#### Principal's Message on 11/19

Good Evening Stallion Families,

It has been a busy week at school with the Book Fair, Grandparent and/or Special Friend Breakfast, 2nd Grade Field trip to Strathmore, and the Fall Festival Parties.

- Thank you to our amazing PTA for running the Book Fair and Grandparent and/or Special Friend breakfast this week!
- Thank you to all the families that were able to join us on Friday to support our Fall Festival.

#### Pie Donations for 11/20

As we get closer to Thanksgiving we would like to show our staff how much we appreciate them. We would love to give each staff member a pie before the Thanksgiving break. We are in need of 70 pies by Monday, November 20th. If you can donate a pie, please sign up at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-46101825-thankful">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-46101825-thankful</a>

#### New: Strategy of the Month

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to develop key reading skills. Here is our reading and math strategy of the month!

Reading Strategy of the Month	Math Strategy of the Month
<ul> <li>Read to Someone:</li> <li>It is important for students to read aloud to others. This gives children an opportunity to hear their own voice, work on fluency, practice reading with expression, and check for understanding.</li> </ul>	Recipes: • Use math skills like measurement, counting, and sequencing while you cook in the kitchen. Encourage your child to use measuring tools to cook along with you!

# **New: Federal Aid Forms**

A blue Federal Impact Aid Survey will be distributed later this week. This form should be filled out by Military families with students attending MCPS and Federally-connected parents/guardians of MCPS students working or living on federal property in Maryland. Please return these blue survey forms to your student's teacher or to the main office. • If you are not a Military family, you can disregard the form.

#### **New: Attendance Reminder**

If your student will be out around the fall or winter break times, please be sure to email the teacher and Mrs. Cardea (attendance secretary) with the dates the student will be out of school.

# **Clothes Needed in the Health Room**

The health room often provides clothes to students as needed throughout the day. Unfortunately, their supply is very low and we need some clothing donations to continue to support students. We are in need of:

- Boys Pants: size 7-12 (preferably sweatpants)
- Girls Pants: Size 6-12 (preferably leggins, sweatpants)
- Socks All size

# **Recycle My Battery Program**

"Join Our Battery Recycling Program! Snowden Farm Elementary School is teaming up with Recycle My Battery, MD.

• Students, bring your used batteries to school and drop them in our collection box at the front office.

Let's work together to make our Earth a better place!"

# From the PTA:

#### Please consider joining the SFES PTA.

- Visit the <u>PTA Webpage</u> for more information and link on how to sign up.
- We are also in need of a chairperson to lead the Spirit Wear and PTA Newsletter committees.
- Please email vp2@sfespta.org if you are interested in volunteering for one of these committees.

# **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st- Early Release at 12:50 PM
- Wednesday, November 22nd-Friday, November, 24th- No School
- Friday, December 1st- 5th Grade Trip to Mt. Vernon

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school, 240-740-5800.

With Gratitude, Michelle Fortune