



September 12, 2022

News to Know



Walter J. Mitchell Bulldogs

Hello Walter J. Mitchell Families,

Pre-K started last week with a bang, they did a fantastic job! Our students continue to adapt quickly to school routines and procedures. A reminder that schools are closed for students this Friday, September 16, for Fair Day. This week we look forward to welcoming our Mitchell Grandparents and special guests during lunch as we celebrate our wonderful Grandparents. Guests are reminded to bring a photo ID when coming to join your grandchild for lunch. Staff will be in the office to assist with the signing in process. It is exciting to be bringing more people into the building and brings us even closer to "normal".

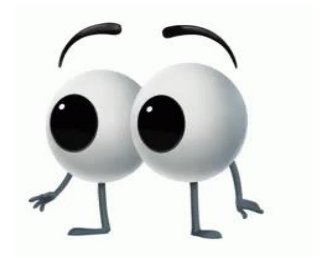
Warm Regards,

Nicholas Adam, Principal

Ashley Valenzuela-Carrington, Assistant Principal

Important Dates to Remember

- **September 13 – CCPS Board of Education meeting**
- **September 16 – Schools closed for students**
- **September 22 – Spirit Day - Wear fall colors!**
- **September 27 – PTO family Spirit Night @ Texas Roadhouse!**
- **September 28 – 2 hr. early dismissal & Open House 4:00-6:00 PM**
- **October 10 – Columbus Day – Schools closed for students – Parent Conference Day!**
- **October 11 – CCPS Board of Education meeting**
- **October 18 – Family Book Fair Night**
- **October 21 – 2 hr. early dismissal**
- **October 24 – Spirit Day - Wear RED**
- **October 25 – PTO Spirit Night - PIZZA HOTLINE**
- **November 1 – Fall Picture Day**
- **November 2 – End of 1st quarter**
- **November 2 – Spirit Day - Crazy Hair Day**
- **November 3 – 2 hr. early dismissal**
- **November 8 – Election Day - No School for students**
- **November 11 – Veteran's Day**



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Important Information

- **Parents WILL NOT be permitted to enter the building during student arrival & dismissal.**
- Car riders should enter the **lower** parking lot, off Willow lane, forming **three lines** and waiting at the stop sign. Mr. Margolis will direct you when to pull up and drop off curbside. During dismissal, we will load **nine cars** at a time. Students should enter/exit curbside where a Mitchell staff member will greet them. Parents should remain in their car and should **refrain** from passing other vehicles.
- CCPS has an automated system that provides a phone call report to the parent/guardian listed on file in the student information system when a student is late and/or absent. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6, attendance calls will begin for the 2022-2023 school year. Tardy notifications are generally sent around 10:30 a.m., while absence notification calls begin at 6 p.m.
- The CCPS Food and Nutrition Services Department continues to process completed free and reduced-price meal applications. Paper copies were sent home with students last week; the application is also available to complete online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Parents with multiple students enrolled in CCPS only need to complete one application. The information provided will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals.

Meal prices for elementary schools for 2022 School Year:



Breakfast \$1.35

Lunch \$2.80

For more information, please visit the CCPS Food & Nutrition website by clicking [HERE](#)



Students in grades 2-5 will utilize agenda books in their classes. This is a great tool for organization and communication. Agenda books have arrived and are available for purchase through classroom teachers. Please make a \$5.00 check payable to Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School.



CCPS Cell Phone Policy: Students may only bring their phone or device with **approval** from the principal. Please email Mr. Adam at nadam@ccboe.com. **Once approved, students must keep their phone or device powered completely off (not on vibrate or silent mode) and inside their book bag throughout the entirety of each school day.** Once approved for school, students may use their phone or device on the bus, but use must not be disruptive or cause a distraction to the driver at any time. Sound must only be audible through headphones. Phone conversations are prohibited.



Attendance Matters: Regular school attendance positively influences student achievement. Students should attend school daily. In the event your student is absent, please send a written note regarding the reason for the absence with your student upon his/her return. Students should give the note to their classroom teacher or you can email them directly to Ms. Gomez, at dgomez@ccboe.com

Thursday Folder

All students will be provided with a Thursday folder. The folder will be sent home with your child each Thursday and should be returned to school on Friday. School and PTO communication, as well as important classroom information like graded papers, field trip information and community event fliers, will be sent home in Thursday folders.



Upcoming Spirit Nights!

- Tuesday, September 27 @ Texas Roadhouse
- Tuesday, October 25 Pizza Hotline
- Tuesday, November 15 @ Chipotle
- Tuesday, December 20 @ Chick fil-A

Want to know more about how you can support our PTO?

Use [this link](#) to leave your contact information!



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 are required for all visitors to enter Mitchell Elementary School.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the 2022-2023 School Supplies list for Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the CCPS Parent Handbook/Calendar on the CCPS website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the CCPS Cell Phone Policy and additional resources for parents.



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