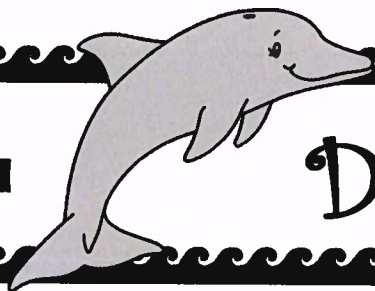


**Mary H. Matula  
Elementary School**

October 7, 2021



# Dolphins' Cove

**Wear ORANGE tomorrow to celebrate our monthly character trait of INDIVIDUALITY!!!**

## **Masks Are A MUST!!!**

Please make sure that your student is coming to school with a mask each day as well as extras. Often, masks break, especially the disposable ones, leaving students without them. Thank you for your support!



## **Calendar of Events**

**Friday, October 8 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal - No PreK Classes - Wear ORANGE to celebrate the character trait of INDIVIDUALITY**

**Monday, October 11 - Schools Closed for Students - Teacher In-Service Meetings and Parent Conferences**

**Thursday, October 14 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip**

**Friday, October 15 - Crazy Sock Day**

**Wednesday, October 20 - Kindergarten Field Trip; Unity Day - Wear ORANGE**

**Friday, October 22 - Student Picture Day; PTO Trunk or Treat**

**Wednesday, October 27 - Boosterthon Kickoff!**

## **Elementary Cell Phone Rule**

As a reminder, CCPS allows the possession and use of cell phones and other personal electronic devices by students. The complete cell phone rule can be found on pages 28-29 of the 2021-2022 Parent Handbook/Calendar.

The following conditions outline the standard expectations for the possession and/or use of cell phones and electronic devices by students at school, on the bus or on other school-chartered vehicles.

**Elementary school students:** Students may only bring their phone or device, with a written request from the parent or guardian for a specific (non-social) purpose, and upon receipt of written approval from the principal.

Once approved, student must keep their phone or device powered completely off (not on vibrate or silent mode) and inside their book bag, locker or cubby throughout the entirety of each school day, unless other storage arrangements are made with the teacher.

Once approved for school, students may use their phone or device on the bus or school-chartered vehicle, but use must not be disruptive or cause a distraction to the driver at any time; examples include: phone conversations, loud music, videos or electronic games.

**At Matula, device storage arrangements have been made in the main office. The student must drop off the phone in the office upon arrival and pick it up at dismissal.**





# Happy Socktober!

October 12 - 15



Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This Socktober, we want to show that even a small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless. We'll celebrate our acts of kindness with a **CRAZY SOCK DAY** at the end of the week!

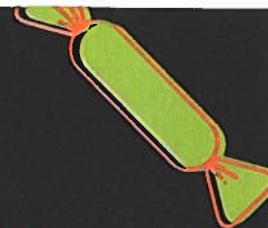
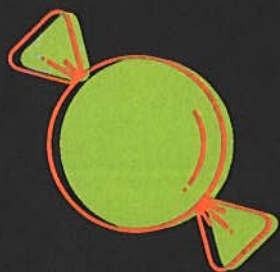


Celebrate  
**#matulakind** with  
**CRAZY SOCK DAY**  
Friday, Socktober 15

Bring in donations of  
new pairs of socks  
Socktober 12 - 15







MARY H. MATULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 22nd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

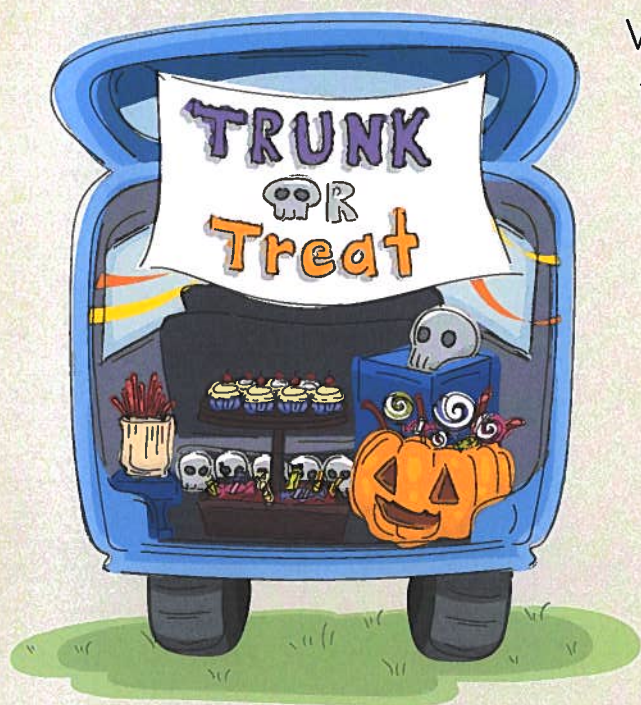
\$1 Per Person or \$5 Per Family

Admissions will be collected at event

**Face Masks and Social Distancing Required**

## TRUNKERS NEEDED!

**We need at least 15 trunks for the event to take place!!**



Volunteers needed, parents and friends, willing to open and decorate their trunk and provide Halloween goodies to Trunk R' Treaters.

**Set up starts at 5:00 PM**

**Email: [MATULAPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATULAPTO@GMAIL.COM)  
to Sign Up**

**Events subject to change/cancellation based on current CCPS COVID-19 protocols.**

# Matula Elementary Pumpkin Decorating Challenge!



Dear Families,

This year, the library is getting into the fall spirit by having a pumpkin decorating contest. Matula Dolphins are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Students may bring in a decorated pumpkin to the school library and enter it into our contest anytime between October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. **All entries must be received by 10:00 a.m. the morning of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Contest Rules:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Most importantly, we don't want a child handling a knife or carving tools. Carved pumpkins will not be entered into the contest and will be sent home. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc.
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite book character. The entry form needs to be completed in full in order for your pumpkin to be entered into the challenge.
3. This is a family project and a great opportunity to spend some quality time together being creative. The more detailed and creative the pumpkins, the better! But please, make sure the children are doing the majority of the work, with your assistance. Siblings may work together to submit one pumpkin, if they like.
4. **Do not** write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. When you bring your pumpkin and entry form to Mrs. Koch, she will record the information so that each pumpkin can be properly identified.
5. Students will be able to vote for their favorite pumpkins during their library time. The 3 pumpkins that receive the most votes will win a \$10 book fair coupon to be used in our Fall Book Fair, coming in December. **Winners will be announced October 29, 2021.**
6. If you'd like to send in the copy of the book that goes along with your book character pumpkin, we would love to display them together. We will make sure your personal book gets returned back with your pumpkin when the contest is over. Sending a copy of the book with your pumpkin is not required.
7. Pumpkins will be sent home November 1, 2021. Any pumpkins remaining after that date will be discarded.
8. The entry form and book character examples are located on the back of this letter.

# Matula Elementary Pumpkin Decorating Challenge!

## Book Character Pumpkin Challenge

### Entry Form

October 18-22, 2021

\*All pumpkins and entry forms must be delivered to Mrs. Koch between the dates listed above. This form **MUST** accompany all pumpkins. All pumpkins must be received by 10:00 a.m. on October 22.

Student Name:

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Homeroom Class:

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Book Character:

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Book Title:

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Author:

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### Examples of Book Character Pumpkins



*You can search "book character pumpkins" in Google or Pinterest for some inspiration.*