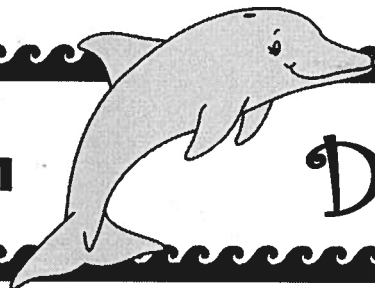


Mary H. Matula Elementary School

October 14, 2021



Dolphins' Cove

Wear **CRAZY SOCKS** tomorrow to celebrate **SOCKTOBER!** It's not too late to donate a pair of socks for those in need in our school community. All sizes are needed!

Information from Matula's Cafeteria

As has been shared, breakfast and lunch are available free of charge for all students this school year. Please keep in mind that some items are available to students for purchase. Please talk with your student if you do not want him using his meal account balance to purchase items. The items available and prices are listed below:

- Additional Entrée - \$2.70
- Extra Fries/Tater Tots - \$.50
- Water Bottle - \$.75
- Extra Juice or Milk - \$.50

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!

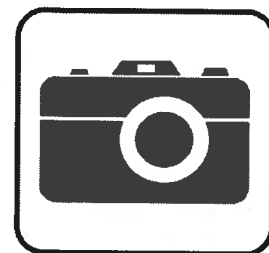


Next week is School Bus Safety Week and Bully Prevention Week! Tell your bus driver thank you! Show your school spirit and commitment against bullying by participating in our Spirit Week!!!

Picture Day is Coming!

Individual student pictures will be taken on Friday, October 22 during the school day.

Picture packages can be ordered online at mylifetouch.com using picture ID #EVTQ24PRX or via the ordering information sent home today.



Please see the attached newsletter regarding the Gifted Identification Process. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tina Caron, Learning Resource Teacher.

Calendar of Events

Friday, October 15 - Crazy Sock Day

Monday, October 18 - We're tired of bullying - PJ Day

Tuesday, October 19 - Hats off to being bully free - Hat day

Wednesday, October 20 - Orange you glad we're united against bullying - Wear orange day; Kindergarten Field Trip

Thursday, October 21 - Turn your back against bullying - Backwards shirt day

Friday, October 22 - Be a buddy not a bully - Stuffed animal day; Student Picture Day; PTO Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 27 - Boosterthon Kickoff!

Bully Prevention Spirit Week

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Students Who Make a Splash!

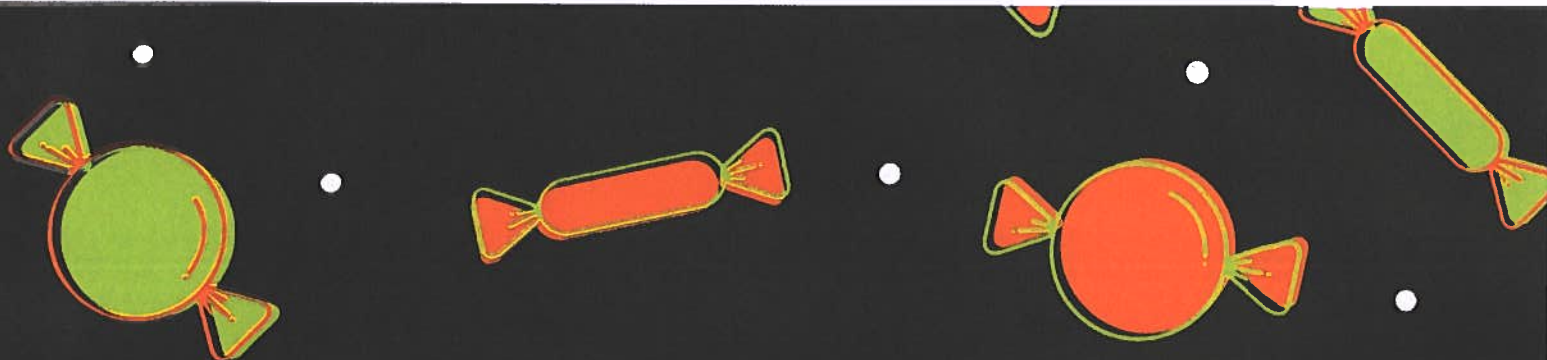
Students of the Month

Nominating Teacher	Student Name	Nominating Teacher	Student Name
Mrs. Flowers	Tristan Harrigan	Ms. Brumberg	Juliana Warner
Mrs. Honeycutt-Kremer	Myla Settle	Mrs. Caron	Colby Fairman
		Ms. Chotkowski	Za'Riyah Hawkins
Mrs. Farnham	Ava Lester	Mrs. Dee	Tully Vigil
Ms. Gibbs	Emma Smith	Mrs. Dennison	Arth Hipara
Mrs. Loria	Ruby Gibala	Mrs. Fisher	Liam Phanthasy
Mrs. Reckeweg	Elliana Smith	Mrs. Gregory	Michelle Cerrato-Sanchez
Ms. Williams	Deaglan Dolan	Ms. Hazard	Aaron Mitchell
		Mrs. Hyde	Jackson Malone
Mrs. Coates	Trishanthy George	Mrs. Koch	Leland Kremer
Mrs. Dunn	Amarachi Mpamugo	Mrs. Malone	Audra Dee
Mrs. Forinash	Shelby Boteler	Mr. Murphy	Chloe Montgomery
Mrs. Herbert	Jeremiah Donald	Mrs. Ochoa	Liani Shimizu
Mrs. Warner-Hofmann	Naomi Ziglar	Mrs. Posey	Emerson Straus
		Ms. Putnam	Aubree Waugh
Mrs. Cooke	Nishan Malkasian	Ms. Radcliff	Keely Pham
Mrs. Grund	Elizabeth Crowley	Mrs. C. Richardson	Samantha D'Ambrosio
Mrs. Hash	Maceo Carter	Ms. Svites	Jakari Dorsey
Mrs. M. Richardson	Asher Lindsay	Ms. Takeuchi	Nathan Dixon
		Mrs. Taylor	Evelyn McCune
Ms. Jones	Kenston Bell	Mrs. Thomas	Liam Duque
Mrs. Mann	Lyrice Adams	Ms. Walsh	Evan Santiago
Mrs. Sullivan	Rory Huntley	Mrs. Webster	Layah Lee
Mrs. Thompson	Joey Malone		
Ms. Wagner	David Shimizu		
Ms. Burch	Artin Malkasian		
Ms. Fairman	Bryce Carlson		
Ms. Farren	Abby Bowers		
Mrs. Gibala	Micah Evans		
Mrs. Heiser	Aiden Richardson		
Mrs. Chancellor	Irina Cooper		
Ms. Figurelle	Mallory Chewning		
Mrs. Hasselberger	Daniel Hawkins		
Mrs. Vigil	Alexis Klunk		



Discovering who you are meant to be

**Staff Members of the Month: Mrs. Dunn,
Ms. Farren, Ms. Figurelle, & Mrs. Honeycutt**



MARY H. MATULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 22nd

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

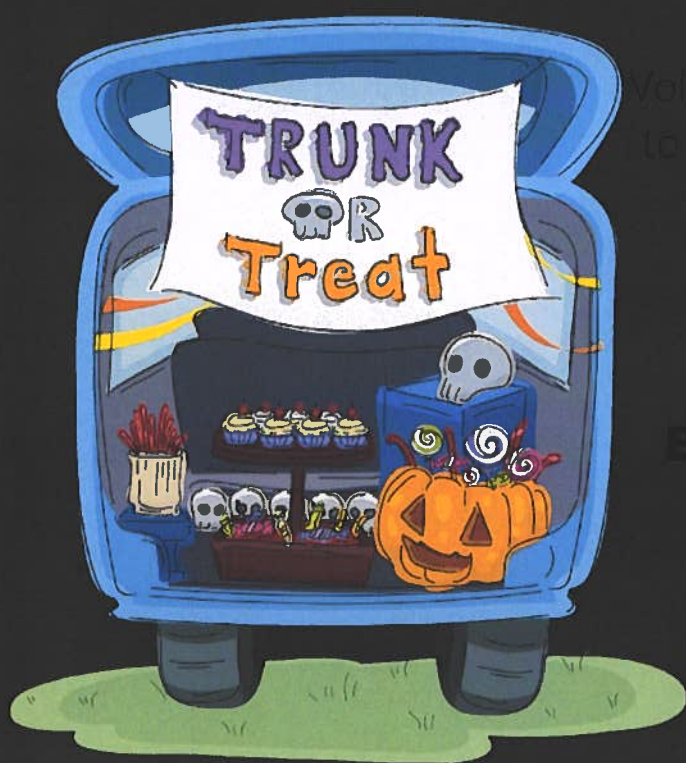
\$1 Per Person or \$5 Per Family

Admissions will be collected at event

Face Masks and Social Distancing Required

**Food Available for
Purchase from:**

**- Goud Cheese
- Hawthorne Ice Cream**



Email: MATULAPTO@GMAIL.COM

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

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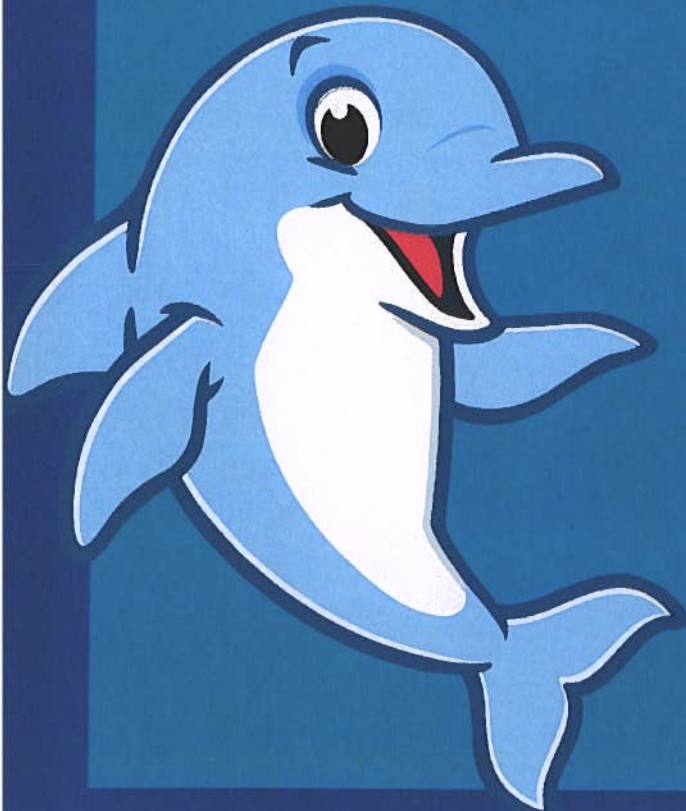
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Email us at:

MatulaPto@gmail.com



**Our First PTO
Sponsored Event
will be Trunk or Treat on
October 22nd from
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.**

GIFTED EDUCATION SCREENING PROCESS

Charles County Public Schools has adjusted the gifted education screening process for the 2021-2022 school year. The following is the timeline for gifted screening and Cognitive Abilities (CogAT) Testing.

- Gifted Screening and Identification for **current 2nd grade students** – All 2nd grade students will be given the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) January/February 2022 as part of the global screening process for gifted identification. Gifted screening will take place May 2022 and students identified will begin services 2022-2023 school year. Parents will receive notification with their child's screening results June 2022.
- Gifted Screening and Identification, **current 3rd grade students 2021-2022** - All 3rd grade students will be given the CogAT test November/December 2021, and gifted screening will take place prior to second semester. Third grade students identified will begin services January/February 2022. Parents will receive notification with their child's screening results January/February 2022.
- Gifted Screening and Identification, **new to CCPS & referred 4th-7th grade students**– CogAT will be administered November/December 2021 to all new to CCPS and referred students. Gifted screening will take place May 2022 and students identified will begin services 2022-2023 school year. Parents will receive notification with their child's screening results June 2022.

The *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* 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).

Based on *CogAT* scores, your child may be identified to be screened for gifted services. You will receive notification 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 <http://www.ccboe.com/index.php/gifted-education-services> or you may request a form directly from the school. **Nomination forms are due by November 1st.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Caron at (301) 753-1780 or by email at ccaron@ccboe.com.

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 18th-22nd. **All entries must be received by 10:00 a.m. the morning of October 22nd.**

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:

Homeroom Class:

Book Character:

Book Title:

Author:

Examples of Book Character Pumpkins



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



LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL Key Club
Presents the Sixth annual
Drive thru

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 26

6pm - 8 pm

LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL parking lot

Donations are accepted for Walking Warriors Relay For Life