



# November 2019 Newsletter

## Mitchell Elementary

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### Upcoming Events

**December 4** School Improvement Council 5:00 pm in the Conference Room

**December 4** Middle School Night 5:00 pm in the Library

**December 11** PTA Winter Performance 5:30 in the Cafeteria

**December 12** CD/K Interactive Literacy 8:30 in the Library

**December 20** Early Dismissal

**December 23 – January 3** Winter Break

### A Message from Principal Deborah Smith

While this has been a fast month, it has been very eventful. We are grateful that the district is no longer looking at Mitchell students to be rezoned. They heard all of your voices loud and clear and feel Mitchell should remain open. We had a wonderful luncheon for families on November 21 with a great turnout for the school. We held our CD – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field day on November 22, and a great time was had by all. We thank PE teacher Josie Strong for organizing such a fun-packed day. As we approach the holidays we want to take a moment to say how thankful we are to have the opportunity to work with your children. It is our partnership between home and school that makes the learning last. We wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.



### Volunteer of the Month:

Jack Mitchell  
Rotary Readers

### Parent of the Month:

Shawnita Montgomery  
mother of 1<sup>st</sup> grader Audriana  
Frasier

### Title 1 News

CD/Kindergarten students and their parents enjoyed our Interactive Literacy on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This month our books were *The Thankful Book* by Todd Parr and *Rookie Reader Look How it Changes!* The children made turkeys and wrote on the feathers what they were thankful for. For snack, we made popcorn turkeys with colored goldfish as the feathers in a plastic glove. We had a wonderful crowd and everyone had a great time! Our next Interactive Literacy will be on Thursday, December 12th from 8:30-9:30 in the library. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact:

**Alison Johnson, Counselor**  
**843-958-8781.**



**Our Thanksgiving Family Luncheon was a huge success. We look forward to the next Family Luncheon in the spring.**  
**November 21, 2019**



## Classroom News



Hey there, CD families! November has been incredibly busy and filled with so much learning and growing. We've been gearing up for the holiday season by talking about how we can use fruits and vegetables for healthy eating and how we can take turns and eat slowly to show our great manners at the table. We are continuing to work hard, learning our letters and letter sounds, as well as our numbers, shapes, and colors. We are loving the holiday themed stories we've been reading in class – don't forget to ask your child about their favorite stories from class, and make sure you keep reading together every day. Thank you for all you do to support us from home!

### Kindergarten

Hello Kindergarten families! We have been working hard this month on many things. We finished our unit on living things and have released our roly poly insects and our earthworms into the Green Heart garden. We had a successful field trip to Middleton Place as well. December is going to be a busy but short month so please always check your child's folder and Remind for updates!



Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! The first graders and their teachers have so much to be thankful for this year! We are especially grateful to be part of such an amazing school community here at Mitchell. We are reading many books surrounding this theme and continue to show growth in our writing. In math, we are busy using our number lines and grids to improve our addition and subtraction skills. As always, thank you for reinforcing schoolwork at home!



Second graders are rockin' the 2nd nine weeks. Students are busy learning 2 digit addition and subtraction in addition to place value. In science, students are learning to classify vertebrates based on characteristics. Ask your child about the different animals he or she learned about on the Aquarium field trip. In Social Studies students are learning about laws and rules, and people who have the power to enforce them. Students are writing "how to" pieces using transition words. Don't forget to spend some time reading with your child every night.

Many thanks to parents who attended Reading Make It-Take It. Our next field trip is in December to see *The Nutcracker* at the Gaillard Auditorium!



## Nurse's Notes

We have had several cases of the flu come through the clinic. We want to remind you that flu season is upon us and you may consider getting a flu shot this year.



3rd grade students are participating in many math forums through Bridges Math. If you see your child using a new math strategy at home, encourage them to explain them to you. The more they share, the more likely it is they will retain what they are learning and catch mistakes. Please continue to read with your children daily over the holidays. Students need a break from school but never from reading! We are so grateful for each third grader, the Mitchell staff, and you. Happy Holidays!



We can't believe it's already time for the holidays! We have had so much fun learning about the planets and stars that the time has simply flown by. Happy Holidays from 4th grade.



5th grade thoroughly enjoyed visiting the *USS Yorktown* at Patriots Point earlier this month. If you have not yet joined our 5th grade group on BLOOMZ, please make sure you do to stay informed of all announcements and activities happening in 5th grade.

Reggie Terry and Inez Washington are our Veterans at Mitchell.



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Trooper Bob came to visit and teach us about bus safety and tips on walking to school.

