

Good Evening Stallion Families,

We hope that everyone had a relaxing spring break. We look forward to seeing our students again on Tuesday, April 2nd.

### Spirit Night on April 3rd at Chick-Fil-A

We are thrilled to invite you to an exciting event organized by our 5th Grade Promotion Committee! Get ready for a fun-filled evening at Chick-fil-A on April 3rd for our Spirit Night! This event is not only a fantastic opportunity to support our 5th Grade Promotion Committee but also a chance for our school community to come together, enjoy delicious food, and celebrate the achievements of our students.

- When: April 3rd
- Where: Chick-fil-A at Germantown Town Center FSU
- Time: 5:00 to 8:00pm
- Please refer to the attached flyer for more detailed information.
- By participating in Spirit Night, you'll not only enjoy some tasty Chick-fil-A treats but also contribute directly to the activities and initiatives planned by our 5th Grade Promotion Committee, ensuring that our students have a memorable and meaningful end to their elementary school journey.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and spread the word to family and friends.

Let's make this Spirit Night a huge success!

### Testing Dates

Students in grades 3 - 5 will be taking the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics this spring. The current schedule for testing is as follows:

- 3rd Grade:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA testing: 4/4, 4/5, 4/8 & 4/9
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math testing: 4/15 & 4/19

- 4th Grade:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA testing: 5/2, 5/6, 5/9, 5/10
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math testing: 5/13 & 5/16
- 5th Grade:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA testing: 5/2, 5/6, 5/7, & 5/9
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math testing: 5/13 & 5/16

We will share more information as we get closer to testing but wanted to make you aware of the dates. We appreciate your support with testing! If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Gross at [Kayla\\_M\\_Gross@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kayla_M_Gross@mcpsmd.org)

### Movie Night on 04/05 at 7:00 PM

Get ready for an enchanting evening at our upcoming Movie Night in the all-purpose room! Hosted by the members of our 5th Grade Promotion Committee, this event promises to be a delightful experience for the entire family. Join us for the screening of "Wonka (2024)," a magical movie adventure that will captivate audiences of all ages. As you immerse yourself in the whimsical world of Wonka, indulge in a variety of delicious snacks and pizza, available for purchase throughout the evening.

- When: April 5th
- Where: All-Purpose Room
- What Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm
- Entry Fees:
  - \$4 per person
  - Kids under 3: FREE
- Your participation not only guarantees an enjoyable movie night for your family but also supports the efforts of our 5th Grade Promotion Committee in organizing memorable experiences for our students.
- Please refer to the attached flyer for more detailed information about the movie and additional event details.
- Let's come together as a community and make Movie Night an unforgettable success!

## Solar Eclipse on April 8th

As you know on April 8, 2024, we will see a partial solar eclipse. The eclipse is anticipated to occur between 2:04 p.m. and 4:33 p.m., with the peak expected at 3:20 p.m. As stewards of our students' safety and well-being, it is imperative that we underscore the importance of never looking directly at the sun during this event, as it poses significant risks of eye damage.

Your generous contributions will enable us to provide adequate protection in the event of accidental sun gazing, particularly considering the coincidence of the eclipse's peak with our dismissal time. Let us unite in our efforts to uphold the safety and welfare of our community, ensuring that this solar eclipse event remains both memorable and secure for all students.

- For more information about the solar eclipse and viewing events, you can visit The Washington Post's article here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2024/03/22/dc-solar-eclipse-viewing-events/>
- To donate protective eyewear, please visit our Sign Up Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4FACAC2EAB9-48722765-please>

## STEM Fair on April 9th

The Snowden Farm Elementary School PTA is holding the 3rd STEM Fair at 6 PM on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024! We invite all our students and their families to participate in this exciting and educational event. Students, or teams of students, feel free to work with your family or friends! The participants will explore a topic in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math. You will then present your project in any of the following ways: Make a traditional tri-fold display; present it on a short video and display it on a computer; write a short report; make a Google slides presentation; make a short

video news report; make your own website; or use a combination of these methods. If you have another presentation idea, let us know! Whichever presentation format you chose, each project should contain the following:

- Title: Every great project needs a name!
- Purpose: What do you want to learn from this project? What questions did you have that you would like to have answered?
- If you are doing an experiment, what is your hypothesis? What do you think will happen? What were your observations? Explain the steps of your experiment or present your research (tell us what you did, what you learned, what happened and what you noticed.)
- Conclusion: What did you learn? Were your questions answered? If you did an experiment, was your hypothesis (guess about what will happen) right? Why do you think that was?

If you are interested in doing a STEM Fair project:

- please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48ADAC2FA5FD0-snowden#/>
- no later than 4/5/2024
- Let us know who you are, what grade you are in and who your homeroom teacher is, what you are working on and with whom!
- If you have any questions, please ask!
  - Just send an email to Alex (Ruoqiu) Wu, at [vp1@sfespta.org](mailto:vp1@sfespta.org)
- We need more volunteers!

New: Fun Run on 04/18

You can now register for our Snowden Farm Stallions Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for PTA/school events throughout the year and to strengthen our school community. Registering is easy and free!

- Register Now MYBOOSTER.COM, [https://mybooster.com/v3?utm\\_source=kdmcampaign-resources&utm\\_medium=2-weeks-out-email&utm\\_campaign=37162&utm\\_content=2-weeks-out-email](https://mybooster.com/v3?utm_source=kdmcampaign-resources&utm_medium=2-weeks-out-email&utm_campaign=37162&utm_content=2-weeks-out-email) and free!

Be sure to check out the easy sharing functions on MYBOOSTER.COM to let others know how they can help support our school.

If we are able to get 70% of our school registered, the PTA will provide snacks for our students. Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

- <https://vimeo.com/700577112/c198513505>

### The Spelling Bee

Welcome to the 4th Annual Spelling Bee for Snowden Farm Elementary School!

- Please sign up your child for the appropriate slot, [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FACAA2EA20-47990761-20232024#/  
○ If all the slots for your grade level are filled, please use the waitlist.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FACAA2EA20-47990761-20232024#/)
- When signing up, please fill out the student's name.
  - We will use this name on the participation certificate.
- Please use only one slot per child.
- The study materials will be sent out once all the slots for a grade are filled or no later than Tuesday, April 2nd.

### Career Day

Calling all adults with interesting careers! We are excited to host Snowden Farm's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Career Day on the morning of Tuesday, April 30, and we would love your help.

- Please fill out the [short survey here](#) to indicate your interest by Friday, April 5.
- We will be in touch with more information once we have reviewed responses.
- Please reach out to our Counselors with any questions  
([allison\\_n\\_pena@mcpsmd.org](mailto:allison_n_pena@mcpsmd.org), [danielle\\_e\\_luckett@mcpsmd.org](mailto:danielle_e_luckett@mcpsmd.org))

Kindergarten Registration Opens March 18th

Do you or someone you know have a child who is turning five before September 1, 2024 and needs to register for kindergarten? Kindergarten registration opens on March 18th.

Here is a link to register,

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/district/info/enroll/kindergarten/2024-25/kindergarten-registration-2024.pdf>. If you need assistance, please call school at

240-740-5800

#### Upcoming Important Dates

- 04/02- School reopens from Spring Break
- 04/03- Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A from 5:00-8:00 PM at Germantown Town Center
- 04/05- Movie Night at 7:00 PM in APR
- 04/09- STEM Night and 4th Grade Trip to Annapolis
- 04/10- No School for students
- 4/11 or 4/12- 3rd Grade Trip to the Trolley Museum
- 04/15- Pajama Day
- 04/16- Spring and Class Pictures
- 04/18- Fun Run and Wellness Night

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