



December 19, 2022



Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs

Hello Walter J. Mitchell families, Happy Holidays!

We are looking forward to a shortened week as we approach the upcoming winter break. Students will attend school Monday, December 19 through Thursday, December 22 and then it is time to take a well-deserved break! Winter break begins Friday, December 23, 2022. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. We hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy this holiday season.

A special Thank You to our Mitchell families. This December has been busy with many events and our students & parents have represented in full force. Our PTO Holiday Penguin Patch was a huge success, our Giving Tree initiative was the best one yet! And it was awesome seeing so many students and families come out for our Winter Wonderland event last Friday! We appreciate our parents who contributed their time, materials, and to those who made donations to help make this holiday season great for our school community! We wish all our Walter J. Mitchell community a safe and happy holiday!

Nicholas Adam, Principal

Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Assistant Principal



UPCOMING DATES

- December 19 – Happy Birthday, Principal Adam!
- December 20 – PTO spirit night at Chick-fil-A, La Plata
- December 22 – School Spirit Day - Pajama Day, PBIS December Celebration, & Winter Sing-along
- December 23-January 2 – Schools closed for winter break
- January 3 – Schools reopen

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **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 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 both office secretaries, Deanna Gomez (dgomez@ccboe.com) and Deborah Williams (ddwilliams@ccboe.com). Please 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 both office secretaries, Deanna Gomez (dgomez@ccboe.com) And Deborah Williams (ddwilliams@ccboe.com). Please also include the classroom teacher.

Inclement Weather Notifications - How To Get School Closure News

- Call the 24-hour information line at 301-934-7410 or 301-932-6655.
- Check the CCPS website at www.ccboe.com
- Follow on Twitter @ccps
- Check for Facebook updates at *Charles County Public Schools*.
- Text Messages from CCPS: Parents/guardians can opt-in to receive text message alerts from CCPS through School Messenger. Parents/guardians must have a cell phone number listed on their child's emergency notification card. To opt-in, text Y or YES to 67587. Users will then receive a confirmation text. Parents who change cell phone numbers during the school year must contact their child's school to update their information. Text STOP to 67587 at any time to stop receiving text message alerts from CCPS. Standard text message rates by cell phone carriers apply. This feature is available only to parents and staff, as the system uses data included in CCPS records.
- Notification by Charles County CNS: Receive free email and text message notifications from the Citizen Notification Service (CNS). Visit <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/CNS> to sign up. Select Charles County Public Schools notifications.
- Notification by press release: CCPS will post a weather alert press release any time school status is affected by inclement weather. Subscribers receive our press releases by email the instant they are posted to our website. To subscribe, visit www.ccboe.com/pr and enter your email address in the "Subscribe" box.



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