

A Message from the Principal, Dr. Pierre-Jerome



Greetings Jaguar Family! Thank you to all that participated in Red Ribbon Week. It was a fun way for us to show unity and school spirit as we teamed up to fight against bullying and drugs. Thank you also to the parents that participated in our School Advisory Council and Parent Teacher Association meetings this month. Please be sure to read this newsletter to receive other important information for upcoming events in December. Please be advised that all schools in the Palm Beach County School District will offer on campus voluntary COVID-19 testing to students who have symptoms and who have turned in a signed consent. Consent forms that were distributed earlier in the week did not have a signature line therefore, those consent forms are NOT VALID. We have included in the attached letter a link to the updated consent form. Please print out the consent form, sign it and only return if you give consent for your child to be tested. All parents who have returned a signed consent form will be contacted by Administration or the School Nurse prior to any testing. The parents of students in grades Prek-2 must be present for any testing. Parents of children in grades three through five have the option to be present at the on campus testing. Testing is completely voluntary and only for brick and mortar students at this time. I would like to take this time to wish the members of our J.C. Mitchell Elementary Family that celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving. Please take this time to rest, relax and make beautiful memories.

Greetings from PTA President, Kareema George

Hello JC Mitchell Family! As we approach Thanksgiving, we would like to express gratitude for having a wonderful school community. We are proud of the way we have worked together under challenging circumstances. Now that we are settled into a new routine, we are focused on growing our membership. We currently have 18 PTA members. At this point in the school year we usually have at least 80 members. We celebrate the fact that our PTA has grown by 10 members in the last month. We must continue to grow our membership to have the ideas and resources necessary to support our school. Our school needs support now more than ever! We urge every parent to get involved in our PTA.

Please visit us at
<http://jcmitchell.new.memberhub.store/>
to purchase membership, J.C. Mitchell uniforms, and spirit gear. You can always reach us at
jcm.pta@mail.com.
Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!
Kareema George, PTA President

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[SCHOOL CASH online](https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/)
to pay your Aftercare fees or to pay for the Birthday Marquee fundraiser!
<https://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com/>



Our J.C. Mitchell Elementary website:
<https://jcme.palmbeachschools.org/>



The school is closed **Monday November 23 through Friday November 27!**
Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1 – Move your CLOCK back one hour
Nov. 3 – NO SCHOOL – Election Day
Nov. 4 – SAC Meeting 6:00 PM
Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day
Nov. 13 – World Kindness Day
Nov. 23-Nov. 27 – NO SCHOOL–Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2 – SAC Mtg-6:00 PM, PTA Mtg-6:45 PM
Dec. 4 – NO SCHOOL-Teacher Work Day
Dec. 9 – Fall Picture Day

Please read this important letter from the
Principal

[English Letter](#)

[Haitian-Creole Letter](#)

[Portuguese Letter](#)

[Spanish Letter](#)

Counselor's Corner

Holiday Meals (updated schedule)

Urban League Project Thanksgiving

1700 N Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach- 561-833-1461
Saturday November 21st, 9AM-11AM first come first served
(people line up beginning at 6ish) - Turkey & items to prepare a meal. Enough food to support 600-700 families.

Above The Sea Restaurant

1512 Wingfield Street, Lake Worth-(512) 350-6414
Saturday, November 21st- 9AM-2PM-Hot Thanksgiving Meal
Tuesday, November 24th- 9AM-2PM-Hot Thanksgiving Meal

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
200 NE 12th Street, Boca Raton-(561) 212-2254
Tuesday, November 24th, 3:30 pm-7:30 pm -Only Drive-through turkey distribution.

The Soup Kitchen

8845 W Boynton Beach Blvd, Boynton Beach-(561) 732-7595
Thanksgiving Day 9AM-12Noon. Hot Thanksgiving meal to go.
Can stop by too, any day between now and Nov 13th to request a free turkey to cook at home

Attention 5th grade Parents, Explore your best choice here:

<https://www2.palmbeachschools.org/showcase/>

-Boca Raton Community Middle School is having a virtual presentation Dec. 10th @ 6:30pm. Check out their website:

<https://brms.palmbeachschools.org/>

-Bak Middle School has the following links to view:

<https://youtu.be/U8Y4uyUt6OQ> - Welcome Video &

<https://youtu.be/CfQv7YNgHa8> - Discover Bak - Virtual Tour.

Choice applications for the 2021-2022 school year will be accepted starting November 2, 2020 at mypbchoiceapp.com. For those applying to a performing arts program, the deadline for applications is December 18, 2020. The deadline for all other Choice program applications is January 29, 2021.

-Don Estridge High Tech Middle School:

<https://deht.palmbeachschools.org/>

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SAC = School Advisory Council
PTA = Parent Teacher Association

MEETINGS:

Wed. Nov. 4, 2020-SAC-6PM

Wed. Dec. 2, 2020-SAC-6PM/PTA-6:45 PM

Wed. Jan. 6, 2021-SAC-6PM

Wed. Feb. 3, 2021-SAC-6PM/PTA-6:45 PM

Wed. March 3, 2021-SAC-6PM

Wed. April 7, 2021-SAC-6PM/PTA-6:45 PM

Wed. May 5, 2021-SAC-6PM

PTA BOARD - 2020-2021

PRESIDENT - KAREEMA GEORGE

1st VP - Leadership Development - JAMES GODWIN

2nd VP - Family Engagement - FABIOLA PADERNACHT

3rd VP - Community Engagement - APRIL BORAY

Treasurer - CANDACE GODWIN

Recording Secretary - ERIKA VILLALOBOS

Corresponding Secretary - JUDY KACZMAREK

Immediate Past President - RACHELLE SAINT LOUIS

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WEBSITE: www.jcmpta.org



Free Microsoft Office Download



District Students Can Download Microsoft Office for Free

Microsoft's Student Advantage Program provides free downloads of the full version of Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access, etc.) for all Palm Beach County students, in District operated schools, for use on their personal and mobile devices.

- District students can download the software on up to 5 devices.
- Download and activation requires a student username, student email and password.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

School food distribution sites will be closed the week of Thanksgiving Break. As a result, School Food Service will be distributing extra meals during the previous week's Tuesday and Thursday free grab-and-go food distributions at 97 schools in the District.

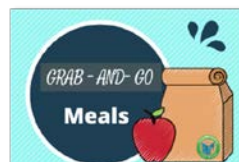
On Tuesday, November 17, students will be provided with six days worth of food. Then on Thursday, November 19, students will receive an additional six days worth of food. Each daily meal kit will include four meals - breakfast, lunch, supper, and a snack.

On November 17, School Food Service will also be providing a 10-12 pound box of fresh fruits and vegetables to students or parents who pick up meals. The boxes will be provided while supplies last. All children 18 years of age and younger (22 and younger for ESE) are eligible for the free meals.

The [list of locations](#) specifies the food distribution sites and the times of meal pick up. Parents do not need to visit their child's school for food distribution, they can visit any location of their choice. Distribution times and locations are subject to change.

A child does not have to be present to pick up meals. However, one of the following forms of identification is required to receive meals at the food distribution sites: Student ID Badge, Student Barcode Letter (that can be found in a [child's student portal](#)), Passport, Birth Certificate, or Library Card. The adult picking up the meals can also bring a picture of themselves with the children for whom they are picking up food.

Meals may contain allergens. Adults picking up the food are asked to be vigilant and ensure they do not take food if allergies may be a concern. Food should be refrigerated or discarded if not consumed upon receipt. For everyone's health and safety, a facial covering or mask is required when picking up meals at any school food distribution site.



StudentProtect App Connects School Directly with Law Enforcement



The School District of Palm Beach County and District Police Department have joined with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to provide students and parents with a new tool to connect schools directly with law enforcement.


The app, called StudentProtect, allows students, parents, and staff to report threats and suspicious activity directly to local law enforcement. It also has the ability for the user to dial 911 and have the exact GPS location of their mobile device sent to first responders. Users can also subscribe to specific schools to receive alerts and notifications from law enforcement.

"The app is strictly tailored to school districts," said Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw during a joint press conference held Thursday.

The app provides centralized reporting where the concern is reviewed and sent to the right agency to investigate. Tips sent through the app can be made anonymously and users can also include video and images with the report. Bradshaw said that users can also submit reports of concerns over mental health, social media, and bullying, but law enforcement warned that false reports made through the app will also be investigated and can lead to disciplinary and legal action.

The app is available for both Apple and Android devices. For more information, visit <http://studentprotectapp.com/pbc/>

Raise FUNDS for J.C. Mitchell Elementary

- 1) When you shop at **OFFICE DEPOT** for your supplies, give them our school code: **70020709**. They give 5% back to our school on all purchases.
- 2) **Empties-4-Cash** - Bring us all your empty and used ink cartridges. We send them to Empties-4-Cash and they send us a check! No laser jet or large toner cartridges please.
- 3) **SHOP**  and choose **J.C. Mitchell PTA** as your beneficiary!

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

NOVEMBER 13, 2020 WORLD KINDNESS DAY!



Dr. PJ and Ms. Newson fueling the staff with some goodies!

The Importance of Good Attendance

- ✓ Each day's lesson builds off what was taught before. Missing just one class can put you behind.
- ✓ Absences can affect other students if the teacher has to reteach things that were missed.
- ✓ Missing class discussions and explanations can make it harder to understand assignments.
- ✓ Poor attendance leads to lower grades.
- ✓ Good attendance is an important habit.

J.C. Mitchell Behavior Expectations

Universal Guidelines	Distant Learning 2.0
Good Manners	Mute your microphone
	Be ready to learn (make sure you have had breakfast and are sitting in a quiet spot.)
	Wait your turn to participate
Respect	Make sure your background is appropriate
	Dress appropriately for online school
	Be visible (turn your camera on)
Responsibility	Setup a clean and organized work space
	Have all your materials close by and ready
	Log in on time
	Plug in and charge your laptop
Every Action is Thoughtful	Use KIND words and actions every day
	Post positive comments and feedback



Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Liberia, and the sub-national entities Leiden, Norfolk Island, and the inhabited territories of the United States. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the [second Monday of October](#) in Canada and on the [fourth Thursday of November](#) in the United States and Brazil, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a [secular](#) holiday as well.

STUDENT of the MONTH Character Traits

September 2020 – RESPECT
 October 2020 – RESPONSIBILITY
November 2020 – TRUSTWORTHINESS
 December 2020 – PERSEVERANCE
 January 2021 – FAIRNESS
 February 2021 – CARING
 March 2021 – POSITIVE ATTITUDE
 April 2021 – RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
 May 2021 – CITIZENSHIP

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

If you have a business and would like to advertise it in our newsletter, the cost is \$20.00 per month or \$150.00 for the entire year. Your support helps PTA with production and printing costs and other expenses. Call Laura in the office at 561-750-4900 if you are interested.

J.C. Mitchell Elementary School

Tree of Knowledge

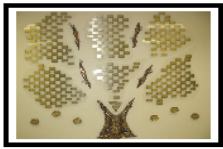
If you would like to participate in the Tree of Knowledge, you can purchase an engraved book on the tree that will hang there for prosperity for many years to come.

You can purchase a book in someone's memory, to honor someone, or to leave a legacy in your child's school.

Donation:
 \$100.00 for an engraved book
 \$500.00 for an engraved stepping stone

These are just a few of the things that the Tree of Knowledge will help to fund:

Materials to enhance classroom instruction
 Teacher's requests
 Upgrade technology
 Books for the Media Center



See our beautiful TREE of KNOWLEDGE in our main hallway!

Yes, I would like to purchase a book on the Tree of Knowledge. Attached is my check for \$100.00.

Yes, I would like to purchase a stepping stone on the Tree of Knowledge. Attached is my check for \$500.00.

Name: _____ In Honor Of _____

Phone #: _____ In Memory Of _____

Child's Name _____ From the _____ Family

Teacher's Name: _____ Other _____



WELCOME TO OUR

Gingerbread Holiday Shop



Registration Instructions to access the online shopping site

1. Register a student(s) to access the online shopping site by [CLICKING HERE](#) - or by visiting www.fundsrus.net, select Student Registration and enter school code 651208306.
2. Send emails out to family members and invite them to shop too!
3. Click on categories for easy shopping.
4. All orders must be placed online by: 12/4/20

**With the holidays right around the corner,
you can shop and find great gifts for the
entire family from the convenience of your
home!**

WE HOPE THE KIDS WILL ENJOY SHOPPING
(PARENTS- DON'T PEEK UNTIL YOU PUT IN YOUR
CREDIT CARD INFO).