

# MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

October 27, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) will be conducted with all 7<sup>th</sup> graders in their Individuals and Societies class. Your child does not have to take the survey. **If you do not want your child to complete the survey, please notify Ms. Lal, our Parent Coordinator by Friday, November 1. [slal@fcusd.org](mailto:slal@fcusd.org)**

- This important survey will help promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment, and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence.
- In addition to student surveys, we ask that parents complete this as well. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of our educational system and ensuring a safe, supportive, and healthy environment for all students. The survey provides critical insights into your child's school experience, highlighting areas where improvements may be necessary. Your perspective on topics like safety, bullying, mental health, and overall wellness help educators and administrators understand the unique needs of our students. This information aids in tailoring educational programs and support services to address specific challenges your child may be facing. Thank you for your active involvement in this crucial process.
- **Below is the link to the parent survey. Please complete by Monday, November 11.**
  - CA Healthy Kids Survey Parent Link: <https://wested.ugam-apps.com/wested/ts/vg3a>

### ***Parent Summit : Fostering Connections***

This year's Parent Summit will be held at Rancho Cordova Elementary on Saturday, November 2, starting at 8:30am to 11:30am. Playcare and lunch will be provided. Please visit the link below for more information and to register for the event.

<https://mtms.fcusd.org/parents-families/elac>

### ***Fall Concerts***

Join us this week at Cordova High School as our students will be performing on Wednesday, Mitchell Orchestra, and Thursday, Mitchell Band.

### ***Halloween - Thursday, October 31***

Students may wear a costume on Thursday, October 31 provided these guidelines are followed:

- No full-face masks
- No full-face make-up
- No weapons
- Dress code applies

### ***PJ Fall Dance - Friday, November 1***

Mitchell Middle School Student Council is hosting a PJ Fall Dance on **Friday, November 1, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the Gym**. Tickets will be pre-sold with a permission slip for \$5 Wednesday, October 30 through Friday, November 1 before/after school and at lunch at the Student Store office window. No tickets will be sold after school on Friday. Tickets will not be available at the door. Bring student ID to the dance. No outside food is permitted, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Students violating the Mitchell Code of Conduct, including the dress code, will be removed from the dance and a guardian will be called to retrieve the student. Otherwise, no child will be able to leave before 5:20 pm without a parent or guardian present. Please see page 26 in the Student Handbook for Dance Expectations: [24-25 Student Handbook](#)

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY TECH**

Picture retakes were Thursday, October 24th. Most, if not all, of our students should have an ID card by now. ID cards are required to check out library books, for the late pass scanner, and to attend school events. The replacement cost for lost ID cards, payable at the student store is \$5.00. Also, please have your student return their overdue library books. Last week we had close to 200 overdue books. The due date is stamped on the white slip of paper inside the front of the book.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE INSTRUCTIONAL COACH**

Middle school students need supportive socio-emotional interaction all day long, not just at school. [These tips for home](#) might help them grow these skills and find success in all aspects of life. Families and students have access to all state test results in PowerSchool. If you have questions about any of your student's scores, please contact [chatcher@fcusd.org](mailto:chatcher@fcusd.org). *Every student at MtMS has a personalized math and reading tutoring experience* in Freckle. Students can use Freckle on campus and [at home](#). Please do not wait until

the end of the marking period in December to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build strong learning and skills now.

This week's *Flexisched* offerings are visible now on the MtMS school website in the Student dropdown and in Clever. Flex gives students time to meet with teachers first thing in the morning [AT 8:25 AM!] on Wednesdays and Thursdays to get academic support, and on Fridays for clubs and other non-academic opportunities. Before the week begins, please take time to search and talk about the Flex offerings that your child may sign up for! Students will all sign up in Advisory on Monday this week for Wednesday through Friday Flex time. They receive an email in their school GMail account confirming their Flex sessions for the week. Wednesday and Thursday Flex might give your student small group instruction or practice before a summative, help or practice with concepts a student is struggling with, or extra support with the current or recent classroom concepts. Please encourage your children to understand that caring, helpful staff might ask them to join a Flex session for reasons like:

- they feel like something cannot be re-explained or practiced enough during class,
- they have been absent lately and need to ask some questions as they are catching up on missed work,
- they realize that they need help to meet an upcoming due date.

All students will be active in Flex on Wednesday through Friday each week AT 8:25 AM.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM**

Please utilize our attendance reporting form found on our [Mitchell website](#). This is the fastest way to report your student's absence. You do not need to call the office if you have reported it online. You can also email our attendance clerk directly at [awashington@fcusd.org](mailto:awashington@fcusd.org) or use the parent square app.

### **SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

- Monday, October 28: After School Academic Homework Help
- Tuesday, October 29: Tutoring Help (during lunch), Field Trip - Wakamatsu
- Wednesday, October 30: Fall Concert (Orchestra), After School Academic Homework Help
- Thursday, October 31: Fall Concert (Band)
- Friday, November 1: School Dance

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Tuesday, November 5: Field Trip - Wakamatsu
- Friday, November 8: Student Clubs-Food Fair
- Monday, November 11: Veteran's Day Non-Instructional Day
- Wednesday, November 13: 6th Grade Individuals and Societies Field Trip, Sports Picture Day, Choir Fall Concert
- Thursday, November 14: 6th Grade Individuals and Societies Field Trip
- Thursday, November 21: Physical Education Candy Cane Run
- November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break Non-Instructional Week
- Wednesday, December 11: School Site Council Meeting
- Wednesday, December 18: Early Release Day 1:35pm
- Friday, December 20: Minimum Day 12:45pm, End of Semester 1
- December 23 - January 3: Winter Break - No Instruction
- January 6: Students return to school (Happy New Year!)

In partnership,

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