

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We hope you had a wonderful and restful winter break filled with joy, time with loved ones, and special moments.

Check out [January's Enrichment Choice Board here](#) for family enrichment opportunities!

We are excited to welcome students and families back to school on **January 5th**. As we begin this next part of the school year, we look forward to reconnecting with our students and continuing our learning together.

New: Message from MCCPTA:
Join us for a Clarksburg Cluster Town Hall for Boundary Study

Boundary changes are coming. Join us on January 7, 2026 for a Clarksburg Town Hall at Hallie Wells MS media center from 6:30-7:30 PM ([or join via zoom](#)).

- If you plan to join via Zoom, use this [link](#) or enter meeting ID/passcode at <https://zoom.us/join>
- Meeting ID: 853 1939 6134
Passcode: 496179

Please also take a few minutes to fill out this [important survey](#). We look forward to seeing you on January 7th!

Health Room Updates

Students are not permitted to have prescription medications, over-the-counter medications (cough drops/candies), ointments, lotions, homeopathic pills, or home remedies in school without the appropriate form (see below) filled in by their doctor. Parents must bring the form and the medication to the health room. FORMS AND MEDICATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SENT IN TO SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENT.

This is the link for the form to have a medication kept in the school for daily or as-needed use:
<https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/525-13.pdf>

This is the link for the form to have an epipen kept in the school if the student has severe allergies:

- <https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/525-14.pdf>

The Spelling Bee

We are excited to announce our upcoming SFES Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee. **Dates are as follows:**

- Kindergarten & 1st - 1/27/26
- 2nd & 3rd - 1/28/26
- 4th & 5th - 1/29/26

The top three spellers from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will advance to a school-level competition on February 4, and the winner of that round will go on to compete in the Scripps National Regional Spelling Bee.

Please be sure to carefully read the directions on the [SignUpGenius](#) when signing up your student. We look forward to cheering on all of our spellers!

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

Check Out Additional Boundary Study Options and Share Your Feedback

A reminder that families should check out the additional options on the Woodward/Northwood and Crown/Damascus boundary studies. These options (added on Dec. 1, 2025) are in addition to the current options A–D available on the boundary study webpages, so please take a look and share your feedback on a survey by Friday, Jan. 9.

- [Options on Woodward/Northwood](#)
- [Woodward/Northwood Boundary Study Survey](#)
- [Options on Crown/Damascus](#)
- [Crown/Damascus Boundary Study Survey](#)

Boundary Study Webpage

Parent Academy Workshops Jan. 6 and Jan. 14

Parents are encouraged to check out two virtual [Parent Academy To Go workshops](#) coming in January. Parent Academy *TO GO* informs and empowers families as advocates and partners in their children's education. Upcoming sessions are:

- Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6-7 p.m., Saturday School Spotlight: Boosting Skills, Building Confidence
- Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6-7 p.m., Nature as Classroom: Inside the Smith Environmental Experience

If you are unable to join a Parent Academy workshop, visit the [MCPS YouTube channel](#) for recorded sessions. [Learn more.](#)

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

- Monday, January 5th- School Resumes
- Monday, January 12th- Stallion Meet-up
- Thursday, January 15th- **Game Night**

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and successful start to the new year.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal