

Bulldog Bulletin

2009 County Fair Winners

Congratulations to our 2009 Charles County Fair winners from Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School:

First Place

Andrew Wheeler	Olivia Reese
Tyrus Hodges	Kelsey Hanks
Morgan Slagle	Alex Gordon
Arianna Rivera	Sierra Robertson
David Scroggs	Emma Shanholtzer
Kassidy Grimes	Jillian Lewis
Samantha Yorio	

Second Place

Zoi Burns	Jeana Papagno
Julia Mandley	Avery Hoffman
Halle Tetrault	Lexy Bryant
Peyton Krahlung	

Third Place

Jasmine Wathen	Justis Hardesty
Kylie Serpico	John Richards

Honorable Mention

Zachary McGinnis

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is in a blue bin in the atrium. Please be sure to label jackets, sweaters, and lunchboxes so we can return them to their owners.

Specials Schedule for grades K-4

October 12 – D Day
October 13 – E Day
October 14 – A Day
October 15 – B Day
October 16 – Closed

School Calendar

October 12 – Columbus Day – Schools OPEN

October 14 – LaPlata Instructional Road Show at LaPlata High School at 6:00 p.m.

October 16 – MSTA Day – Schools CLOSED

October 12-16 – National School Lunch Week; Food Service Workers' Appreciation

October 21 – 2 hour early dismissal at 1:30; afternoon Pre-K students attend from 9:00-1:30 and eat lunch at school.

November 30 – Makeup Day for Fall Photographs

Road Show

The schools in the La Plata area are sponsoring an Academic Road Show at La Plata High School on October 14, 2009. A free dinner from Chick-fil-A of La Plata will be available from 6:00-6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., there will be free childcare for children over 3 years old. Sessions for parents include a Charles County Sheriff's Office presentation on Safe Schools, internet resources, school communication, ACT/SAT information, and how to build partnerships for your child's success.

Door prizes will be awarded when the sessions adjourn at 8:00 p.m. We encourage your family to attend the La Plata Cluster Roadshow.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Parents/guardians may visit the classroom (including the playground) at the school's request or request to make a formal observation. Making an appointment with the school at least two school days in advance of an observation is not only a courtesy and a requirement by the Superintendent, but enables the parent/guardian to schedule the observation for the maximum benefit. Teachers cannot stop teaching to confer with the parents/guardians who stop by without an appointment. Parents/guardians may schedule up to two classroom observations of up to forty-five minutes in duration each grading period. Staff accompanies visitors to the classroom. Siblings should not attend. Teachers will be happy to discuss the observation at a mutually convenient time. Parents/guardians are welcome at any time to visit the cafeteria and eat lunch with their child.
- ❖ Absences from school are considered lawful only if they are accompanied by a medical note. This can be a doctor's note indicating an illness or a medical appointment. It would also be considered a medical absence if the school nurse sends a child home from school.
- ❖ School system policy states that students in elementary school with eight unlawful absences might be considered for retention.
- ❖ Regular, structured homework assignments are an extension of classroom instruction. Elementary students usually spend ten minutes on homework in first grade and up to an hour in fifth grade.
- ❖ Elementary school students may not possess cell phones at school.
- ❖ Valuable items (including games and toys) and large sums of money should not be brought to school. We do not take responsibility for valuables brought to school.
- ❖ Fifth graders choose their music class: band, chorus or orchestra. Fifth graders cannot change their musical preference during the year.
- ❖ The goal of Charles County Public Schools is to provide a quality educational program for all students in an environment that is conducive to learning. There are times, however, when an individual may have a concern. The first step in resolving a concern is to address it with the teacher or staff member who is most closely and directly involved. Please contact the school and schedule an appointment.
- ❖ Please remember that children under the age of 18 may not transport medication to and from school. Only adults may transport medication. This includes prescription medications, pain relievers (Advil/Tylenol), cough syrup, cough drops, and medicated lotions/creams. All medicated items must stay locked in our school Health Room.

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