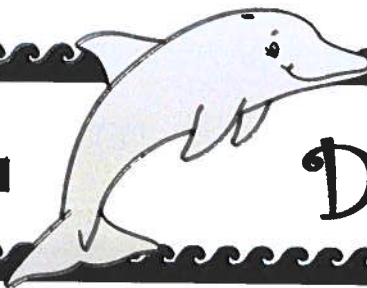


**Mary H. Matula**  
**Elementary School**

October 13, 2022



# Dolphins' Cove

## Gifted Identification Process

The screening process for gifted services begins in November and continues through early spring.

As part of this process, the Charles County Public School system will administer the *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* to all second graders and new students in third, fourth and fifth grade. This test is used as one of several screening tools to identify students in need of gifted education services.

The *CogAT* is used nationally, as well as by several Maryland counties, as a tool in the identification of academically gifted students. It has been found to be especially helpful in finding students who may not show up on measures of academic achievement alone. Students are assessed in reasoning and problem-solving abilities. These abilities are assessed on three subtests using words (verbal subtest), numerical concepts (quantitative subtest), and spatial/figural drawings (nonverbal subtest). Results for this assessment will be distributed to parents in mid-February.

Based on *CogAT* scores, your child may be identified to be screened for gifted services. You will receive notification in your child's Thursday folder in mid-December if your child is being screened and you will be asked to offer parent input into the process. Parents may also nominate their child to be screened for gifted services. Parent nomination forms are available for downloading from the CCPS website at <https://www.ccboe.com/departments/gifted-education-services> or you may request a form

directly from the school. Nomination forms are due by October 31st.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Caron at [ccaron@ccboe.com](mailto:ccaron@ccboe.com).

## Holiday Activities

While we try to minimize our focus on the holidays, at this time of year, teachers may plan instructional activities that do have a holiday theme. If you would prefer that your student not participate in instructional activities with a holiday theme, please notify your child's teacher in writing so that alternate activities can be planned.

## It's SOCKTOBER!

During the week of October 17-21, we will be celebrating SOCKTOBER. Help our students show kindness by donating socks, which can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless. Please see the attached flyer for more information, and thank you, in advance, for your continued support of our school's initiatives!

Next week is Bullying Prevention Spirt Week!  
Please see the attached flyer and help our school say NO to bullying!

Congratulations to our Matula Dolphins who received Positive Referrals during the month of September! Way to go! A list of recognized students is attached!

Our monthly character trait is GRIT - refusing to give up when life gets hard. How do you show grit?

## Calendar of Events

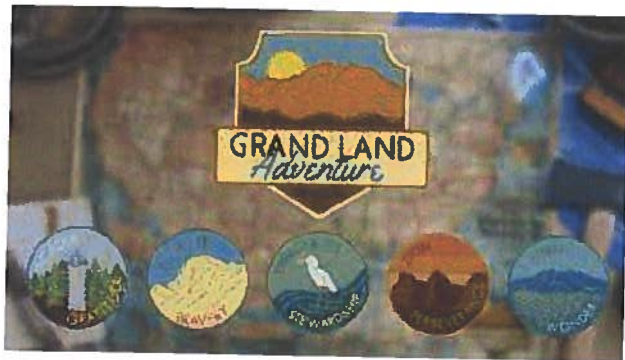
**Monday, October 17** - All 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classes visit  
JER Science Center

**Wednesday, October 19** - Wear ORANGE in  
celebration of UNITY DAY and say NO to  
bullying!

**Friday, October 21** - 2 Hour Early Dismissal  
Day; Kindergarten Field Trip

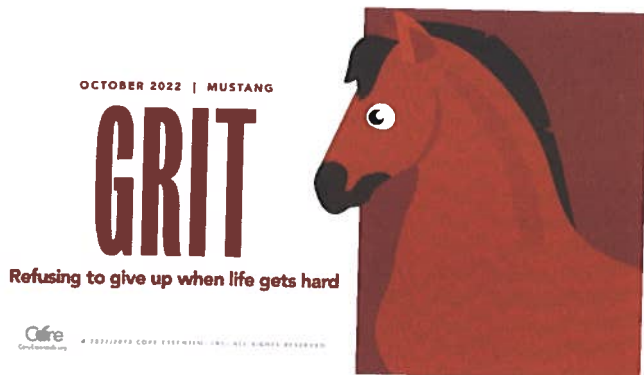
**Monday, October 24** - PTO Meeting - 7:00 PM  
in the cafeteria

**Wednesday, October 26** - Boosterthon Begins!!!



**Friday, October 28** - PTO Trunk or Treat -  
6:30-8:30 PM - More information to come!


**Monday, October 31** - Happy Halloween - Please  
do not allow students to wear costumes to school  
today!







# CELEBRATE SOCKTOBER!

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!



Bring in donations of  
new pairs of socks  
Socktober 17-21







# BULLY PREVENTION WEEK

## OCTOBER 17-21

M

WE'RE TIRED OF BULLYING!

pajama day

T

BE A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY!

stuffed animal day

W

ORANGE YOU GLAD WE'RE  
UNITED AGAINST BULLYING?

wear orange day

TH

TURN YOUR BACK  
AGAINST BULLYING!

backwards shirt day

F

SOCK IT TO BULLYING!

crazy sock day





**Liam Berry**

**Cayden Burns**

**Jakari Dorsey**

**Ty'Ron Dorsey**

**Jakell Ford**

**Tanner Green**

**Arthur Hagn**

**Jared Huff**

**Ja'Leah Harley**

**Mekhi Hawkins**

**Messiah Holt**

**Natalie McCune**

**Aiden Richardson**

**Gavin Toder**

**Charl Tribue**

**September  
Positive  
Referrals**

# Happy Halloween

Date: Friday, October 28, 2022

Time: 6:30PM-8:30PM

Location: Matula Bus Parking Lot\*\*\*



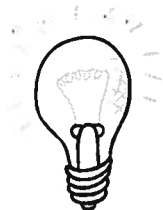
Dress to impress in your family-friendly costumes and join us for a night of candy, music, and fun! Food and drinks for purchase will be available!

We will be collecting non-perishable canned foods to donate to a local charity. Any and all donations are welcome!

\*\*\*All students must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of this outdoor event. No building access.







# Destination Imagination

Join a Creative Problem Solving Team!



Students in grades K - 5 are invited to participate in Destination Imagination. Destination Imagination is an international program that encourages creative problem solving. Students will learn how to tap into their own creativity, how to solve problems, and how to work together in teams.

Teams of up to seven members choose one challenge and spend several months perfecting their "solution" for the tournament. Being a part of a DI team requires a commitment from the students as well as their parents. Students must attend team practices and parents will be asked to provide snacks, volunteer in some way, and provide transportation for their child. Weekly practices are usually held after school or on the weekend.

The DI teams will present their solution to their challenge at the county tournament on March 4, 2023. If the team qualifies they will be asked to present their solution at the state tournament in April.

In order to provide this wonderful experience for our children we need parents to serve as Team Managers. Team Managers are needed to lead each team of seven. The manager is responsible for meeting with the team at least once a week. It is their job to guide and support the students. Team managers must also commit to being at the county, state, and Global (if qualified) competitions.

If you would like more information on Destination Imagination, please feel free to visit the website: [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org) or our state website: [www.marylanddi.org](http://www.marylanddi.org).

If you are interested in being a Team Manager or your child would like to be on a DI team, Please email or send in this form to Mrs. Warner-Hofmann ([awarner-hofmann@ccboe.com](mailto:awarner-hofmann@ccboe.com)) by Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child \_\_\_\_\_, would like to be on a Destination Imagination Team.

Child's Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to be a Destination Imagination Team Manager.

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



**CHARLES COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**2022 FALL CHESS  
TOURNAMENT**

**K-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Thomas Stone High School  
3785 Leonardtown Road  
Waldorf, MD 20601



**FOUR ROUND SWISS STYLE**

Grades 4 - 12 will use chess clocks (15 minutes per game)  
Awards Ceremony follows 4<sup>th</sup> round match  
Trophies, Medals, and Certificates



**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

- Sign-in for registered players begins at 8:15 AM. First round of play begins at 9:00 AM.
- Students must check in by 8:45 AM to be paired for play in the first round.
- Walk-in registrations cannot be accommodated.
- Refreshments will be available for purchase at the concession window.
- Spectators allowed.
- Transportation is not provided. Students must be dropped off and picked up.

**Register at** <https://ccpsregistration.wufoo.com/forms/2022-ccps-fall-chess-tournament/>  
Registrations **close** after Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Contact Alicia Briscoe at [abriscoe@ccboe.com](mailto:abriscoe@ccboe.com), Kristen Modes at [kmodes@ccboe.com](mailto:kmodes@ccboe.com), or Chrissy Trest at [ctrest@ccboe.com](mailto:ctrest@ccboe.com) with any questions.





The Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) is a group that enables the Director of Special Education to seek meaningful input from parents, community partners, service providers, and school administrators on local issues relative to the provision of a free and appropriate public education and the achievement of students with disabilities.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

### SECAC

Will be meeting beginning in October. The meeting will be a hybrid platform. If you would like to participate, please come to the F.B. Gwynn Center at 6:30pm the dates shown or register via zoom at

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd--hqzMqGtQe8PQtcEjZvLwxTwL6ozxo>

We look forward to hearing from you!!!

### UPCOMING MEETING

OCTOBER 19

DECEMBER 21

JANUARY 18

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 15

APRIL 19

### CHARLES COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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LaPlata, MD  
[www.charlescountyscac.com](http://www.charlescountyscac.com)