

The Sea Turtle Times

Flora M. Singer Elementary School 2600 Hayden Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902 Phone: 240-740-0330

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This week	9/11	9/12 Primary Back to School Night	9/13	9/14	9/15
Next Week	9/18	9/19 Intermediate Back to School Night	9/20	9/21	9/22 ½ day - no Parent Coffee

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Primary Back to School Night

Primary Back to School Night is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of students in Kindergarten, First and Second Grades are invited to attend to learn about this school year.

Child care is available from Kids After Hours and courtesy of the PTA. Please fill out this google form to register for child care: https://forms.gle/YDsAPL3Y24s5xEpW6.

Child care is for school-aged children.

Kindergarten parents will start the evening in the All-Purpose Room. First and Second Grade parents will go straight to their children's classrooms. Please see the room numbers below, and see this map for classroom locations:

2023-2024 Floor Plan.pdf

Where Should I Go On Back to School Night?			
Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	
Lunch Room	Ms. Aebersold room 246 Ms. Labastida room 209 Ms. O'Keeffe room 252 Ms. Oursler room 215 Ms. Palmer room 234 Ms. Riley room 248 Ms. Tozer room 240	Ms. Benjamin room 207 Ms. Browne room 204 Ms Fazio room 206 Ms. Hartman room 200 Ms. Hulbert room 212 Ms. Taylor room 203 Ms. Yuan room 201	

There will be some parking available on campus, but it is limited. If you need to park in the neighborhood, please obey all posted signs and do not block driveways.

Directory Withholding Form

Every year, we work with the PTA to create a student directory. We also use student images and information for other things like the yearbook. Some parents prefer that their child's image and information is not included in things like this. If you do not want your child's information in the directory, please complete this form:

■ 281-13 DIRECTORY WITHHOLD.pdf The form is due back to school on September 11, 2023. If you do not return the form then it is assumed that you are comfortable with your child's information being used.

Supply List and Bus Routes

Here is a link to our student supply list:

- FMS ES School Supply List FY 23-24.pdf
- FMS ES School Supply List FY 23-24 SPANISH.pdf

A limited number of supplies and backpacks have been donated by local organizations and the PTA. If your Flora Singer student is in need of school supplies or a backpack, please complete the following form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoDVIRxsvns60Te4RXEAINQolCpjbEXeM5LHfSOS27cmtaEw/viewform?usp=sf link

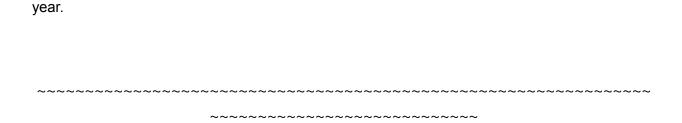
Here is a link to the general education bus routes:

- SINGER ES 770 REG ARR.pdf
- SINGER ES 770 REG DEP.pdf

Breakfast and Lunch

Meal prices will be \$2.55 for lunch. Our breakfast program is free to all students and available in the classroom every morning.

Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast or lunch. Families can apply online now so that benefits will be in place when school starts. Families can access the online application by visiting www.myschoolapps.com/. Please



remember a new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school

First Day Of School and School Hours

Monday, August 28th is the first day of school for students. Students may arrive for morning line up at 9:00 a.m. Students should not arrive prior to that time, as supervision will not be available. School hours are as follows:

Grades K-5

9:25 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

When students arrive, they should line up in the following locations:

Kindergarten	Lunch Room	
First Grade	Top floor hallway line-up	
Second Grade	Top floor hallway line-up	
Third Grade	Hallway line-up (top or main floor)	
Fourth Grade	Hallway line-up (main floor)	
Fifth Grade	Gym or patrol duty post	

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival begins at 9:00 am. Students may enter the building at that time and go to line up. Kindergarteners and 5th graders go to the gym. Everyone else goes to the lunch room. Do not drop your child off prior to 9:00 a.m. They will be unsupervised. Dismissal begins at 3:50. You may arrive prior to 3:50 to wait for dismissal. Kindergarteners are dismissed through the doors by the gym. Walkers, car riders and bus riders are dismissed from the front doors. Parents must contact the main office before 3:00 p.m. with any dismissal changes for the day.

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Student Questionnaire
We ask parents to fill out this important questionnaire for every student. This form gives your teacher important information about your child, including arrival and dismissal plans. We will have paper copies in the main office and in the classrooms at Open House. We would like this form completed for every student by the end of Open House next Friday. If you would like, you can print it out and complete it at home, and then give it to your teacher at Open House.
Here is the form: Student Questionaire
Communication
We maintain open lines of communication with parents and community members throughout the school year. The phone number for the school is 240-740-0330. Please call us at any time. You may also email Mr. Heatwole at kyle_j_heatwole@mcpsmd.org or Mr. McKinley at

Immunizations and Medications

It is very important that your child is up-to-date on his/her immunizations. If you are not sure, please check with your doctor. The state law mandates that children not be admitted to school without the proper immunizations. Medications must be brought to school in the original container by an adult along with MCPS Form 525-13 (Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication) completed by your physician. Medication will not be administered without proper authorization. Please contact our Health Technician if you have any questions.

School Cash Online

Montgomery County Public Schools has transitioned to a new online payment system called SchoolCash Online as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc.

SchoolCash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. SchoolCash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money. In addition, once registered, you will be immediately informed about school activities!

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the management of school fees. The new system puts all of the school-related fees online for purchase so users can make purchases online using a credit card or e-check. A processing fee will be included on all items available for purchase, regardless of the type of payment used on SchoolCash Online or at the school.

Parents/guardians can register now at - https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/

SchoolCash Online also offers a 24/7 customer support desk that can be reached by online inquiry or by calling 1-866-961-1803.

Important First Quarter Dates:

•	Tuesday, August 22 Zoom	Virtual Town Hall for Parents-7:00 p.m. on
•	Friday, August 25	Open House from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
	Monday, August 28	First Day of School for students (9:25 a.m. to
	3:50 p.m.)	
•	Monday, September 4	Labor Day – No school for students
•	Tuesday, September 12	Primary (K, 1, and 2) Back-to-School Night
	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	
•	Tuesday, September 19	Intermediate (3, 4, and 5) Back-to-School Night
	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	
•	Friday, September 22	Early Release-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m.
•	Monday, September 25	No School for Students
•	Thursday, October 5	Fall Picture Day – Individual Portraits Only

•	Thursday, October 5	1 st Marking Period Interims are distributed
•	Monday, October 9	Professional Day-No school for students
•	October 23-October 27	Book Fair
•	Tuesday, October 31	Fall Festival Parade and Parties starting at
	2:30 p.m.	
•	Wednesday, November 1	Professional Day-No school for students
•	Monday, November 13	Fall Picture Day Re-takes
•	Monday, November 20	Half Day- Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
•	Tuesday, November 21	Half Day-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
•	November 23, 24 & 25	Thanksgiving - No School for Students

REQUEST CHROMEBOOKS FOR HOME USE

The home use device is to be kept at home. Requesting the device implies consent of use in accordance with MCPS policy (IGT-RA) and acknowledgement that the Chromebook, software, and issued peripherals are owned by MCPS.

Please use this **form** to request a chromebook for home use.

User Responsibilities for Computer Systems, Electronic Information, and Network Security can be found online. Montgomery County Public Schools retains the sole right of possession of the Chromebooks. The Chromebooks are loaned to students for educational purposes for the academic year. MCPS administrative staff retain the right to collect and/or inspect Chromebook hardware or software at any time including via electronic remote access.

Instrumental Music

It's not too late to sign your 4th or 5th grader up for IM! Registration forms are due Friday September 15. Click here to register online. Please email Mrs. Kanowith with any questions you have about the program. Jill L Kanowith@mcpsmd.org

The drop-off box for plastic bags and film has returned to its site within the main entrance hall!

DO NOT CONTAMINATE WITH TRASH. Clean plastic bags and film only.

Thank you so much for supporting our sustainability initiatives at Flora Singer Elementary School. I am both an art teacher and the chairperson of our Sustainability Committee at FSES. We have been participating in the TREX school recycling challenge since 2018.

I am working on setting a new schedule and routine for our new earth helpers. Students will help collect, weigh, and track our plastic film recycling efforts this year. OUR GOAL IS 1000 POUNDS OF PLASTIC.

*** IN SEARCH OF... parent volunteers to help drop off collection bags at local grocery stores once a week.

Please directly email Mrs. Gracias at natalie ramirez@mcpsmd.org

Learn more: TREX School & Community Recycling Program