

# MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

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WEEKLY EDITION

November 3, 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

Thank you for your support last week with our multiple events. We had two evening concerts, lunch activities, and a school dance.

This week will be eventful as well. On Monday, the Fire Department will be at the site with their fire truck in front of the school supporting our students' science project: Designing a Helmet. On Tuesday, the second group of 6th grade students will be at the Wakamatsu Field Trip. On Wednesday, encourage your student to visit the Project Room if they are interested in making bracelets or origami. We will be hosting our Student Advisory Board this Thursday, which means that student leaders from various sites will be at our site. Lastly, we will end the week with our first Student Club Food Fair on Friday. Our goal is for our students to stay active and engaged in both their academics and social-emotional development.

### ***California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)***

Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of our educational system and ensuring a safe, supportive, and healthy environment for all students. The CHK 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>

### ***Academic Assistance***

Please encourage students who are in need of [academic support](#) to attend our after school homework help Monday and Wednesday 3:05-4:00 pm in the library, and/or Tuesday tutoring during lunch in the Project Room. Staff is ready to help, and this is an additional opportunity to receive academic support.

## ***Athletics***

- For students: Wrestling practice begins on Monday, November 4.
- For parents/guardians: Wrestling parent meeting, November 13, at 5:15pm in the Gym.

## **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 YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**

Yearbook Packages are now being sold! Go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> and enter your information to find our pre-sale opportunities. This year, we have added the option to purchase a personal ad for families to celebrate scholar achievements! Buying a pre-sale is the only way to guarantee you will receive a yearbook at the end of the year!

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

Rise and shine! Our school day begins in classrooms at 8:25 AM. Please help your child to make it here before then. 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 [Flexischedule offerings](#) are visible now. 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 engaging activities. Students will all sign up on Monday during their Advisory for all three Flex days. They receive an email in their school GMail account confirming their Flex sessions for the week. 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.

Tutoring and Math support will be available during lunch every Tuesday in the Project Room. Students do not need to prepare in advance to attend: they should come to the Project Room at the start of lunch to get a lunch line pass and then return to eat and learn. Our Bilingual Instructional Assistants will hold tutoring sessions and offer assistance during Advisory Flex, during the school day, and after school. Times, days, subjects, and locations vary: Please email [chatcher@fcusd.org](mailto:chatcher@fcusd.org) for specific details for academic support in Spanish and Russian.

### **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, November 4: Wrestling practice begins, Academic Homework Help
- Tuesday, November 5: Field Trip - Wakamatsu
- Wednesday, November 6: Academic Homework Help
- Thursday, November 7: ELAC Meeting
- Friday, November 8: Student Clubs - Food Fair, Spirit Friday (Tie-dye)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- 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, Wrestling Parent Meeting
- 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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