

# MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Where Children and Learning Come First*

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## **We're On the Right Track for Success**



Dear Parents /Guardian,

Welcome Back!! We are proud that you chose Mitchell Elementary for your child's school this year. We are already working hard to make sure your child has a successful school year. Students have spent time this week taking pretest, reviewing MCT test data, and learning more about the new programs we have implemented.

Let me tell you about our Looping.... Mitchell students are once again ahead of the game. This year teachers will be looping to the next grade. That means the first few weeks of school typically spent assessing students to determine what they already know can be spent on teaching the new material. Most students will be with the same teacher as last year. Therefore, the teachers already know where to start. Research shows this is very beneficial to students!!! Looping is a common practice at many of the top schools in the United States. We are excited to provide our students with this leading edge practice.

We have set our expectations high for all students this year. We plan to celebrate their success. Thank you in advance for your help and support in making sure your child is at each and every celebration!!!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let me know. My door is always open. If I am in a classroom, I will contact you as soon as possible.

## **August Bearcat Birthdays**

Kailen Hill—8/2

Taniya Dixon—8/11

Cameron Cosby—8/13

Hailey Tate—8/14

Miracle Buckhalter—8/27

Gabrielle Manning—8/28

Taekwon Reed—8/29

Akia Johnson—8/30

## **New Faces at Mitchell**



Ms. Hale— 4th Grade

Coach Gooch—P.E.

Ms. Brandon— Music

Ms. Harris—Counselor

### **Special Reminders**

- Please make sure your child knows how he/she is getting home every day.
- Please be on the lookout for papers every TUESDAY.
- Please don't forget to send your child's lunch money.
- Please don't forget to pay your child's workbook fees. \$15
- Please make sure your child is in uniform starting August 7th. This includes a belt!!!!

### **Upcoming Events**



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**August 16th**

## CMSD Uniform Policy

### School Uniform Policy

The Board of Trustees approved the following policy for clothing to be worn by all students in grades K-8 in the Columbus Municipal School District.

1) The following regulation will be followed for shirts / tops:

- a) Shirts / tops must be white or navy blue
- b) Shirts / tops must have a collar
- c) Shirts / tops may have long or short sleeves
- d) No logos / emblems

**e) Shirts / tops must be tucked in**

2) The following regulations will be followed for pants/ skirts/ shorts/ skorts/jumpers:

- a) Pants/ skirts/ shorts/ skorts/ jumpers may be khaki or navy blue
- b) No logos / emblems

**c) A belt must be worn if there are belt loops**

4) No warm up pants, sweat pants, wind pants, or denim of any color

5) Jacket, sweater, or coat that is to be worn all day must be navy or white and should be free of logos.

## What's New at Mitchell?

### Fourth graders will have Laptop computers!

Thanks to a E2T2 Technology our grant fourth grade students will use laptop computers on a daily basis to help guide their instruction. They will participate in project based learning that will take their classes to the next level!!!

### Dancing, Awarded Artist, and Drama in the Halls

Mitchell has been awarded a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission that will allow us to partner with the Columbus Arts Council to introduce a fine arts program this fall. There will dance classes, drama lessons, and highly talented artist visiting our school. Heather Roland will teach a weekly fine arts integration class based on students language and math objectives!!



## Choose to be Respectful

Each month students will study a different character trait. A Student of The Month Award will be awarded by the classroom teacher to students who best demonstrates the character trait of the month. Each month parents will be provided ideas to help you discuss the trait at home. The August character trait is respect.

### Ideas to Share for August

- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Show others courtesy and dignity
- Follow rules to protect people's rights and belongings
- Speak politely to others



- Take good care of other's things
- Obey the teachers in your school
- Listen carefully to someone else's opinion, even if you disagree.
- Choose not to tease someone because you might hurt his or her feelings

### STUDENT'S SCHEDULE

**Breakfast 7:30 –7:55**

**Classes Begin 8:05**

**Dismissal 3:10**

**If your child is tardy, someone must bring him/her to the office.**

**Please send School Fees as soon as possible.**

**\$15**

**Visit our Parent Center to check out resource materials to use at home.**