



**Week of
April 25, 2022**



News to Know

Dear WJM Parent/Guardian,

We hope all of our students and families had a wonderful spring break! Our teachers and staff are eager to see all of our bulldogs return this week. In addition, this week we will be celebrating the awesome work our secretaries do each day. Ms. Gomez and Ms. Williams serve a vital role for our school, assisting and helping all members of our school community! We encourage you all to take a moment to send Ms. Gomez and Ms. Williams a note of appreciation using [THIS LINK](#) or scan the QR code



In May, we will be participating in a Boosterthon fundraiser! Funds raised this year will go towards adding new recess equipment, an additional water bottle filling station, and new benches for our outdoor areas! Boosterthon officially begins on May 19. See additional information about registering for Boosterthon in next week's newsletter! [Our Fun Run will take place on May 27.](#)

BOOSTERTHON Fun Run Information & Overview

Our goal is to GET EVERY FAMILY TO REGISTER FOR OUR FUNDRAISER! IT'S FREE AND EASY! That way we can work together to raise \$10,000 for playground upgrades and more water bottle filling stations. We're excited to see our school come together in this fundraising program and continue making Walter J. Mitchell the best elementary school.

- REGISTRATION & DONATING OPENS – May 19
- Register on MYBOOSTER.COM
- Fundraiser Kickoff event for students – May 19
- Fun Run Event Day – May 27 (We will need parent volunteers to help on this day!)

We are grateful for our Mitchell community! Thank you for your support this year. [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in volunteering to help on May 27.

Important Information & Reminders

- Last week, your child received a box containing two COVID-19 rapid tests. 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.** 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.
- **M-CAP Assessments** - Beginning May 3, 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.
- **Student Arrival** - School doors open for school at 8:45 AM. Student car riders must enter through the lower entrance off Willow Lane, staying to the right and stopping at the stop sign. Mr. Margolis will direct cars to drop curbside after the buses have unloaded.
 - Parents using the car rider drop off/pick up line should NEVER pass a school bus or another vehicle unless directed to by a school administrator.

- The upper parking lot is reserved for approved daycare vans and students & visitors who need access to the handicapped marked parking places. Do not drop off students there.
- Students should enter the school using the front entrance of the school.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 or Vice Principal Carrington, 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!
- 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](#).

Please mark your calendar!

April 29 – Career Day at Walter J; School Spirit Day: Dress for Success or Your Future Career *(Changed from May 27)*

April 30 – PTO Tie Dye event from 1-4pm

May 1 – School Spirit Day: Tie Dye Day *(Changed from April 29)*

May 2 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation week begins!

May 3 – MCAP Testing begins for grades 3-5; School Spirit Day: Dress like a teacher!

May 4 – Two-Hour Early Dismissal

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

May 19 – Boosterthon Fundraiser Kick off and Registration!

May 27 – Boosterthon FUN RUN event!

May 30 – Memorial Day: School closed.

June 13 – Mitchell's Mark the Moment for Fifth Graders event. Tentative Date.

