

Good Evening SFES Families,

It was a busy week with the book fair, our final meet-up, and promotion practice. Thank you to the PTA for organizing the book fair and for hosting two morning events that gave families a chance to enjoy breakfast and shop together.

Please remind your students that if they are going to ride a bike or scooter they need to wear a helmet!

### **Career Day on May 23rd: 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.
- We will be in touch with more information once we have reviewed responses.
- Thank you for volunteering!

### **Geography Bee on 05/29**

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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### **Toilet Paper and Paper Towels Rolls Needed for Field Day**

Stallions, we need your help! Field Day is coming up on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain dates on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>). We need as many toilet paper and paper towel rolls as possible.

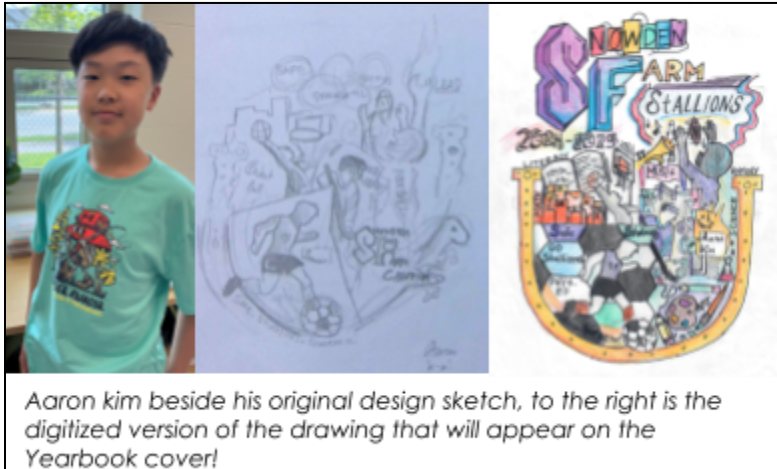
- If you would like to recycle these items to us, please send them in with your child or drop off in the main office.
- Thank you for your support! More information will be sent soon regarding volunteer sign-ups and supply donations.

### New: Help with Promotion, 5th Grade Shirts, and Yard Signs

- **Calling all families—especially our 4th grade parents!**
  - Our **5th Grade End-of-Year Celebration** is coming up on **Wednesday, June 11th**, and we're looking for volunteers and donated items to help make it a success! This is a great chance for **4th grade families** to get a glimpse of the fun tradition your child will enjoy next year.
  - If you're able to lend a hand or contribute an item, please click the link below to sign up and see how you can help. Thank you for supporting our students!
  - **Sign up here:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44A4AD29A0FE3-56848313-june>
- **Celebrating a 5th Grade Tradition: “Habits of a Champion” Artwork Contest**
  - We are excited to share the results of a beloved Snowden Farm Elementary School tradition! For the fourth year in a row, our 5th grade students were invited to participate in an annual original artwork contest. This year's theme, **“5th Graders: Habits of a Champion,”** was inspired by last summer's 2024 Olympic Games and challenged students to reflect on what it means to be champions—both in spirit and action.
  - In the fall, our 5th graders were asked to create designs that not only reflected the theme but also **represented the values we uphold at Snowden Farm: being Safe, Studious, and Synergetic**. We were thrilled to receive 21 incredible submissions, each showcasing our students' creativity, character, and school pride. [Click here to view all submissions.](#)
  - After all submissions were received, 5th grade students had the opportunity to vote for their favorite design. We are proud to announce that this year's winner was Aanya Nakka, a 5th grader in Mr. Douds' homeroom class! Aanya's thoughtful and dynamic design was digitized and has been proudly featured on our 5th grade t-shirts and will also appear on our 5th grade yard signs.
  - Additionally, we would like to recognize 5th grade student Aaron Kim from Mrs. Walsleben's class, who designed the cover for this year's yearbook using the same




inspiring theme. Aaron's creativity and attention to detail truly brought the "Habits of a Champion" to life on the cover that will commemorate this special year.



- Congratulations to Aanya, Aaron, and all of the talented students who participated in this year's contest!
- We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Stacy Figueiredo, our amazing art teacher, for her guidance throughout the design process. She worked closely with students during the initial drafts and provided valuable support to both Aanya and Aaron as they prepared their designs for final production.
- Yard Signs:
  - Families interested in purchasing a 5th grade yard sign for \$10 can find more details below. A portion of the proceeds supports our 5th grade end-of-year celebrations and promotion events. Click here to order a yard sign:
  - <https://sfpta.membershiptoolkit.com/store/18620>



Thank you for continuing to support our students and celebrate their many achievements. Go Snowden Farm Champions! Here is the link to the information above,

 Schoolwide Communication, week of 5/18

### **New: Caregiver Survey**

#### **Share Your Experience!**

We want to learn more about your family's experience in our schools. Your voice matters and helps us understand how students and families experience teaching, learning, and the school environment. Please take about 10 minutes to complete [this caregiver survey](#).

#### **Why is your feedback important?**

It helps us:

- Better understand the experiences of students and families,
- Recognize what's working well and where support may be needed,
- Ensure schools are welcoming, respectful, and inclusive for all.

#### **Will anyone at the school know who filled out the survey?**

- No. Your responses are confidential.

#### **How will the responses be used?**

- School and district leaders will review the feedback to understand family and student experiences and inform planning and decision-making for the upcoming school year.

### **New: Additional Boundary Study Engagement Sessions Soon**

In case you missed it, MCPS will be hosting additional boundary study engagement sessions.

We invite you to participate in the upcoming engagement sessions focused on the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School, the opening of Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School. These sessions will cover the initial options for each study and share how potential changes may affect families with middle and high school students beginning in the 2027 school year.

There are multiple dates and ways to engage in these sessions. For more information, dates and locations, visit the boundary study website at [mcpsmd.info/BoundaryStudy](https://mcpsmd.info/BoundaryStudy).

Project staff will share the process and the data that explain the formulation of these initial options. Note: Elementary school assignments do not change as part of this study.

### **New: Academic Programs Analysis - Survey Extended**


Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is conducting a study to ensure that high school students have equitable access to high-quality academic programs that reflect the needs of our student community, enabling them to thrive in their futures and meet the demands of tomorrow's workplace and industries. The changes made as part of this analysis will create a lasting foundation for many years, so we want to hear from all families, including those whose children are not yet in high school. Your feedback is very important to ensure that the needs of all students are considered. **As part of this effort, we invite all families to complete this short [survey](#). The survey will take no more than 5 minutes.**

### **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:**

- 05/20- 5th Grade MAP/ 4th Grade Reptile Wonders
- 05/21- 2nd Grade trip to South Mountain Creamery
- 05/23- Career Day
- 05/26- No School for Memorial Day
- 05/27- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Black Hills for Sefcik, Kirk, and Khazai
- 05/29- Geography Bee

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune