

MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

September 22, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are done with Club Rush and it was a success! Students are now able to join their choice of club by filling out an application form and submitting it to their club advisors.

Please help us remind your student to check their Flex for the week. Our Admin and Supervision Staff have been reminding and helping students in the morning, it is also part of our morning announcements. Some students are asking for support on Wednesday at 8:20am, which is late and they do risk arriving late to class.

End of Quarter 1 is around the corner, please encourage your student to check PowerSchool regularly.

Nationwide Social Media Trend

We work closely with our School Resource Officers and Rancho Cordova Police Department, we are aware of the nationwide social media trend referencing potential violence at schools that continue to be a concern. No credible risks have been identified at our site. We ask for your support and encourage all to report any concerns to staff or on [We Tip](#).

School Site Council Parent Ballot

We have one parent opening in the School Site Council, please vote using the link below. Our next SSC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16.

<https://forms.gle/vabAiF8VEs7S6Xra6>

Flex and FlexiSCHED

This week's Flexischedule offerings are visible now on the [Mitchell school website](#). Flex gives students time to meet with teachers during Advisory on Wednesdays and Thursdays to get academic support. Students will all sign up on Monday during their Advisory for Wednesday and Thursday Flex time. Social emotional learning revolves on 5 competencies: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, and social awareness. The following are the offerings for this week: <https://mitchell.flexisched.net/getFlexPrint.php>.

Lost & Found Bin

Is your child still missing that one jacket, hoodie or water bottle? We might have it here at the Main Office! Please send your child to have a look through it as items will be removed by the end of the week.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is our new districtwide communication platform. It is a wonderful way to stay up to date, many of our teachers are utilizing the platform to communicate with families. For more information, please visit this site:

<https://www.fcusd.org/departments/communication-and-community-engagement/parentsquare>

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY TECH

Our Library program is in full swing; just about every student has checked out one or two library books. The loan period is for two weeks. So please remind your students to be aware of when their books are due. Overdue notices are sent out once a month. This month, over two hundred students had overdue books.

- Students are now required to use their student ID cards to check out library books. The only exception is if a student was absent on picture day.
- Did you know that your library offers weekly Flex, on Wednesday-Friday? Wednesdays and Thursdays we offer a quiet space for our dedicated readers to read without distractions, or interruptions. On Fridays, maker space activities and board games are available for students to communicate, connect, and create.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Families and students have access to all *state test results* in PowerSchool. After you log in, look for *Score Reports* in the left margin. Click into the Assessment and School Year selection boxes at the top and set them both to “All,” and then click the *Get Report* button.

In the list of reports, the most recent are at the bottom: clicking on the blue “View” link at the right will open a PDF report of that year’s test results. If you have questions about any of your student’s scores, please contact chatcher@fcusd.org.

Here are abbreviations used for the kinds of tests your student might have taken:

- **CAASPP:** Math and Reading were probably administered each spring in grades 3-8. COVID kept most schools from completing this in 2020 and 2021.
- **CAST:** Science was probably administered each spring in grades 5 and 8.
- **LEXQUAN:** Reading Lexile and Math Quantile scores are created each time a student completes the CAASPP tests. These reports include links to resources to help grow a student’s skills based on personal needs.
- **EIA:** English Learners will take an Initial ELPAC Assessment as they first enroll in a CA school.
- **ESA:** English Learners will complete a Summative ELPAC Assessment each spring until they are ready to be reclassified as English Proficient.

Our first grading quarter ends in three weeks on Friday, October 11. Please be sure to check your student's progress now in PowerSchool. If you have not started already, you and your student should communicate now with teachers about questions, requests, and concerns. Thank you for early attention at home to academic progress!

Your student's performance on Star Diagnostics for math and reading has been used to create a *personalized FOCUS SKILLS tutoring experience* in [Freckle](#), an online learning platform that allows students to practice and build their skills in Math and English Language Arts at their own level. Freckle continuously adapts to each student's individual skills, so each student is getting the appropriate challenge, whether they're working at, above, or below grade level. Students can use Freckle on campus and at home.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM

Thank you for utilizing our online form to report your student's absence. For parents/ guardians who doesn't have access, here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1chD3Q-jyQJsMveh6OirVLXhZuLDL_MT-P31hxcNE6M/edit?pli=1

Also if your student feels their attendance was marked in error, *please have them talk to their teacher*. The teacher will bring in an attendance correction form to the admin office.

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, September 24: Girls Volleyball (Away)
- Wednesday, September 25: Cross Country (Away)
- Thursday, September 26: Girls Volleyball (Away)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Wednesday, October 9: Early Release Day, 1:35pm
- Friday, October 11: End of Quarter 1 - Minimum Day, 12:45pm
- Monday, October 14: Non-Instructional Day
- Wednesday, October 16: School Site Council Meeting
- Thursday, October 24: Retake School Picture Day
- Wednesday, October 30: Fall Concert (Orchestra)
- Thursday, October 31: Fall Concert (Band)

In partnership,

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