

FOR WPC web site Mitchell Graduation

Forty-nine Mitchell School 8th graders reach a milestone of their young lives this spring – a “coming of age” celebration. They will graduate from 8th grade to a larger high school world. The Mitchell staff wants to send them off with gifts of confidence, love and resilience - and with a few other items – see below.

For 21 years, Mitchell School in Southwest Philadelphia and Wayne have been CityLights partners with a host (hundreds) of Wayne members volunteering their “time, talent and treasure”, year after year when needed. Let’s step up now to help fund this graduation after a strange and unpredictable pandemic year.

In normal times, Principal Stephanie Andrewlevich and her staff would ask students and families to pay for part of the gifts, but not this historic and, for many, financially disastrous year. The goal is to raise \$13,720 for the following gifts (about \$280 for each student):

Graphing calculator - \$100 (or a gently used calculator – see below); graduation gown - \$40; graduation portrait - \$20; book bag - \$10; Mitchell hoodie - \$30; Mitchell T-shirt - \$10; backpack - \$50; mindfulness cards - \$10; journal - \$10. These prices are “round numbers”.

To donate a GENTLY USED graphing calculator, here is the identification information for the calculator Mitchell is giving: Texas Instruments Graphing Calculator TI84 Plus. https://www.amazon.com/Texas-Instruments-Ti-84-Graphing-calculator/dp/B00XOLOQMK/ref=sr_1_8?dchild=1&keywords=ti-84+graphing+calculator&qid=1614952396&sr=8-8 . Contact Jane or Wendy (see below) to arrange for delivery to one of them or for them to pick it up from you.

If you wish to purchase a journal(s), a backpack(s) and/or mindfulness cards the link is https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1TVUR6AJ6MU0Q?ref=wl_share Amazon will deliver the items to Ms. Andrewlevich’s home.

To make a cash contribution for the graduation or for any of the items above or to support one student (\$280), please make out your check to Delaware Valley Fairness Project or DVFP, 133 North Bread Street, Suite 3, Philadelphia, PA 19106, c/o Ed Riehl. Please write Mitchell School graduation in the memo line and which item(s) you want specified so that your contribution will go to Mitchell. The street really is Bread St., not Broad St.

DVFP is a nonprofit, approved by the School District, that supports seven Philadelphia public schools with funds for student activities and other needs not funded by the Philadelphia School District. All contributions marked for Mitchell will go to Mitchell.

“Random acts of kindness”, however large or small, can move a “mountain” and create joy and gratefulness and motivation for the recipients. Please contact Jane Beatty, 610-688-7529, jnbeatty@verizon.net or Wendy Norman, 610-608-2572, wnormanpa@yahoo.com if you have questions.

