



Mitchell Mustang

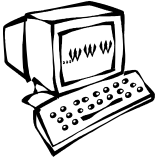
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From the Principal's Desk...

PTO Website

Mitchell PTO is proud to announce that we are now on the web! Please check out our new website at www.mitchellpto.org for all the latest news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, newsletters, and more!!



Important Dates

- October 2:
PTO Meeting,
6:30 pm
- October 9: Fall
Break—No
School
- October 20: Fall
Festival, 6-8 pm

Dear Parents,

Attendance at school has been identified as a key component to student success. How can children learn if they are not present for their lessons?

Of particular concern is the number of Mitchell children who come in late at the start of the school day and those who are checked out of school early. Since the first day of school (August 14) students have missed a total of 7,634 minutes (127 hours) of instruction due to tardiness and early pick up. This is valuable learning time that cannot be replaced. Minutes not spent in the classroom add up to significant losses and wasted opportunities.

We need your help in making sure your child attends school on a daily and consistent basis.

Raquel Reedy

Principal



Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held this year on Friday, October 20th, from 6-8 pm. Please join us all for a fun and inexpensive family outing!

Parent Volunteers are greatly needed to make this evening a success. If you would like to volunteer to help set-up or clean-up, or work one of the 30 minute time slots at a booth or at the concession stand, please contact Portia at jimandportia@netzero.com or leave your name and phone number at the school office (299-1937) and Portia will return your call.

Donations for the Cake Walk can be brought to school on the day

and evening of Fall Festival to the Cake Walk Room (Rm. 20). Cakes can be either homemade or store bought, but please remember to attach a label with all the ingredients. Thank you for your donations!

Don't forget to send in items for the Basket Raffle. Let's make this year's even better than the previous years!

Thanks for all your help and we'll see you at the Fall Festival.

From the PTO President's Desk...

Thank you for your support of our "value cards" fundraiser. It was a success. The monies from this fundraiser go for our teacher stipends, the Outdoor Biking and Climbing Club, the Sewing Club, and our Free Family Night. Be on the lookout for more of these nights. The Family Nights are free for you and fun for all! We are planning on four of these events throughout the year. If you have any ideas, I would love to hear from you. You can email me at: acnbsmom@yahoo.com.

We are very proud to announce our new PTO website. It is full of information about who we are, what we are doing, and how you can help. We will be updating often, so check us out and bookmark us! www.mitchellpto.org

Edie Guess
PTO President

A Special Thank You

We want to thank the wonderful people at Sportz Outdoor (Sonya and Randy) for their help with buying our bikes and equipment for the Outdoor Biking and Climbing Club. Without your help we could not have made this spectacular club a reality. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Basketball

Mitchell Mustang Basketball will feature two teams this year, boys and girls. All fourth and fifth grade students will be able to tryout for the teams. The boys and girls teams will each have 12 players.

Tryouts will be announced later this month.

The dates given in the printed version of this newsletter were incorrect.



From The October Library Bookshelf...

Thank you everyone for the wonderful job your children are doing following the library expectations. I have been so impressed with the organizational skills and responsibility they are showing in and out of the library.

Our **Annual Fall Library Fundraiser** is opening on November 6th. It is the **Scholastic Book Fair** which helps our school library purchase new and much desired current titles. Books also make great long lasting gifts.

The fair will feature specially priced books, including award-winning titles, children's classics and bestsellers.

We will be open during school hours for our Preview Week:

Nov. 6-10 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Nov. 13-17 8:40 am to 3:30 pm.

Curious George will be visiting us on our Family Night Event (to be announced).

Volunteers are needed for promoting and running our fair. Volunteers who donate more than 2 hours of their time receive 10% off their entire purchase. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Debbie Sprague at 299-1937. It's fun and rewarding.

Look for our Book Fair Flyers going out the month of October.

This Book Fair is a huge fundraiser for our library and we look forward to seeing you and your family. Remember the holiday season begins in November and **Books Make Great Gifts for all reasons and seasons!**

Volunteers are needed: If you can help in anyway, please fill out the form below and send it in with your student to the office.



Name _____

_____ Yes I can help with the Book Fair.

I would like to:

Co-Chair _____

Coordinate Volunteers _____

Set-up Classroom Wish List _____

Plan the Family Event _____

Send out Request for Donatrimon Letters to Businesses _____

Decorate Library for Fair _____

Help set up Book Fair on Nov. 14 from 9:00 to 11:30am _____\

Cashier _____

Security _____

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Fall Clothing Drive

Now is a great time to clean out drawers and closets for the fall clothing drive to benefit the BCCPTA Clothing Bank (Bernalillo County Councils of PTA's).

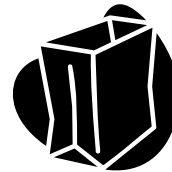
The Clothing Bank is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to provide clothing to any student in kindergarten through twelfth grade who is in need. They serve Mitchell students as well as students from the entire district who could use assistance.

Although APS donates the facility space, the BCCPTA is not an APS program. The Clothing Bank does not receive funding from APS or the government but is 100% supported by schools, individuals, and a few businesses.

We will send home reminders for your family to fill up bags with clean, usable children's clothing, jackets and sweaters, new packages of socks or underwear, and shoes in good condition.

Clothing will be collected **October 10-13** (after Fall Break), so now is a great time to start sorting out all the clothing outgrown by your children and bring it in for the clothing drive. We also gratefully accept donations all year round. Your generosity in past years has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the clothing bank or are interested in volunteering in this endeavor, please call Janet Gagliano at Mitchell, 299-1937 or at home, 292-4050. We could use drivers to deliver the clothes to the Clothing Bank which is located at 2nd Street and Menaul. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Thank you again for your generous support.



Smith's Earn & Learn Program

PLEASE NOTE... Smith's purges their list of the preferred school linked with each Fresh Values Card each July. Just have the cashier scan your card and say, "Yes, Mitchell Elementary is my school of choice."

BOX TOPS



Drawing for Box Tops will be **October 30th**, so be sure to drop them off in the office. Remember to write your name and teacher's name on the back of each Box Top.

Entertainment Books are still on sale in the office.
Just \$35!



Help Wanted!! Mitchell Basketball



The Mitchell Basketball program will be holding tryouts for the teams in late October. The tryouts for the boys and girls will be held separately. There are twelve spots for players on both the boys and the girls team. However, to run both a boys and girls team, we are in need of coaching and help. While this is a competitive league, we emphasize positive coaching and total encouragement for the players.

The practices for each team will be held two mornings each week, and games are on Wednesday afternoons. The home games are played at Mitchell, and away games are played at opponent schools around the city. Parents of the players are responsible for transportation to away games. When one team is at home, such as the girls, the boys will be playing their game at the opponent's school.

This is a very exciting and rewarding program, for the players, the school, and the coach. If you are interested in a great opportunity to help coach the Mitchell Mustangs, please contact Laurie Aragon.

Important Reminder

Please remember that children need to be picked up ON TIME at the end of the school day (3:40 pm and 1:00 pm on Wednesdays).

Groceries Earn \$\$\$ For Mitchell

All three grocery stores in our area have programs that allow you to donate a percentage of the money that you **already** spend on food to Mitchell Elementary. **Raley's Quality of Life** program allows you to go online to activate your card and designate Mitchell as your favorite school. Cards are available in the school's office or at Raley's Customer Service.

Albertson's Community Partners program links your Preferred Savings Card with the school of your choice and gives up to 4% of each purchase to your school. Forms are available at their Customer Service desk or sign up online at www.albertsons.com. Click on "In The Community" for the *Community Partners* link.

Smith's Earn & Learn Program links your Fresh Values Card with Mitchell. Sign up by calling 1-800-764-8897 to register Mitchell or e-mail your request to earnlearn@sfdc.com. Be sure to type in your Fresh Values card number and indicate city and state.

So PLEASE SIGN UP wherever you shop and know that you're helping Mitchell pay for after school programs, field trips, equipment, and many other items that contribute to our children's education.

Kids Corner



Sudoku Level 1

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Sudoku Level 2

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School Word Search

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 GEOGRAPHY
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 NEWS ARTICLES
 PE
 READING
 ROOM
 SCHOOL
 SCIENCE
 SECOND
 SPELLING
 WRITING

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