

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to the PTA and to everyone who helped make our staff feel so appreciated this week. Your efforts made a meaningful difference, and our team truly enjoyed every moment.

Last week, we had a serious incident where a student brought a pocket knife into a classroom. One of the students immediately notified the substitute teacher who confiscated the pocket knife.

The school has followed all required protocols, which include reporting the incident to all necessary offices and agencies. Consequences for the student involved will be assigned in accordance with the MCPS Student Code of Conduct. Throughout the incident, our staff remained vigilant and committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students.

This information was shared with the impacted classroom last week, but we want to take this opportunity to ask for your partnership and support. Please help ensure that students do not bring any items to school that violate our policies, as outlined in the [MCPS Student Code of Conduct](#) and [MCPS Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Career Day on May 9th: Volunteers Needed!

Calling all adults with interesting careers! We are excited to host Snowden Farm's 2nd Annual Career Day on the morning of Friday, May 23, and we would love your help.

- Please fill out the [short survey here](#) to indicate your interest by Friday, May 9.
- We will be in touch with more information once we have reviewed responses.
- Thank you for volunteering!

New: Geography Bee

Back by popular demand for year two...the Geography Bee. If your child has an insatiable thirst for geographic knowledge then register them for this fun event.

- This is NOT a qualifier for a regional or national event similar to the Spelling Bee.
- However, the two winners - one from Kindergarten-2nd grade & one from 3rd-5th grade will receive a pretty cool trophy.
- Please sign-up here,
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New: Boundary Study and Programs Analysis Update**

Reminder: On May 8, during the Montgomery County Board of Education meeting, a presentation will be given providing the latest information on the Boundary Study Project for the new Crown and Damascus High School projects, as well as the new Woodward High School project. This meeting will provide insights into the engagement plan, including the announcement of dates for the next round of community engagements scheduled for late May and early June. During those upcoming engagement sessions, participants will have the opportunity to review and discuss early boundary options developed by the project vendor.

Additionally, MCPS Project Team members will share progress on the Secondary Program Analysis that is currently underway. Last week, you should have received an email with a [survey](#). We encourage everyone to participate and share input on what matters most to you regarding high school academic programs.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for further updates and visit our project websites for both the [Boundary Study](#) and [Program Analysis](#) projects, where you can find the latest information.

Spring Book Fair is May 12th-16th

Our Spring BOGO Book Fair will take place 5/12-5/16. Daily book fair hours are 8:00 AM-8:45 AM, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (Late hours will be on 5/13 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM).

We are in need of volunteers to work the book fair to help with processing sales and assisting students with their purchases.

- Please visit our [SignUp Genius link](#) to view the available slots. Most of the Day slots are still 8-10; 10-12; & 12-3 slots are still open
- Students who need SSL hours are welcome to volunteer but there needs to be an adult volunteer signed up for the same time slot.

Please visit our [book fair homepage](#) for more information. There is also a link to sign up for E-wallet which is a great way to provide money to your child to purchase items from the book fair.

- For those that have signed up for e-wallets in the past, remaining funds do not automatically move over from fair to fair. You need to log into your account and manually move those funds over to this book fair.

Pastries with Parents

PTA will be hosting breakfast for our students and their parents on Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th from 8:00 AM-8:30 AM in the all-purpose room. We will provide coffee, juice, donuts and fruit. It's also a great time to visit the book fair!

Please choose only one of the links below to RSVP no later than May 12th.

- [May 14, 2025 Link](#)
- [May 15, 2025 Link](#)

Volunteers are needed to help each morning (5/14 & 5/15) with this event.

- If you are able to volunteer please sign up at this [Sign up Genius link](#).
- We ask volunteers to show up at 7:45 AM to help with setup.


If we are not able to get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel the breakfast. We currently have only 1 volunteer signed up. If you have any questions, please email Eliana Saltares at vp2@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/>

6th Grade Summer Parent and Student Academy for Hallie Wells MS

- Register Now,  2025 Summer Academy Sign Up Flyer .pdf
- This is for incoming 6th-grade parents, caregivers, and students!
- June 24th 9:00 AM-11:30 AM or July 29th 12:00 PM-2:30 PM
- Think of our academy as an orientation to all things middle school!
- The mission of the Summer Academy is to bridge the gap between elementary and middle school by providing resources, support, and information.

Key Dates:

- 05/12-05/16- Book Fair
- 05/12-5th Grade group picture
- 05/14- Pastries for Parents and Patrol Picnic
- 05/15- Pastries for Parents
- 05/16- School wide meet-ups

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune