

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Kindergarten art show and the Fun Run on Friday! We appreciate your partnership and support!

Please remember there is no school tomorrow, Monday the 31st for students. We hope to see you at Curriculum night on Thursday, April 3rd from 5:00-7:00 PM!

Spring Portraits and Class Pictures on 04/01

Classic Photography will be here for Spring Pictures on **Tuesday, April 1**. Order packets will be sent home Thursday, March 27 so you can pre-order.

- Online orders: vando.imagequix.com/J9FRB96 with online code snowfarm25.
- Free shipping on all pre orders!
- No school for students the day before picture day on Monday, March 31.
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/12KaCDbvISvX0F9jrnynXPgYTIEia20vO/view?usp=drive_link

Curriculum Night on 04/03

Curriculum Night is coming up! Students and caregivers- please join us on Thursday, April 3rd from 5:00-7:00 PM for an evening that will dive deeper into our curriculums! We will have math and reading activities for each grade level that will correlate with the Eureka Math curriculum and the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum. There will also be a Music classroom! In order to ensure there are enough materials for all participants, please fill out the Google form below. We hope to see you there!

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZ1UQGpAl98wamY89-oZ38l37J_KNf-9Bg3GT3SbCCcCdGwA/viewform?usp=header

New: Mental Health Screener for 4th Grade Only

MCPS is conducting a mental health screener with 4th graders this Spring. This is a quick screening survey that students fill out in school to help us identify anyone who may need additional behavioral and/or social-emotional support. It is completely voluntary, and we **MUST** have parental permission for your student to participate.

- Permission forms will come home today in your 4th grader's Thursday folder. Please sign and return the form by next Friday, April 4 to have your child fill out the screener in school during the week of April 7.

- For more information about this MCPS initiative, please see the parent information session here:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WtrkMPAyNoVJdnm51QwOIH7wwOJaEwnq>

New: Calling all Clarksburg and Damascus Community Members!!!

Clarksburg, Damascus, and NINE other clusters will be included in an upcoming MCPS Boundary Study that will evaluate current middle school and high school boundaries and the special programs within them.

The Clarksburg and Damascus Cluster Coordinators will host a Boundary Study information zoom on March 31 @ 7:00 PM to provide an overview of why this study is being conducted and why it's IMPORTANT for our respective communities to stay aware and to engage. Elementary families should also take time to join this zoom session because any changes that are made as a result of this upcoming study will directly impact your future middle school and high school students.

Join the Boundary Study info session hosted by the Clarksburg and Damascus clusters on March 31 @ 7P via zoom:


<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89498068439?pwd=gLJFrSckU1mOugbppnrLHmb2MkaBgd.1>

STEM Fair on 04/24

The Snowden Farm Elementary School PTA is holding the 4th STEM Fair which will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 24th, 2025!

We would like to 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 be exploring 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!

- Additional information:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HTYupfboT8e8xxSY9PTPNA1VvqqHi4Df/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110802930161494523079&rtpof=true&sd=true
 -  STEM Fair Sign 2025.docx

- Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48ADAC2FA5FD0-55592087-snowden> no later than 4/18/2025.
- Just 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! We need more volunteers! Just send an email to Alex (Ruoqiu) Wu, at vp1@sfespta.org.

Online Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open!

Do you, a neighbor, or a friend have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1? MCPS kindergarten online enrollment is now open! Early enrollment helps us plan for the upcoming school year, so please register as soon as possible. Click the link below for step-by-step instructions. Simply create a ParentVUE account (or log in if you already have an MCPS student enrolled) and upload the required documents. Thank you for enrolling early. We appreciate your support!

- <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/kindergarten/>

Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are now for sale, \$25 for soft cover and \$30 for hard cover. Please visit shop.yearbookmarket.com/snowdenfarmelementary to purchase one.

Volunteers Needed to Support Our PTA

We need volunteers to chair many of our PTA sponsored events this year. Please visit our [Committee/Volunteers site](#).

Below is a tentative listing of our events for the year, but we need your help! We need chairs and volunteers to organize and execute our events. Without your help, we simply cannot offer the beloved events that our students look forward to.

Please send an email to info@sfespta.org to chair an event or non-event.

You will have the support of the PTA board to assist you every step of the way!

Events: Grandparents Day; Spelling Bee; Heritage Night; Geography Bee; Pastries with Parents; STEM Fair

Volunteer Opportunities to Strengthen Our Community:

- **Communications** - Communications are critical in seeking event volunteers and keeping our Stallion families informed of upcoming events and opportunities. We are specifically looking for someone to manage our membership email listing and monthly newsletter.
- **Yearbook** - The Stallion yearbook is a treasure each year to our students and a hot commodity. The PTA needs a yearbook coordinator starting at the beginning of the year. Much of the yearbook work is done at home at a time that's convenient.
- **Photography** - We need photographers to attend PTA and school events throughout the year to take pictures for our yearbook.
- **Teacher Appreciation**- We need a coordinator for those times where we show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated. Coordinating breakfast and lunches throughout the year

Key Dates:

- 03/31- No School for Students
- 04/01- Spring Portraits and Class Pictures
- 04/03- Curriculum Night

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune