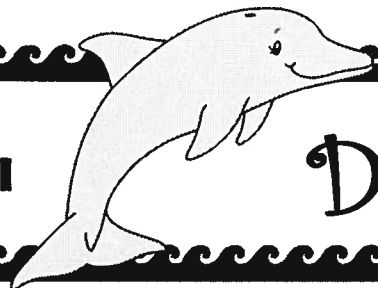


# Mary H. Matula Elementary School

February 10, 2022



## Dolphins' Cove

### Emergency Closings

Emergency closing information is detailed on page 10 of the CCPS 2021-2022 Parent Handbook/Calendar. There are many ways for parents/guardians to receive notification of delayed openings or closures, so we ask that you not call the school as it is important for our phone lines to remain open.

When schools have a delayed opening, before school activities DO NOT meet. Also, breakfast is not served on delayed opening days.

### February Beanstack Challenges

Be sure to check out this month's Beanstack challenges! There are 2 for the month of February - Black History Month and For the Love of Reading. Both are filled with fun and educational activities and lots of great book recommendations! Log in to Clever and click on the Beanstack app!

### Continuity of Learning Plan

Per MSDE Attendance Guidelines for Reporting Attendance for Students in Quarantine due to COVID-19, beginning Thursday, November 4, the first day of the second marking period, any quarantined student who is ill and unable to participate in academic activities through Matula's Continuity of Learning Plan will be marked absent and coded using Lawful Absence Code 17-Health Exclusion.

Quarantined students who are well and able to participate in academic activities through Matula's Continuity of Learning Plan will be marked present.

In order to be marked present, the student must complete the daily attendance form

located in the teacher's Absent Folder by 9:45 AM each day he is absent and submit all completed assignments when he returns to the building.

Should you have any questions about accessing work, please contact your child's teacher.

### Masks

Masks continue to be required for all staff, students and visitors to CCPS buildings. Daily, we have many students arrive without masks, which poses a hardship as the school's supply is limited. Please send your child with a mask and a spare daily. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Calendar of Events

**February is National Black History Month and  
National Children's Dental Health Month**

**February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!**

**February 16 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal**

**February 17 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to JER  
Science Center**

**February 18 - Biography Day - See flyer; 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Field Trip to JER Science Center**

**February 21 - Schools and Offices Closed in  
Observance of Presidents' Day**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> - Crazy for Characters Day - See  
flyer**

# Matula Elementary Celebrates Reading!



This year we will be celebrating our love of reading during the month of February with a culminating event on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. As we lead up to this special reading event, we will have a different reading focus each week with a fun Friday spirit day.



## Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Rhyme Time Twin Day

Who doesn't love a good book with a rhyme?  
A fun text to read and enjoy all the time.

A poem, a song, or just a good rhyming book-  
They are all around us, and today we'll take a look.

In the spirit of rhyming, let's dress as a pair.  
Find someone to "twin" with, but please don't despair-

If you don't have a twin, wear your shirt from the Dolphin Dash,  
We'll have so many twins, we will really make a splash!



## Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Biography Day



Who do you look up to? Who do you admire?  
A doctor? A chef? Someone who puts out a fire?

Could it be an athlete, a scientist, an engineer who loves math?  
Or even a ground-breaker who carved a new path.

Maybe it's a leader from the present or past-  
Someone that speaks up and shares ideas that last.

Whoever the person that you hold so dear  
Dress like them today so we can give them a cheer!



## Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Read Me

Words! Words! All around!  
Words to read can always be found.  
Words in a text, like in your favorite book  
Bring it to school and we'll take a look.

Today's a word day, oh yes indeed.  
You should also wear a shirt that makes someone read.

## Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Crazy for Characters

Hip, hip hooray! Today's the day!  
We'll celebrate reading in a really fun way.  
Pick a book character, that's where you start.  
Then gather what you need to dress the part.  
So many characters for everyone to see.  
Stop and think, who will you be?

