

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We just wrapped up a wonderful second week of school! Our students have been busy learning classroom routines, getting to know their teachers, and building new friendships. A big thank you to all the families who came out to Cluster Night at Clarksburg High School on Friday to walk the track with our school. Your school spirit and support help make our community so special!

New: Join Us for Back to School Night – Thursday, September 11th at 5:30 PM!

We are excited to welcome families to Back to School Night on Thursday, September 11th. The evening will begin with a PTA meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the APR. Families will also have the opportunity to visit with some of our local partners, explore your child's classroom and meet their teacher, hear from our specialists and counseling team, and learn about curriculum updates for the year ahead.

As you are planning your evening, please take a look below:

- **5:30-5:55 PM- PTA** meeting in the APR/ Cafeteria
- **6:00-6:25 PM: Rotation 1-** Please choose to visit either your child's classroom, the specialist and counseling team in the media center, the curriculum overview in the APR/ Cafeteria, or school partners outside in the front loop
- **6:30-6:55 PM: Rotation 2-** Please choose a different session to visit either your child's classroom, the specialist and counseling team in the media center, the curriculum overview in the APR/ Cafeteria, or school partners outside in the front loop
- **7:00-7:25 PM: Rotation 3-** Please choose a different session to visit either your child's classroom, the specialist and counseling team in the media center, the curriculum overview in the APR/ Cafeteria, or school partners outside in the front loop

We look forward to seeing you there and partnering together for a fantastic school year!

New: Spirit Fridays

We are excited to bring some spirit and fun to Snowden Farm! On Fridays of this month, we will have a *Fun Friday spirit day* with a theme each week. See below for the schedule:

- Friday, September 12th – Sports Day: Come wearing your favorite team's gear!
- Friday, September 19th – School Spirit Day: Come wearing your Snowden Farm gear or purple and blue
- Friday, September 26th – Pajama Day: Come wearing your comfy pajamas for the early release day!

New: Join the PTA

Join the PTA to become an integral part of your child's elementary school experience.

- Fill out the membership form online,
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDsSE-8w/viewform?usp=preview>
- Pay Dues
 - Pay online via Zelle: treasurer@sfespta.org
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

Car Rider Updates

Thank you all for your patience as we continue to refine and improve our car rider process.

- To help us move the cars along in a timely manner, please stay in your vehicle at all times and continue to move forward as we are loading students.
- If you need to assist your child with getting into a booster/car seat, please pull forward to the front of the line to continue to allow the cars to pass through or please find a place to park your car.
- To assist with safety, students should exit or enter out of the passenger side door.

New: Important Information from MCPS

New: Next Round of Boundary Study Options Meetings Set for October

The MCPS community is invited to participate in upcoming public information meetings for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School boundary study and the opening of Crown High School and the expansion of the Damascus High School boundary study. In these sessions, the next round of proposed boundary options for the 2027-2028 school year will be presented, including accompanying maps, articulation patterns, data tables and an interactive map tool. MCPS will also share surveys for each boundary study so that attendees can provide meaningful feedback after exploring the options and accompanying resources. See the opportunities to attend a virtual or in-person session.

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[MCPS Boundary Study webpage](#)

New: Honoring Our Best, Building What's Next

MCPS is proposing a transformative new model for our local and regional programs, launching in the 2027-2028 school year. This vision marks a fundamental shift from a model of scarcity to one of abundance, ensuring all students have direct access to the outstanding opportunities they deserve. [Read more.](#)

[Informational One-pager](#)

New: Remind, ParentSquare, ParentVUE—What's the Difference?

We know that you may still have questions about the different platforms for school communication. We've created [this resource](#) to help clarify the difference and answer your questions. Additional resources and guides can be found on the [Technology Information and Support for Parents webpage](#).

New: Help Shape Next Year's School Calendar—Share Your Input!

MCPS is seeking input as it works to develop the 2026-2027 school calendar. Please complete this [survey](#) to share your feedback. Your input represents an important component of the development process. The survey will close on Tuesday, Sept. 30. [Take it today!](#)

New: Have You Submitted Your Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) Application Yet?

[Apply online for meal benefits today!](#) A new FARMS application must be completed every school year. MCPS encourages all families who may be eligible to apply. Please submit the online FARMS application through [MySchoolApps](#) (translations are available). Only one application is needed for all students in a household. For more information, visit the Division of Food and Nutrition Services [website](#).

New: Registration Now Open for Saturday School

Registration for the George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Inc., also known as [Saturday School](#), is open for the 2025–2026 school year. Saturday School provides K–12 academic support programs in math and English/Language Arts. There are in-person and virtual options. Saturday School's opening session is Sept. 20; the first tutoring session is Sept. 27. The curriculum is aligned with MCPS and is taught by certified teachers.

The annual cost is \$85 and \$40 for families eligible for Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS). [Registration and more](#)

New: Ignite your Future with the Girls With Impact

Interested in building your public speaking skills or growing as a leader? MCPS is partnering with Girls With Impact to offer MCPS young women in Grades 9–12 a free 10-week course in business, leadership and entrepreneurship. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 29. [Learn more and sign up today](#). [Read](#) how this program impacted the lives of three students.

Additional Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- [25-26 Supply List](#)
- [Menus - Department of Food & Nutrition Services - Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD](#)
- School Cash Online- <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Maryland Anonymous Tip Line - 1-833-632-7233- Report threats or situations that put your safety, or others' safety, at risk.
- In Case You Missed It:
 - [Refrigerator Curriculum](#): See what your children will be learning each marking period.
 - [Enhanced Security Protocol](#): MCPS is using the [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#) to respond to emergencies and crisis situations. Schools will review safety procedures, share resources and conduct drills to ensure preparedness. Students will also see SRP posters displayed in school.
 - [Don't Forget Your Immunizations!](#): There are requirements for grades K, 7, 9 and students new to MCPS.
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Remind, ParentSquare, ParentVUE](#): What's the difference?
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): [Read the revised document](#) and [watch the video](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- Thursday, September 11th-PTA Meeting at 5:30 and Back to School Night starting at 6:00 PM
- Monday, September 15th- Stallion Meet Ups
- Wednesday, September 17th- Flannel and Flapjacks in 2nd grade
- Tuesday, September 23rd- Non-instructional Day for Staff and Students

- Wednesday, September 24th- 3rd Grade Tea Party
- Friday, September 26th- Early Release

We are so grateful for your continued partnership and can't wait for the exciting weeks ahead

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal