



Dr. Mudd Elementary School TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS COMING!

May 2, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

National Teacher's Appreciation Week is May 8-12, 2023. We also set aside this week to recognize all our STAFF at Dr. Mudd. Please join us as we thank our teachers and staff for making our school the BEST! Few other professions touch as many people as teachers do. **Teacher Appreciation Week** is a great time to learn about the contribution educators make to our school community every day. It is said that a genuine show of gratitude is the greatest gift a teacher can receive. Saying "thank you" can come in many forms such as helping your child with homework each night, being a partner in the concerns that your child's teacher shares by talking about ways to improve, and always making yourself available to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher.

During the week of May 8-12, we'd like to go a step further in showing our teachers how much they mean to us. Please help us by participating in our Dr. Mudd Elementary School Teacher & Staff "THANK YOU" week! I have prepared a suggested list of things that put a smile on teachers' faces. They are voluntary acts of gratitude that I hope you will be willing to do. As a parent, you are your child's first teacher. And so, it is with sincere thankfulness that I extend my appreciation to you, for sharing in this educational journey with us. I have included the Charles County Public School (CCPS) Ethics Policy for your review.

Dr. Mudd Teacher & Staff THANK YOU Schedule

Monday, May 8th

MOTIVATION MONDAY

Surprise your teacher on Monday, with a thank you card, note or letter. Let your teacher know how much you appreciate them for motivating and encouraging you to do your best!

Tuesday, May 9th

REPLENISH TUESDAY

Every Teacher Coach needs their vital tools. Bring your Teacher a tool they can use in the class. Tools can be highlighters, stickers, nice pens, notepads, stationery, post-it notes, etc.

Wednesday, May 10th

WHATEVER WEDNESDAY

This will be a do-what-you-want for your Teacher's day. Maybe bring them a flower, a snack, or a treat. You decide! It will be the student's choice. Take a look at their FAVORITES if you need help!

Thursday, May 11th

THERAPEUTIC THURSDAY

Teachers need time to relax. Let's give our teachers something they can use to relax! A candle, a good book, chocolate, lotion, herbal tea, coffee, etc. Something to help them relax!

Friday, May 12th

Make it a "FUN & FANTASTIC" FRIDAY

Think of something FUN & FANTASTIC to bring to your teacher! You can look at their list or think outside the box! Just make it fun & fantastic!

You can find your teacher's "Favorites" list on our school website and Class Dojo beginning Friday, May 5, 2023

CCPS Ethics Policy

Gifts Disclosure

Under Board Policy 8160, a gift means the transfer of any service or thing of economic value regardless of form without adequate and lawful consideration.

The following items are not deemed to be gifts for reporting purposes unless the gift would tend to impair your impartiality and independence of judgment, or is of significant value that would give the appearance of impairing your impartiality and independent judgment, or is of significant value that you believe or have reason to believe is designed to impair your impartiality and independent judgment:

- 1) A political campaign contribution regulated under Elections Article, Annotated Code Maryland.
- 2) Meals and beverages consumed in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity;
- 3) Ceremonial gifts or awards that have insignificant monetary value;
- 4) Trivial items of informational value;
- 5) Reasonable expenses for your food, travel, lodging, and scheduled entertainment at a meeting which is given in return for the participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;
- 6) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to members of the Board of Education to attend a charitable, cultural, or political event, if the purpose of the gift or admission is a courtesy or ceremony extended to the Board of Education;
- 7) A specific gift or class of gifts which the Ethics Panel exempts upon a finding, in writing, that acceptance of the gift or class of gifts would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the school system or Board of Education and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature;
- 8) Gifts from a person related by blood or marriage, or any other individual who is a member of your household; or
- 9) An honorarium for speaking to or participating in a meeting, provided that the offering of the honorarium is in no way related to your school system or Board position.

Receiving any gift(s), directly or indirectly, in excess of a value of \$20 or a series of gifts from the same donor with a cumulative value of \$100 or more from a person or entity who: 1) did business with the Board of Education; 2) engaged in an activity that was regulated or controlled by the Board; or 3) was a regulated lobbyist is not permitted.