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Principal's Corner by: Paula Klapesky

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Check out our campus
web site at:

<http://mitchell.conroeisd.net/>

Be sure to bookmark this site
to retrieve the *Mitchell
Messenger* in the future.



5th Grade Open House

Tonight is a “can’t miss event”. To try and avoid traffic congestion, please attend during the time listed for your child’s last name. Your child will take you on a tour of their daily schedule. See the schedule on the right in “Mitchell Calendar of Events”. The book fair will also be open. If any parents, even 6th grade parents, need help with Canvas, a help session will be provided in the library computer lab during Open House.

Kendra Scott jewelry will be for sale with a percentage of the proceeds to benefit the Mitchell Scholarship Fund. Tell your friends and family members to stop by and shop early for the holidays.

Kona Ice will be in the parking lot in case you’d like to celebrate with a treat.

Volunteer in CISD

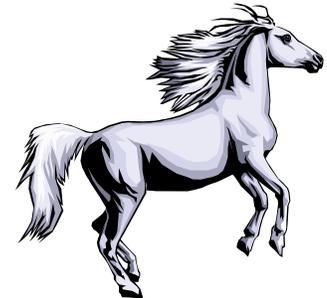
Would you like to volunteer at Mitchell Intermediate? If so, you can rest assured that all parent volunteers working with your child have applied for and passed a background screening process. The application is quick and is applicable for any school in the district in which you’d like to serve. Click on the link below to access the “Volunteer in CISD” applications.

[Volunteer in CISD](#)

GT Nominations

Winter testing for the district’s Gifted and Talented program will be held in late January-early February with results arriving in May. If you would like to nominate your child for testing, please go to the Mitchell website beginning October 2. Scroll down and click on the GT Nomination Form button. CISD will only test students for the GT program once every 3 years.

The nomination form must be completely filled out and returned to the front office to *John McClendon* no later than Wednesday, December 20.



A True Learning Community

Mitchell Calendar of Events

- Oct. 24-5th Grade Open House (by last name)
5:00-5:45 p.m.-A-G
6:15-7:00 p.m.-H-O
7:15-8:00 p.m.-P-Z
- Oct. 28-CISD Intermediate Choir Solo Contest-Cox Intermediate
- Oct. 30-PTO BMX Event
- Nov. 2-9:15 a.m.-Magnificent Mustang Ceremony
- Nov. 7-Mitchell Messenger
- Nov. 7-School Picture Retakes
- Nov. 8-Chamber Orchestra-Renaissance Festival Field Trip
- Nov. 11-CISD Intermediate Honor Band Auditions-Vogel Intermediate
- Nov. 13-Mitchell/Travis Thanksgiving Project
- Nov. 13-6:30 p.m.-LC 12 Wax Museum
- Nov. 14-2nd Quarter Progress Reports
- Nov. 14-5:00-8:00 p.m.-CISD Honor Orchestra Auditions
- Nov. 18-CISD Intermediate Honor Orchestra Auditions
- Nov. 20-24-Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 28-Mitchell Messenger
- Dec. 11-6:30 p.m.-LC 8 Wax Museum
- Dec. 12-Mitchell Messenger
- Dec. 12-6:00-8:00 p.m.-6th Grade Band Concert
- Dec. 15-6th Grade Fundraiser-Urban Air
- Dec. 18-5th Grade Fundraiser-Main Event
- Dec. 18-Orchestra Concert
5th grade-6:30 p.m. 6th grade-7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20-End of 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 21-Jan. 5-Winter Break
- Jan. 8-Teacher Workday
- Jan. 9-Mitchell Messenger

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Terrie Rascoe-5th grade Marianne Mote-6th grade

Red Ribbon Week Activities 2017

"I choose to be drug and bully free!"

Monday, Oct. 23 - "Follow your dreams. Don't do drugs and don't be a bully!" (Wear your pajamas). Stay within the dress code.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - "Be a super hero and say no to drugs and bullying!" (Dress like a super hero!).

Wednesday, Oct. 25 - "Put a cap on drugs and bullying!" (Wear your favorite cap or hat).

Thursday, Oct. 26 - United we stand for a drug and bully free land!" (Wear red, white and blue or cammo).

Friday, Oct. 27 - "Stay in the game! Be drug and bully free!" (Wear team shirt or Mitchell shirt).

History of Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was started because of the people of Calexico, Cal., which is the hometown of DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. In 1985, Kiki was working undercover in Mexico gathering information on drug traffickers, when he was discovered as a DEA agent and abducted, tortured and killed. Camarena's friends and neighbors pledged to live drug free and started many clubs to honor those that risk their lives to stop drug use. During the spring of 1985, two club members brought national attention to the programs when they presented the Camarena Club Proclamation to First Lady Nancy Reagan. Parent groups then joined the campaign and promoted the wearing of red ribbons. In 1988 the U.S. Congress proclaimed the last week of October as Red Ribbon Week.

Here are some ways to talk to your kids about drugs taken directly and paraphrased from www.talkingwithkids.org

1. **Listen carefully.** Student surveys reveal that when parents listen to their children's feelings and concerns, their kids feel comfortable talking with them and are more likely to stay drug-free.
2. **Role play how to say "no".** This empowers your child to say "no" in situations that could endanger them to the influence of drug use. Always use the phrase. "So what could you say?" Then expand with your child to say, "No thanks. I don't....." The possibilities are endless.
3. **Encourage choice.** Allow your child plenty of opportunities to become a confident decision-maker. As your child becomes skilled at making various types of choices, you and your child will feel more secure about his/her ability to make the right decision concerning alcohol and drugs when the time arrives.
4. **Provide age appropriate information concerning drugs and alcohol.** For more information see the above mentioned website.
5. **Establish a clear family position on drugs and alcohol.**
6. **Be a good example.**
7. **Discuss what makes a good friend.** Since peer pressure is so important when it comes to kids' involvement with drugs and alcohol, it makes good sense to talk with your children about what makes a good friend.
8. **Build self esteem.** Kids who feel good about themselves are less likely to fall into the drugs and alcohol cycle.
9. **Repeat the message.** Be sure to answer your child's questions about drugs and alcohol as often as they ask. Use opportunities as teachable moments. Learning and being informed about the affects of drugs is not something that should be talked about only once a year.
10. **If you suspect a problem, seek help.** The Mitchell Counseling Department is always available to assist you and your family. Resources such as www.timetotalk.org are excellent places to start.

Travis Intermediate Thanksgiving Project

The Students at Mitchell Intermediate have many opportunities to help those in our community through service projects. Each LC selects a project they will support throughout the year. One of the biggest projects we participate in is our Thanksgiving Food Drive for our sister school in Conroe, Travis Intermediate.

For over 19 years, Mitchell students have collected food items that will help provide a Thanksgiving meal for 100 families in the Travis Intermediate area. On November 13 our sixth grade ambassadors will travel to Travis where we meet with their Student Council members. The students will work together to assemble the meal boxes, take a tour of the Travis campus and participate in activities with the Student Council. We are asking each student to make a donation to help provide a Thanksgiving feast to a family in need. Thank you for making this possible.

LC 1- instant potatoes

LC 2 - canned corn

LC 3 - gravy mix

LC 4 - cranberry sauce

LC 5 - canned corn

LC 6 - canned green beans

LC 7 - cranberry sauce

LC 8 - canned green beans

LC 9 - stuffing mix

LC 10 - instant potatoes

LC 11 - gravy mix

LC 12 - stuffing mix

Deadline for donations is Tuesday, November 7

Mix it Up At Lunch

On Wednesday, October 25, the Mitchell Counselors are having our students "Mix It Up At Lunch." This is a day when students step out of their comfort zone and sit with students that they would not normally sit with at lunch. It is a great experience for our kiddos to help learn the skill of meeting new people. In order to make the experience authentic, **we ask that parents not attend lunch with their child on this day.** If it happens to be a special day please plan to attend lunch on Tuesday or Thursday of that week. Thank you for encouraging your child to "Mix It Up" and meet some new people.

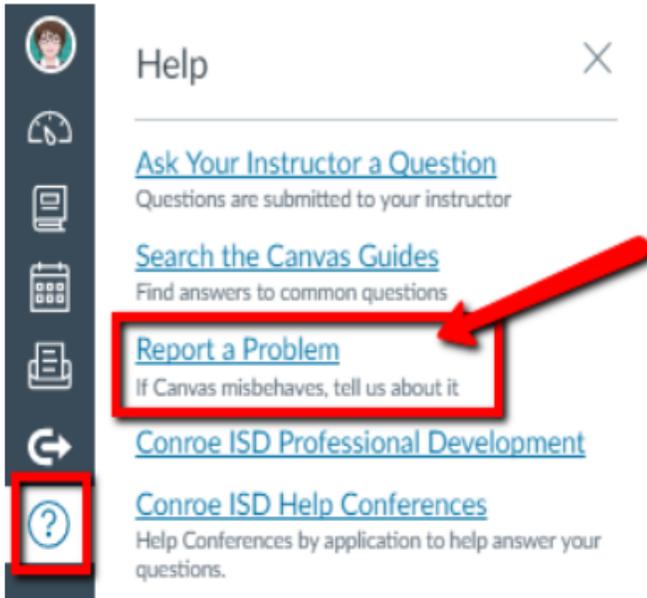
15th Annual Coats for Kids Drive

Mitchell Intermediate and the CISD Police Department are pleased to present the 15th Annual Coats for Kids Drive for the children in CISD. We are collecting new or "clean" gently used coats, sweaters or jackets until October 16. Please drop your items in the front office. These items will be distributed to children in the Conroe ISD area.

During last year's Coats for Kids Drive, we collected and distributed a combination of 1400 coats, jackets and sweaters.

Students and Parents Are you having Canvas Difficulties?

- After logging into the account, please click the icon located at the bottom of the left sidebar.
- Next, click ‘Report a Problem’ and complete the form.



Conroe ISD Child Nutrition Department

Click on the link to review the weekly Lunch Menu, set up a pre-paid account for your child, or check your child’s account balance. You may also send in a check with your child’s name and student id# to set up and account. [CISD Child Nutrition](#)

Attendance News

Absences will be documented as “Excused” or “Unexcused”.
 If you would like your child’s absence “Excused” due to an illness, or funeral please follow these steps:

1. If your child is absent, please call the Mitchell Attendance line at 832-592-8516.
2. Send in a note, that includes the purpose of the absence, with your child the day they return to school.
3. Or, you can email a message to the Mitchell Attendance Clerk, at lrusinski@conroeisd.net or your child’s teacher.

A copy from the physician’s/Health Care Provider’s office will suffice for documentation.

News from the Library by: Mary Ellen Bryant, librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair continues through Friday, October 27. The book fair will close at 1:00 p.m. on the last day so the volunteers can pack it up for pick up. Students can bring cash, checks made out to Mitchell Intermediate, gift cards, etc. for their shopping. On Tuesday, October 24 the fair will be open until 8:00 p.m. If you are coming during 5th grade open house, please note that the fair will close 30 minutes prior to the end of the open house. Families are also welcome to shop any time during the day!

TWHS Theater IMPROV Camp - November 4

See attached flyer on page 7 for information about signing up for the TWHS Theater Improv Camp on November 4! This is a great opportunity for DI teams and members as well as all students who are interested in theater! Camp registration includes a t-shirt if you get your payment in by October 22 so act now. Questions? Email Matthew Peters: mpeters@conroeisd.net

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- SECONDARY # WITH AREA CODE
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News from the Nurse: by Kate Pollender, RN

If your child has fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep your child at home. Your child may return to school once they have been free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours without the help of medications. If your child has a rash of unknown origin or an eye that looks suspicious for pink-eye, your child will be sent home from school and allowed back with a doctor’s note clearing him or her for school attendance.

Get a flu shot! The flu vaccine is the best way to fight the flu. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should get an injectable flu vaccine before the end of October, if possible.

Wash hands often and thoroughly. Hand hygiene is easy and effective in preventing the spread of bacteria and viruses. Soap, water and 20 seconds of scrubbing is all it takes to wash those germs away.

Mitchell Reminders

Coming To School After an Appointment

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment, or returning to school after an appointment, please come into the office with your child and fill out the Health Care Provider (HCP) verification form along with your doctor's note, to ensure your student is not marked tardy or absent for the day.

MORNING GYM HOURS

Students arriving early to school may wait in the gym. The gym opens at 8:00 a.m. The only exception to this will be students who have a morning practice or tutoring session. At 8:00 a.m. all other students can enter the gym and wait there for the day to begin. Thank you for your help.

MORNING PASS

If your child needs to come into the school early one morning, please print off a "**Morning Pass**" from the Mitchell Website (it is on the home page) and drop your child off at the **gym doors, no earlier than 7:45 a.m.** (for Choir only). If you forget to print off a pass, you may write a note and sign it.

ATTENDANCE LINE

To report a child absent, call our attendance line at **832-592-8516** and leave a message stating your child's name (spelled out), LC number, reason for the absence, who is reporting the absence and a phone number. Upon your child's return to school, a note explaining the absence should be brought to the homeroom teacher.

"D.O.T." - Drop Off Table

Parents, Teachers and Students: Please be aware there is a D.O.T. in the main entrance hallway, across from the front office, for all Mitchell families to use. If your child forgets his/her lunch, musical instrument, homework, projects, etc., label the item with his/her first and last name, LC #, and leave it at the drop off table where he/she can pick up the item.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

If you need to call the school to let your child know of a change in afternoon transportation, please do so no later than 3:00 p.m. Notes are delivered to students at that time, and any changes made after note delivery are not guaranteed due to the busy dismissal routine.

Box Tops for Education

LAST CHANCE to send in Box Tops for Education for Mitchell's fall submission! Please send your Box Tops to the Mitchell front office or place them in the collection box near the drop off table by October 27. Our fall submission needs to be postmarked by November 1. A portion of the proceeds received from Box Tops will be sent to Anderson Elementary in Conroe.

Conroe ISD Salute to our Veterans Friday, November 10, 2017

Please join the Combined Armed Services (JROTC) of the Conroe Independent School District in a Salute to Our Veterans. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Woodforest Bank Stadium, Shenandoah Texas.

We invite all Veterans and members of the community to share in this patriotic event as we honor our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

SchoolStore

SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall with over 400 merchants including Sears, Target, iTunes, Wal-Mart, Disney Store, Family Book Store, and many more. When family and friends make everyday purchases from their favorite merchants, our school earns money. The kickoff started on October 10.

Mitchell Lunch Bunch

Every Friday, teachers nominate students to eat pizza with Mrs. Klapesky, their grade level assistant principal, and grade level counselor. Many thanks to Brother's Pizza in Sterling Ridge Shopping Center for donating pizza every Friday.

Congratulations to the following LC 1 students who were nominated for the October 13 Mitchell Lunch Bunch:

Yari Jasso	Bruce Reed	Connor Etter
Ava Braley	Emily Vivas	Claire Warren
Noah Soucy	Emiliano Gonzalez	

Congratulations to the following LC 2 students who were nominated for the October 20 Mitchell Lunch Bunch:

Ellis Mills	Zoe Norman	Annalise Shrader
Michelle Li	Sophia Garman	Cailan Armstrong
Daniel Davis	Caycen Bartolazzi	

Mitchell Fine Arts/PE

Choir Notes

by: *Cyndie Lowry & Carolyn O'Rourke*

The Mixed Choir and Chorale are busy learning their Holiday music! Please make sure you have Tuesday, December 5, marked on your calendars for our Holiday Concert. The concert will take place in the Mitchell Intermediate Commons and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Notes:

by *Sheronna McMahan & Loren Zawodny*

All orchestra students will have a Holiday concert on December 19 at Mitchell. The 5th Grade Orchestra performs at 6:30 p.m., and the 6th Grade Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact smcmahan@conroeisd.net or lzawodny@conroeisd.net.

P.E. Department

by *Jayce Howard, Truett Avrett and Matt Rogers*

The PE department has begun new units for the students. Currently, they are receiving lessons in soccer, football, shuffle board, ping pong, team building, problem solving and leadership. We enjoy giving the students a wide variety of experiences while covering our curriculum.

Attention Parent Volunteers!!

Mitchell PE is in need of seasonal volunteers for both 5th and 6th grade! We would love your help! If interested, please contact us...we look forward to hearing from you.

The PE department is also in need of donations. If anyone has an old ping pong table or old soccer goals we would love to have them for use by our students.

Mitchell PTO

Visit our website: www.mitchellmustangsppto.org

General PTO Meeting

The General PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Fundraising

Thank you for your support during this year's fundraiser! Here are a few important reminders.

- Delivery day (one time pick up only) is Wednesday, November 29 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.
- If your child sold 15 items and 25 or more items, please remember to fill out a permission slip on delivery day for the BMX Stunt Show Assembly, Main Event trip (5th grade) and Urban Air Trip (6th grade).
- BMX Stunt Show Assembly will be on Monday, October 30.
- 6th grade - Urban Air trip will be Friday, December 15
- 5th grade - Main Event trip will be on Monday, December 18

There will be no makeup days if your child misses these days.

Thanks!
Fund Raising Committee

Mitchell Yearbook

We are currently collecting pictures of your child helping out in the community after Hurricane Harvey. If your child helped out in any way, please submit photos from your mobile device using the ReplayIt App. If on your digital camera, submit to [ReplayIt Yearbook Photos](#). Any questions email yearbook@mitchellmustangs.org

The Mitchell Yearbook volunteers are unable to sponsor a Yearbook Club this year. We hope to add more parent volunteers next year which would enable our committee to have a Yearbook Club for students. We are sorry that it isn't available this year.

Order your Mitchell yearbook today at [Jostens | Yearbooks, Class Rings & Graduation Gifts](#). Books starting at \$30.

How can you help?

There is a link on the PTO website, www.mitchellmustangppto.org, under the "Home" tab that will allow you to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Just "continue" through the form and click what areas of interest you'd like to consider. Your time and talent can be beneficial in so many ways.

A strong PTO benefits all involved – students, teachers and parents.

Join the Mitchell PTO today!

Visit our website: www.mitchellmustangppto.org
Follow us on Facebook @MitchellMustangsPTO

Picking Your Child Up Early For An Appointment

If you will be picking up your child early for an appointment, we want to make it as smooth as possible for you. Here are some things that will make the process work well:

- Your child should bring a note from you or the form below to the front desk as soon as they arrive at Mitchell in the morning.
- Students will then receive a "golden ticket" to show the teacher at the appropriate time to leave the classroom and meet you in the front office. All the student will need to do is hold up the ticket for the teacher to see it. This allows them to leave class and head to the front office.
- Although, parent drop-ins to pick up their child are always okay, the "golden ticket" is FAR FASTER for students and parents, especially when students are at lunch, recess or in Fine Arts/PE.



Mitchell Intermediate School

Request To Leave Early

832-592-8500

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's LC: _____

Time of Pickup: _____

No Checkout After 3:15PM

Leaving for the Day: (please circle) YES NO

Medical Appointment: _____ Travel: _____ Personal: _____

Please provide a Healthcare Provider's Return to School Note to excuse the absence.

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

save the date

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TWHS THEATER IMPROV CAMP

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

Session 1 Grades (1-8)

Check in 8:15am
Camp 8:30am-12:45pm
Cost \$105

Session 2 Grades (9-12)

Check in 1:30pm
Camp 1:45pm - 6:00pm
Cost \$105

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TO INTRODUCE KIDS TO
THE TWHS THEATER
DEPARTMENT AND TEACH
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THE DAY OF THE WORKSHOP**

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RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 22, 2017**

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO
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