

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

Thank you for an amazing week of learning and participation in Mental Health Awareness Spirit Week! Our students and staff had a great time showing their spirit, learning about the importance of mental health, and supporting one another.

A special thank you to all the families who joined us for Family Zumba. Your participation truly helps make our school community so special.

Updated: Book Fair Information and Volunteers are NEEDED

Fall Book Fair week is HERE! If your schedule allows, please click on the [Sign-Up Genius](#) for Volunteer Slots being offered every day of the Book Fair; 8am-10am, 10am-12pm, 3-5pm, and a few special late night slots from 5-7pm. Kicking off tomorrow, Monday, November 10th (Preview Day) - Tuesday, November 18th, we have many books and fun accessories for you to enjoy.

- If you would like to create an E-wallet account to provide money for your child to purchase items from the Book Fair, please create a profile at the Scholastic website [here](#).
 - 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.

Updated: GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

TOMORROW (November 10th) is the [last day to register](#) for the Grandparents/Special Friend(s) Day Breakfast!

- This event will be taking place on Thursday, November 13th and Friday, November 14th from 8am-8:45am 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 select only one day, not both dates.

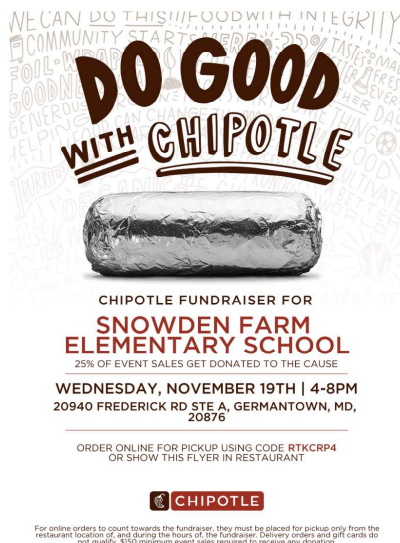
New: Fall Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their progress, and discuss goals for the next quarter. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time using the link shared by your child's teacher. We look forward to partnering with you to support your child's continued growth and success!

- [+](#) Links for Conference Sign-up for 2025- 2026
- Helpful hints for [Parent–Teacher Conferences](#)

New: 5th Grade Fundraisers

We hope that you will consider supporting the Snowden Farm Fifth Grade Class of 2026 by choosing to eat dinner at the **Germantown Chipotle on Wednesday, November 19 from 4-8pm**. A portion of the sales from this fundraiser will go towards the 5th grade end of year promotion and celebration activities. Be sure to let your cashier know that you are supporting Snowden Farm Elementary.



Additionally, we are also holding a school-wide **Double Good Fundraiser from November 18th- November 22nd**. Please use the QR code to place an order quickly and easily. This fundraiser was very successful last year, and we hope to have just as much success this year. Feel free to share this flyer with your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and extended family members.



On behalf of 5th grade, we thank you in advance for your support by participating in either or both of these upcoming fundraisers.

New: SFES Heritage Night "Around the World in One Night" on 12/17

We are excited to invite our school community to celebrate the incredible diversity that makes our families so special! Heritage Night is an annual tradition where families host tables that highlight their culture, traditions, and heritage.

Please check out the signup genius to indicate whether your family/student would like to...

Do a Cultural Dance/Instrumental Performance 🦺🥁

- 3-5 minute MAX dance/musical performance that REPRESENTS your culture

Host a table display of your culture:

- Traditional foods or recipes 🍲 (add a card with a list of main ingredients)
- Clothing 👗
- Photos, artifacts, crafts, or games 🎨
- Fun facts about your country or region 🌍

Heritage Night Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AF2EA1F8C43-59548611-sfes>

Stallion Pride Sweatshirts

We have a new sweatshirt available in both Youth and Adult Sizes! They are all sport grey. Looking forward to seeing everyone showing their Stallion Pride!

- Available for pre-order until November 21, 2025. Sweatshirts will be delivered before Winter Break.
- <https://sfepa.membershiptoolkit.com/store/20329>

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

New: Important Information from MCPS

New: Now You Know (Video Series): Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Nov. 24-25 and are a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is doing — academically and socially. For questions you can ask and tips to help you prepare, [read more](#).

- Watch in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Amharic](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#)

New: Report Cards Coming Nov. 7

Report cards for the first marking period will be available in [ParentVue](#) by 5 p.m. on Nov. 7.

- [Here are the step-by-step directions for accessing report cards and interim progress reports on ParentVue](#).
- Report cards are sent home via backpack with all students for the first three marking periods; the final report card of the year is mailed to students' homes. For the first quarter, parents can expect report cards by Nov. 12. [Read more](#).

New: On Our Way to Four or More by 2035

MCPS continues to demonstrate strong academic momentum, according to the 2024–2025 Maryland School Report Card released by the Maryland State Department of Education. Of the 200 MCPS schools included in the performance evaluation, 95.5% earned a rating of three stars or higher, significantly outpacing the statewide average of 86%. This year, 53.5% of schools obtained a 4-star or 5-star rating (the highest rating), marking a robust 3.5 percentage-point increase over the 2023–2024 school year results. [Read more.](#)

New: Families: Know Your Rights

MCPS schools are and will always remain safe places where every child — regardless of immigration status — is welcomed, valued, affirmed, validated, respected and loved. MCPS has distributed guidance to school staff on protocol in the event immigration officers come to school. The district is now providing further guidance to assist staff and other adults who support extracurricular activities, such as clubs, childcare and athletics. [Read more.](#)

New: MCPS Cross-Functional Teams Supporting School Success

Every school community has its own strengths and challenges, and no single solution fits all. That's why Superintendent Thomas Taylor launched **MCPS Cross-Functional Teams**: groups of school-focused subject specific experts who work directly with schools and clusters to provide coordinated, customized support to advance and strengthen teaching, learning and school operations.

These teams include specialists in leadership, equity, special education, multilingual learning, literacy and math, human resources and safety. [Watch this short video](#) to see how these collaborative teams are helping schools build stronger systems of support and drive continuous improvement across the district.

New: How Do the Changes to SNAP Affect School Meals?

Students directly certified for free meals under Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will continue to receive meal benefits for the rest of the 2025-2026 school year. Students newly eligible for SNAP benefits when their applications are processed will also qualify for free school meals this school year. Parents/guardians who are furloughed can apply for Free and Reduced-price Meals for their children [here](#). [Read more.](#)

New: Board Accepting Public Feedback on Capital Improvements Plan through Nov. 10

The Board of Education is inviting community members to share feedback on the superintendent's recommended Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Comments received by noon on Monday, Nov. 10, will be posted on BoardDocs and distributed to all Board members and leadership staff. [Read more](#) about how to submit video or written comments.

Additional Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [At-Home Student Device Request](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- Food Assistance: Call Manna's main office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm, at (301) 424-1130.
- [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.
 - [Register for Saturday School](#). The tutoring sessions are available to students in K-12 in math and English/Language Arts and have in-person and virtual options.
 - MCPS welcomes volunteers! [Here's how to do it](#).
- 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

- 11/10- Fall Book Fair (PTA)/ Stallion Meet Ups and Federal Workers Dinner at HWES
- 11/11-11/18- Fall Book Fair, hours will be dependent on volunteers
- 11/13- Grandparents/ Special Friend Day at the Bookfair
- 11/14- Grandparents/ Special Friend Day at the Bookfair and Friendsgiving Parties for K-2

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe and caring school environment for all students.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal