the field behind the school. Please limit each family to 2 visitors.



### A message from our PBIS Team:

Congratulations to all of our bulldogs as we celebrated their 'BARK'ing behavior in September! All students earned participation in our big event celebration for great behavior in the first month of school. Students enjoyed popsicles delivered by Mr. Adam, Mrs. Carrington, Mrs. Bostwick, and Mr. Berchtold!

For our next celebration, students can earn participation in our 'BARK or Treat' event! Students who are referral free in October will take a trip through the atrium and receive a 'treat' from various staff members including Mr. Adam, Mrs. Carrington, Mr. Berchtold, Mrs. Bostwick, and Nurse Holly! The event will take place on November 1st, following our Storybook Character Parade.

### **Reminders from Previous News to Know Newsletters**

- Please help keep COVID out of our school! A friendly reminder that all students should be "prescreened" by a parent or guardian before coming to school each day. 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 based on the SOPs. Please contact Nurse Holly with any questions.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to access the CCPS Parent Handbook/Calendar online.
- ParentVue allows parents to monitor grades, assignments, class information and more. Activation information is posted [HERE](#) on the CCPS website.
- 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](mailto:dgomez@ccboe.com)) and Deborah Williams ([ddwilliams@ccboe.com](mailto:ddwilliams@ccboe.com)). Please also include the classroom teacher.**
- If for some reason you must send someone else to pick up your child, you MUST send a note each day/occurrence (with your signature) giving the school permission to release your child to that person.
- Information about the i-Ready test for families will be posted on the CCPS website with a link to a video for students. Once testing is complete, i-Ready diagnostic scale scores and lexile scores will be uploaded into Synergy, and these scores will be made available in ParentVUE. Information on how to interpret scores will be posted on the CCPS website.

