

# MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

April 12, 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

We look forward to welcoming back our Marauders from Spring Break. This week we will begin math state testing, starting on Wednesday, April 15, which is also a minimum day.

Please take some time and review what we call our Testing *ABCs* to your students:

**Attendance** – it's important that your student is physically here and on time (school begins at 8:25am) for testing.

**Breakfast** – start your day by eating a nutritious breakfast. ALL students can eat here starting at 7:45am.

**Chromebook** – bring your Chromebook fully charged each day. It's wise to bring the charger and headphones too.

**Sleep** – make sure your student gets an ample amount of sleep the night before the test.

### **MACC Art Show**

We invite you to enjoy our students' artwork at The Mills Station Arts and Cultural Center (The MACC)! Their annual student art show is taking place April 9-25, with a gallery reception on April 17. We have over 75 student works featured this year!

<i>Where:</i> The MACC 10191 Mills Station Rd Sacramento, CA 95827	<i>When:</i> Artist reception on April 17 from 5:30-7:30pm Exhibit runs April 9-25
Gallery hours are Thursday & Friday from 2-7pm and Saturday from 11am-4pm	

### **School Site Council**

Our next School Site Council meeting is this Wednesday at 5pm via Teams. [SSC Link to Join Meeting](#)

## ***Glimpse of our Upcoming Events***

[2026 - A Glimpse of our Upcoming Events](#)

### ***5 STAR Student Store***

Over the past few weeks, students have been earning points for demonstrating our 3 B's: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Students may redeem their points through our digital student store in 5-Star.

<https://mtms.fcusd.org/students/5-star>

Please encourage students to use their points. The digital store opens on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. and closes at the end of the day. Items selected for purchase will be delivered on Fridays toward the end of 7th period. Thank you for your continued support!

### ***Reminder: Minimum Days - Mark Your Calendar***

Please see below for the list of the remaining minimum days, dismissal time 12:45pm.

- Wednesday, April 15
- Friday, May 8
- Friday, May 22
- Wednesday, May 27
- Thursday, May 28

### ***Yearbook***

Yearbooks are a wonderful way for students to remember their middle school experience, classmates, and milestones as they prepare for the next chapter. Please be sure to place your order before the deadline to guarantee your student receives a copy. [Click here](#) to purchase your yearbook before we sell out! Thank you for your continued support.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACH**

Did you know **metacognition**—thinking about your own thinking—is a teachable skill? And students who learn to reflect critically on their own learning accelerate their progress. They're learning all the time, both in and out of a middle school classroom—and when they head for high school. Encourage your child to take time every day to build the habit of using metacognitive strategies: example questions that reflect on learning include:

- “Do I need to reread this?”
- “Why did they choose this illustration, I wonder?”
- “What do I need to do before I start writing?”
- “This section reminds me of what we discussed yesterday, so I'm going to highlight it because I think it may be important.”

Try out our district's [Calming Room](#) for ways to destress and keep positive energy for you or your student. Also remember that FCUSD is providing access to [Care Solace](#) services until December 2026. ***Does your student need***

**support to continue this marking period successfully?** Our staff offers [opportunities](#) to create academic success here at Mitchell Middle School in the new quarter. Please do not wait until May to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build strong learning and skills in January.

Families and students have access to all **state test results** in *PowerSchool*. You cannot access these on a mobile phone: you must be on a laptop, Chromebook, or computer. If you have questions about any of your student's scores or how to locate them, please contact [chatcher@fcusd.org](mailto:chatcher@fcusd.org)

### **Flex Update**

Students will choose their Flex sessions this Tuesday during Advisory for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Absent students should log in from home to sign up before 1 PM Tuesday in **Adaptive Scheduler (via PowerSchool)**. Thank you for helping your student make purposeful Flex choices each week!

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

#### ***When is it Okay for my Child to Stay Home***

It is important to stay home when your child is truly sick. Keep your child home if they have:

- A fever of 100.4°F or higher (wait 24 hours after it's gone with no medicine)
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- A contagious illness like strep throat, pink eye, or COVID-19

If your child just has a mild cough, runny nose, or feels a little tired, it is usually okay to send them to school. They can always visit the nurse if they need a break.

Click here: [Report an Absence](#)

### **SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

- Monday, April 13: Academic After School Help
- Tuesday, April 14: Academic After School Help, Sports Picture Day
- Wednesday, April 15: Math CAASPP Testing, Minimum Day 12:45pm, School Site Council Meeting
- Thursday, April 16: Band Field Trip
- Saturday, April 18: Music Field Trip, Spanish Field Trip

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Monday, April 20: 6th Grade Field Trip
- Thursday, April 23: Kindness Closet (Community)
- Friday, April 24: School Dance
- Saturday, April 25: Planet Earth Field Trip, Frank Withrow Awards

- Sunday, April 26: SEVA Awards Night
- April 30 - May 1: Spring Musical - Cinderella

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