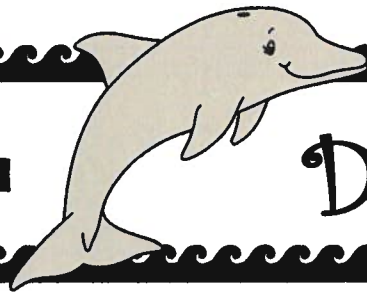


# Mary H. Matula Elementary School

November 17, 2022



## Dolphins' Cove

### Federal Impact Aid Forms

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) launched its Federal Impact Aid survey for parents this week. Results from the survey help determine if the school system qualifies for additional federal funding. In order to receive Impact Aid Funds, CCPS must provide a form to all parents that confirms residency and determines if the student's parent or guardian is employed on federal property or is active duty military.

Forms were sent home with students a few weeks ago. Parents with more than one child enrolled in CCPS must complete a form for each child. Please return the forms to your child's school no later than tomorrow, Friday, November 18. Any information included on the survey is confidential.

### Book Fair is Coming December 2-9!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the book fair, please click the link to sign up for a time. Should you have any questions, please call Mrs. Koch at school. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BA8A629A13-book>

### Congratulations, Honor Roll Students!

Congratulations to Matula's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned All As and All As/Bs honor roll recognition for the first quarter. Students will receive an honor roll ribbon, and a list of recognized students will be shared with our school community. Keep up the fantastic work!!! We are proud of you!!!

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, November 18** - Federal Impact Aid Forms Due

**Monday, November 21** - Mrs. Hash's and Mrs. Richardson's classes visit JER Science Center; PTO Meeting via ZOOM - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25**  
Schools and Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 24** - Happy Thanksgiving!

**Monday, November 28** - Schools and Offices Reopen Regular Time

**Thursday, December 1** - VEX Robotics Team Meets - 8:00 AM

**Friday, December 2** - Book Fair Starts; PTO Holiday Movie Night - More information to come!

*The Staff of Mary H. Matula ES wishes our students and their families a safe and joyous Thanksgiving filled with good company, delicious food and lots of laughter!*





# National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

*Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General*

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE — Julia Hood, *National Chair*  
5106 Silvertown Lane, Louisville, KY 40241-1794 ★ (757) 209-7282 ★ jac@nsdar.org

## JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONTEST CATEGORIES

**2022-2023 Theme:**

**“The 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail: Moving the Stars and Stripes Westward”**

### ART CONTEST

- **Poster:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Design a poster using the theme. **Original art work only, not from other sources.** Minimum size: 8-1/2" x 11" Maximum size 22" x 28". Poster may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve.
- **Stamp Design:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Design a postal stamp using the theme. **Original art work only.** Exact size: 5" x 7" drawn in the center of an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper. The paper should be white because the vast majority of envelopes are white, thus the stamp design is viewed in the way it would actually be used. Designs may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve, but not in folders.
- **Photo Essay:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – The student will submit not more than 25 color photographs illustrating the theme. These photos must be the original photos **taken by the child.** The photos should be mounted with glue on 8-1/2" x 11" paper and bound in a three-brad composition folder. Brief captions may appear on each page. Include a title page. Remember, this is an ART contest, your pictures should tell the story.
- **Banner:** **Groups of three (3) to five (5) only, Pre-K through Grade 12.** Design an original banner using the theme. Size: Use a 1:3 ratio, to a maximum size of 16" x 48". Banners may be paper or fabric. If the banner has support rods, do not submit them. Objects attached to banners should be glued or sewn on securely. For the safety of the judges, do not use straight or safety pins.
- **Digital:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12. Design an original digital image using the theme. **Digital art must be original work** without the use of clip and/or stock art, logo, trademarks or otherwise display copyrighted content which does not belong to the participant. Maximum size of 8" x 10" (2400 x 3000 pixels–300 DPI). Digital art may be submitted hard copy or in JPG or PNG format and should not exceed 5MB.

### CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

- **Poem:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Write an original poem, any style, of 300 words or fewer. Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Poems may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.
- **Short Story:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Write an original short story of 500 words or fewer. The story may be written from the first person or third person point of view. \* Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Short stories may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.  
\* While a short story may contain historical places and people, it is a work of fiction. It is not a report.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

- **Community Service:** **Individual entry or group of three (3) or more members Pre-K through Grade 12.** Groups may be mixed ages. Entries should consist of no more than 15 color photographs with a descriptive text of 500 words or fewer. Identify all photographs with captions. Entries should be placed in a three-brad composition folder.



## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

### 2022-2023 Department of Maryland Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Department of Maryland, Inc., sponsors an **Americanism Essay Contest** for students in **grades 3–8**. Grade levels are divided into three groups. Three awards in each of the three groups will be presented in each Unit, District and Department, with prizes at each level. First place Department winners will be sent to the National Competition. The contest time frame is November 1-February 1.

**Essay Title:** ***"What does patriotism mean to you?"***

<b>Essay Groups:</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Word Requirement</b>
	<b>I</b>	<b>3 and 4</b>	<b>150-250</b>
	<b>II</b>	<b>5 and 6</b>	<b>250-300</b>
	<b>III</b>	<b>7 and 8</b>	<b>350-400</b>

#### Essay Checklist:

- Group competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for group
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- Student signature at end of essay

#### To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name/Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**"This activity or event is not sponsored or endorsed by Charles County Public Schools."**

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

**Sponsoring Unit Name/Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit winners due to District President by March 1, 2023 District** \_\_\_\_\_

***District winners due to Department Americanism Chairman by March 20, 2023***