Mary H. Matula Elementary School

February 3, 2022

Dolphins' Cove

Matula Celebrates Reading!

The staff and students at Matula will be celebrating reading the whole month of February! Please see the attached information about our Marshmallow Reading Challenge and our Friday Spirit Days!

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.

Congratulations to the January Students of the Month for exhibiting the character trait of SELF-CONTROL! A list of recognized students is attached.

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 4 - Rhyme Time Twin Day - See flyer

February 7 - Report Cards Posted; National School Counseling Week

February 11 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal; "Read Me" Shirt Day - See flyer

February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

February 16 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal

February 18 - Biography Day - See flyer

February 25th - Crazy for Characters Day - See flyer



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Students of the Month

Nominating Teacher	Student Name
Mrs. Flowers	Hazel Holbert
Mrs. Honeycutt-Kremer	Yugvi Hipara

Mrs. Farnham	Savannah Vibar
Ms. Gibbs	Josiah Holmes
Mrs. Heiser	Jackson Malone
Mrs. Loria	Teylor Smith
Mrs. Reckeweg	Londyn Whitmire
Ms. Williams	Noah Klopfer

Mrs. Coates	Jack Matthews
Mrs. Forinash	Bre'Lynn Windley
Mrs. Herbert	Lincoln Sawyer
Mrs. Warner-Hofmann	Gurasees Mundi

Ms. Clark	Gavin Toder
Mrs. Cooke	Harper Dunn
Mrs. Hash	Noah Hine
Mrs. M. Richardson	Mina Thompsor
Mrs. Dunn	Wyatt Hunley

Mrs. Golder	Lena An
Ms. Jones	Kolton Dundas
Mrs. Sullivan	Desmond Warner
Mrs. Thompson	Madisyn Millard
Ms. Wagner	Camila Arzapalo

Ms. Burch	Lillyan Coates
Ms. Fairman	Kristen Boyce
Ms. Farren	Colman Hine
Mrs. Gibala	Marquay Dorsey

Mrs. Chancellor	Andre Walker
Mrs. Deneault	Kylie Burns
Ms. Figurelle	Karina Elliott
Mrs. Hasselberger	Kevin Sproesser
Mrs. Vigil	Harper Dolan

Nominating Teacher Student Name

Ms. Brumberg	Elijah Vibar
Mrs. Caron	Eric Ulloa
Ms. Chotkowski	Isaiah Lancaster
Mrs. Dee	Ryan Edelen

Mrs. Dennison
Miguel Alvarez Romero
Mrs. Fisher
Alana Branch
Ms. Garner
Seth Keirsey
Derek Fletcher
Ms. Hazard
Messiah Holt

Mrs. Hyde Jesus Martinez-Martinez

Jayla Kelton

Mrs. Koch Ella Branning Mrs. Malone Martiez Briscoe Mr. Murphy Brynn Barry Mrs. Ochoa Lyrica Adams Mrs. Posey Evan An Ms. Putnam Jordan Sandy Ms. Radcliff Sydney Miller Mrs. C. Richardson Chloe Brown Mrs. Taylor Luke Anderson Mrs. Thomas Jakari Dorsey Ms. Walsh Nicholas Falkler



Mrs. Webster

Choosing to do what you should even when you don't want to

Staff Members of the Month:

Mrs. Chancellor, Ms. Dickerson, Mrs. Gibala, Ms. J. Long, and Mrs. Warner-Hofmann

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Scan the QR Code to be directly linked to our NEW

PTO Facebook Group or Find us at www.facebook.com/groups/matulapto



Hearts for a Cure

Buy a Heart today and make a donation towards Relay for Life, Gold Together for Childhood Cancer.

Pink Hearts -\$2.00

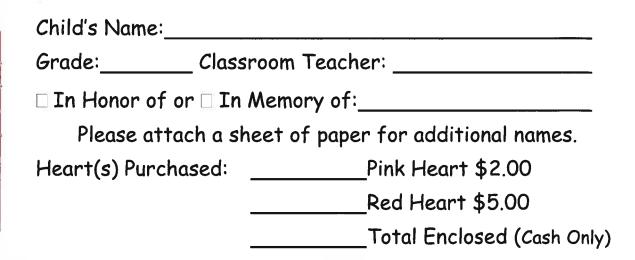
Red Hearts-\$5.00

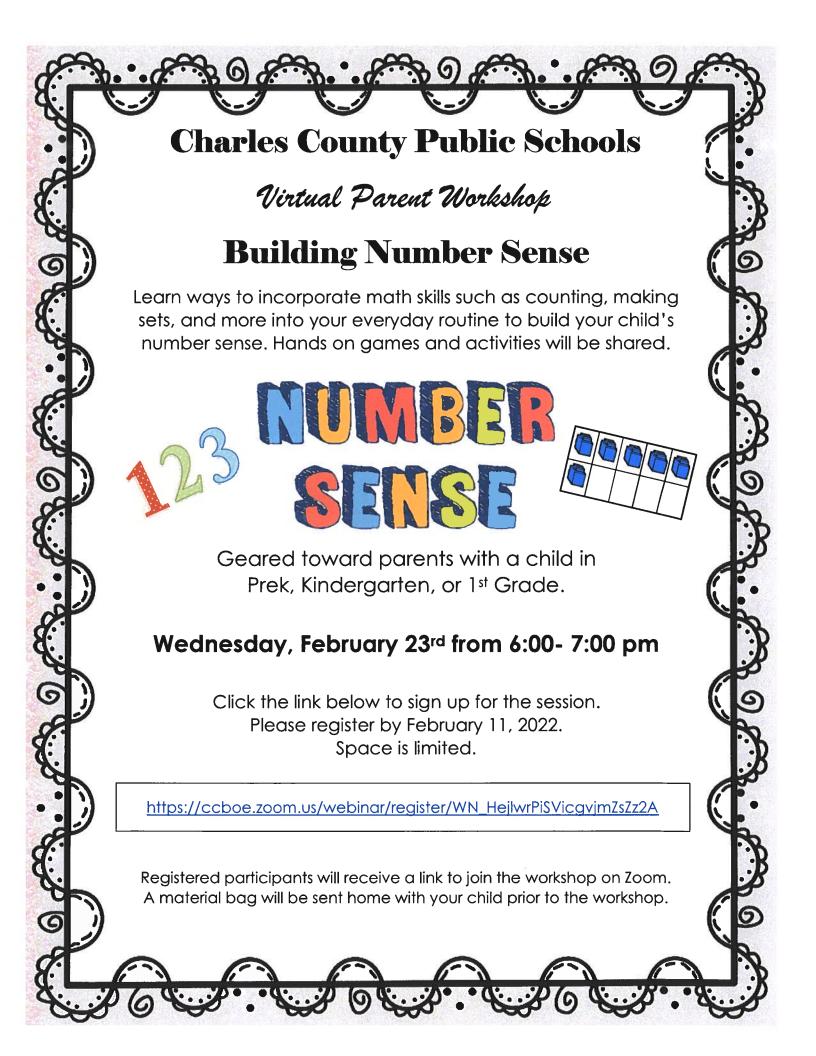
Send in cash donations to your child's homeroom teacher with the slip below. All purchased hearts will be displayed in Matula's hallway.

We will be accepting donations for this fundraiser until February 28, 2022

Thank you for your support!

Hearts for a Cure





Matula Elementary Marshmallow Reading Challenge

Matula's Reading Celebration is on it's way! Let the reading fun begin as we approach this special day.

> As a part of the fun, here's a challenge for you; How many ways of reading can you do?

> Choose a marshmallow once or twice a week. Snap a picture, so we can take a peek...

Of you reading here and you reading there, Then we will collect them so that we can share!

More directions for the challenge can be found below, Get ready to read...on your mark, get set, GO!

Directions:

 The Marshmallow Reading Challenge runs January 31st- February 25th.

Students should choose 1-2
marshmallow challenges to
complete each week. Be creative
and have fun with each challenge!

 Cut out the marshmallows and add them to your mug to keep track of your completed challenges.

Return completed mugs to be displayed.

 Snap a picture of your child reading in these fun and unusual ways and submit it at https://bit.ly/3KN7lyv

All photos must be submitted by February 22nd.

We would love to see all of our students represented in our *Matula Dolphins Read: Yes We Can* slideshow which will be shared during Matula's Reading Celebration on February 25th.





Submit a photo of your child completing a challenge at https://bit.ly/3KN7lyv

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 25th. 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 4th 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 18th 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 11th 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 25th 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?

