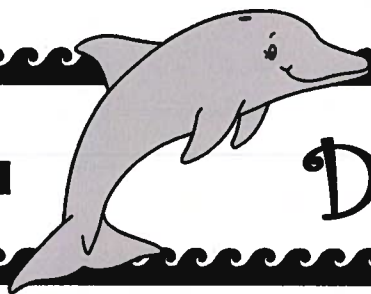


**Mary H. Matula**  
**Elementary School**  
September 21, 2021



# Dolphins' Cove

## **Boosterthon Dolphin Dash is Coming!!!**

Matula Families—this year's main fundraiser is the Dolphin Dash Fun Run! It's a two-week program that kicks off on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Very soon, families will receive information about gathering pledges for each lap their students run at the Dolphin Dash Fun Run. This year's event will be held on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This year, our goal is to raise \$20,000, and we need your help! Monies raised will be used to pay for the new main door wraps, parking lot flags, wall murals inside the building and a color poster machine in addition to fulfilling classroom requests. We've asked the experts at Booster to power our fundraiser to make it easier, more profitable, and more fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **Sports City Worldwide!** Booster's most exciting theme yet combines S.T.E.A.M. skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. Our students will learn five character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

Donations will go toward items listed above as well as the entire experience. Very soon, families will be able to register and begin collecting donations.

Families and businesses are also able to help fund the purchase of a Fun Run t-shirt for all Matula students through sponsorship. Please see the attached letter for more information. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

## **Open House**

This year's Open House will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 28, 5:30-7:00 PM. Classroom teachers will send specific information and links to sessions via Synergy. Special areas teachers and special education teachers will also send links to their presentations.

Please note that when joining a session, the display name must match the name of the student's legal parent or guardian.

## **Important Car Rider Information**

All received car rider forms have been processed, and hang tags/bookbag tags distributed. All adults picking up a student as a car rider must have the student's assigned car rider hang tag. Without the hang tag, the adult will need to park, walk into the building and check out the student.

## **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Representative Needed**

Matula is in need of a parent representative and alternate to serve on the systemwide Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The group meets three times during the school year at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. If you are interested in serving as Matula's representative or alternate, please email Lecia Farr at [lfarr@ccboe.com](mailto:lfarr@ccboe.com).

## **Follow Matula on Twitter**

**@matulaprincipal AND @matulavp**

### **Early Departure Request**

When picking up a student early, please send a note to his teacher with the date and approximate pick-up time. This will help ensure that the student and his belongings are ready. Additionally, photo identification is required for all persons picking up students from school.

### **Tri County Youth Services Bureau**

Through a partnership between Charles County Public Schools and Tri County Youth Services Bureau, integrated mental health services for school-age children are available during the school day. Please see the informational letter from Ms. Debby McCreary, Matula's assigned clinician. Questions or requests for services can be directed to her via email or to Mrs. Dee, Matula's school counselor.

### **Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, September 22** - First day of fall

**Friday, September 24** - Mrs. Hasselberger's Class Visits Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center

**Monday, September 27** - Ms. Figurelle's Class Visits Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center

**Tuesday, September 28** - 2-Hour Early Dismissal Day; Open House - Held virtually - 5:30-7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 29** - Mrs. Vigil's Class Visits Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center

**Friday, October 1** - Mrs. Chancellor's Class Visits Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center

**Monday, October 4** - Interims Issued





Parents and Guardians,

The **Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc. (TCYSB)** School-Based Program is a program offered to provide integrated mental health services for school-aged children throughout Charles County. TCYSB school-based clinicians work with students in elementary, middle, and high school, to support students in overcoming behavioral, emotional, and social challenges that interfere with success at school and at home. TCYSB School-Based Clinicians help students reduce disruptive behavior and improve self-monitoring skills. Integrated as members of the school team, we can serve youth in a familiar setting, offering minimal interruption to their school day. Services may include individual or group therapy, family counseling, specialized training and support for parents and teachers, collaboration with community providers, and linkage to additional community resources.

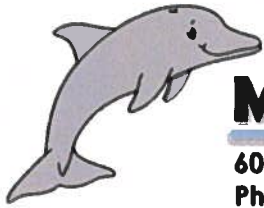
This is my first year working with Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc. as a school-based clinician. Upon completing my BS in Elementary Education, I began my 30-year tenure with CCPS as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. After completing my MEd in Guidance and Counseling, I transferred to the position of professional school counselor at the elementary level and remained in that position for 16 years. I transferred to the position of Pupil Personnel Worker and was fortunate enough to be able to work with elementary, middle and high school students and families. During my 8 years as a PPW, I returned to school and obtained a MS in Studies in Human Behavior and began a PhD program. On July 1, 2019, I retired from full-time employment with Charles County Public Schools. During the 2019-2020 school year, I returned to CCPS to work part-time as a school counselor at Jenifer Elementary. At the conclusion of that year, I took a year off of work to complete my doctoral program. I received a PhD in Advance studies in Human Behavior in February, 2021.

Joining the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc. School Based Program gives me the feeling of being home again. I look forward to partnering with school staff and parents to support students in their efforts to develop the skills necessary for success at school, at home and in the community. Having previous experience working in the schools allows me to bring a unique perspective to this position.

If you have questions regarding the program or services at TCYSB, please e-mail me at [DMcCreary@tcysb.org](mailto:DMcCreary@tcysb.org). If you would like your child to participate in the school-based program, please contact your child's school counselor to begin the referral process.

Sincerely,

Debra McCreary, PhD



# Mary H. Matula Elementary School

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Carrie Richardson, Principal  
Jennifer Posey, Vice Principal

Dear Matula Families and Community Members,

We are very excited to announce Mary H. Matula's Boosterthon "Dolphin Dash" will return in October! The "Dolphin Dash" will be Matula's main fundraiser for the 2021-2022 school year. Boosterthon kicks off with a Pep Rally on October 27<sup>th</sup> and ends with a Fitness Challenge on November 4<sup>th</sup>. All students at Matula will receive a class designated grade level color t-shirt to wear and track their laps. At our last Dolphin Dash, we had over 800 students proudly wearing their sponsored shirts!

During our two-week program, students will experience an amazing character theme, **Sports City Now!** This theme combines S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, our students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

We would like each student to experience the joy and pride that comes from wearing their shirt at our Fitness Challenge and throughout the year. Our goal is to raise enough money to provide each student with a shirt. Through your sponsorship, you can help us provide these shirts for our students. The Dolphin Dash sponsorship levels are as follows:



The deadline to be included on the shirts is September 22nd. The attached form can be used for your tax-exempt donation. Logos should be sent to [cdeneault@ccboe.com](mailto:cdeneault@ccboe.com).

Thank you very much for giving back to the kids in our community. We look forward to working with you this year as we recognize the positive choices of our future leaders.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Deneault*

Cindy Deneault  
Dolphin Dash Liaison

**Mary H. Matula Elementary School**

**Dolphin Dash Boosterthon Sponsorship Form**

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

Business Name or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

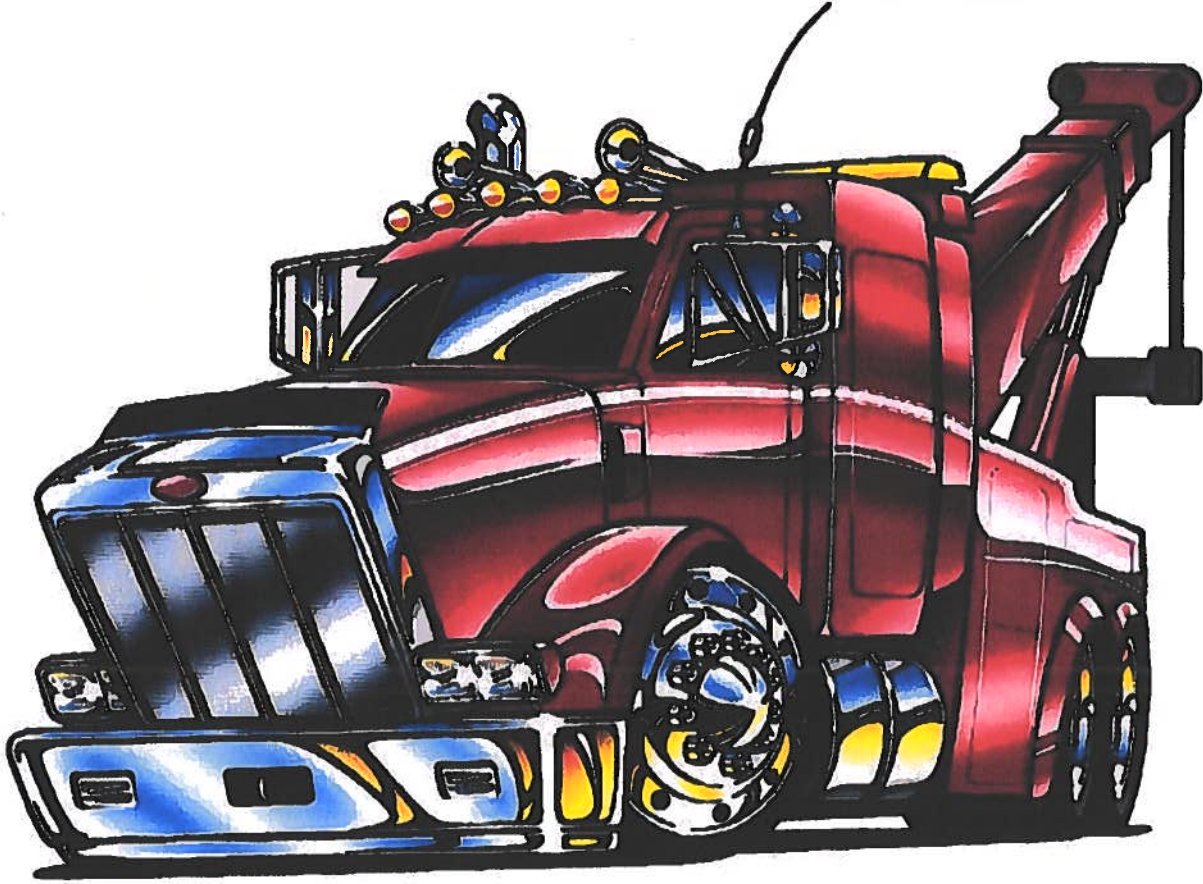
Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Mary H. Matula Elementary school and send to:

Mary H. Matula  
c/o Cindy Deneault  
6025 Radio Station Rd.  
LaPlata, MD 20646



# **North Point's 1st Annual Touch - a - Truck**



**Saturday, October 9th 2021**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Bring the little ones as they get to touch, sit  
and hear emergency response vehicles.**

**We will also have vendors, concessions, games  
and a moonbounce.**

**Admission to the event will be  
\$5 dollars per car at the gate.**