

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We had a wonderful week of learning and growth as we reached the midpoint of Quarter Three! Our students continue to work hard, stay curious, and show pride in their accomplishments. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm they bring to school each day.

This upcoming week, we are excited to celebrate Read Across America with a fun-filled Spirit Week! Students are invited to participate in our themed dress-up days as we celebrate the joy of reading. We will also have a special Read Aloud Day on Thursday, where we'll come together to share great stories and foster our love of books.

Please see below for the daily spirit themes and join us in making it a fantastic week of reading and school spirit!

### **Snacks for State Testing**

State testing is coming up in March (MISA- 5th grade only) and in April (ELA and Math MCAP- grades 3-5). We like to provide snacks for students upon completion of each section of each assessment when possible to help encourage students to try their best. We would love any and all snack donations to further this cause! We appreciate it if you are able to bring/send snacks to the main office clearly labeled TESTING starting on March 2nd so we can offer to students taking the MISA the week of March 9th. Thank you in advance to anyone able to support!

- Please see the sign up genius link for more information as well as places to sign up.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AEA92BA7F5C70-62469545-misa>

### **New: Stallions Got Talent: Final Call for Auditions**

There are still a few audition slots left for Wednesday, March 4th if your student would like to join our show! Use the [Sign-Up Genius](#) to secure your spot; no more than 30 entries will be permitted and performances must be under 2 minutes.

- The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, March 12th, and the show is Friday, March 13th.
- Please ensure you can attend all three evening dates before confirming participation.
- Please complete the two forms that may be found on the Sign-Up Genius link and bring these to the Auditions!

### **New: Hearing & Vision Volunteers**

Hearing and vision testers will be in the building Monday 3/9, Tuesday 3/10 and Wednesday 3/11. We need parent volunteers to escort individual students or small groups of students to the hearing and vision testing area, waiting with the student(s) during testing and returning the

student(s) to the classroom when testing is complete. We would like two volunteers each morning (8:45am-12pm) and two volunteers each afternoon (11:45am-3pm).

- Can you help? Our teachers and health room staff would greatly appreciate it!
  - Please [sign up here](#) to volunteer.
- Please make sure you have completed the online volunteer training which can be found here:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-engagement/volunteers/>

### **New: 🍕🎉 Pizza for a Purpose! 🎉🍕**

Mark your calendars for March 11th from 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM and join us at Manhattan Pizza for a delicious way to support our amazing 5th graders!

On this special day, 20% of all sales will go directly toward the 5th Grade class to support their promotion activities. Whether you grab takeout or order delivery, your meal will help us get closer to our fundraising goal.

So take a break from cooking, treat your family to lunch or dinner, and enjoy your favorite salad, pizza, pasta, and more — all while making a difference!

- 📅 March 11
- 🕒 11 AM – 10 PM
- 📍 Manhattan Pizza, Clarksburg
- 🚗 Delivery & Takeout Included
- **Every slice supports our 5th graders — we can't wait to see you there!** 🍕🌟

### **Career Day on 03/24- Volunteers Needed**

Calling all adults with interesting careers! We are excited to host Snowden Farm's 3rd Annual Career Day on the morning of Tuesday, March 24, and we would love your help. Please fill out the [short survey here](#) to indicate your interest by Sunday, March 1. We will be in touch with more information once we have reviewed responses. Thank you for volunteering!

### **Live Math Challenge on 04/07**

SFES will be hosting a LIVE Math Challenge event on Tuesday, 4/7/26 from 5:30-7:30 (includes check in) in the cafeteria. The cost is \$26, and Snowden will receive a portion of the cost back to support the math challenge program. Registration is open for Snowden students only for now, but in 1 week we will open up to other schools to fill open spots.

- The final day to register is 3/6, but once all spots are filled, registration will close, so don't hesitate to sign up now if interested! Direct Registration Link:  
[https://ellipsisacademy.as.me/schedule/0e72bdaa/?appointmentTypeIds\[\]=86714565](https://ellipsisacademy.as.me/schedule/0e72bdaa/?appointmentTypeIds[]=86714565)
- *If the fee is a hardship for any families, the PTA has graciously agreed to help financially support students - please email me at [Erin\\_E\\_Kleinman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Erin_E_Kleinman@mcpsmd.org) to coordinate this!*

### **Kindergarten Registration Now Open**

For the 2026-2027 school year, [kindergarten registration](#) is now open and being held online through the [ParentVUE portal](#). Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2026 are eligible. If your family is new to MCPS, you will need to create a ParentVue account [here](#). After creating an account, you will be prompted to register when you first log in.

Registration sessions will be held in person beginning Monday, March 16. Schools will share further information about kindergarten registration with families. Early entrance to kindergarten and first grade opens on Monday, March 9.

### **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/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDSE-8w/viewform?usp=preview>
- Pay Dues
  - Pay online via Zelle: [treasurer@sfespta.org](mailto:treasurer@sfespta.org)
  - Individual Membership \$20
  - Family Membership \$40
  - Staff Membership \$15

### **New: Important Information from MCPS**

#### **New: Prekindergarten and Head Start Fall Registration Now Open**

Prekindergarten and Head Start registration for the 2026–2027 school year is open online. Free prekindergarten is available to income-eligible families with children who will be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2026.

Parents can [apply online](#) or in-person at [community locations during March](#). Families may also visit the Prekindergarten/Head Start office at 4910 Macon Road in Rockville, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information on free programs located in public and private settings, visit the [MCPS Prekindergarten/Head Start website](#) or call 240-740-4530.

### **Don't Forget**

- Interims available March 6: We are closer to the halfway point of the third marking period. The recent weather events have impacted the number of days in the first half of the marking period. As a result, the interim due date for teachers to enter grades has been adjusted to Tuesday, March 3. [Read more](#).
- Board Work Sessions Scheduled on Boundary Studies
  - The Board of Education is holding work sessions on a [modified version of Option B](#) for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward and a [modified version of Option H](#) for the relocation of Thomas S. Wootton High School to Crown Farm in early and mid-March. [Read more](#).
  - Watch previous public hearings:
    - [Feb. 23, Crown/Damascus boundary study](#)
    - [Feb. 24, Woodward/Northwood boundary study](#)
- [“If I Were Mayor” Essay Contest](#): Fourth grade students are invited to participate in the “If I Were Mayor, I Would ...” essay contest from the Maryland Municipal League. Deadline: Thursday, March 5.
- Maryland Center for School Safety’s [Prepare 2026 Art Showcase](#) : This year’s theme, Future Ready Schools, calls on student artists in Grades 3-12 to share their perspectives on what school safety means to them. Deadline: Sunday, May 31.

### **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, March 2nd- Friday, March 6th- National Read Across America Week/ Spirit Week
- Monday, March 2nd- 5th Grade Family Life Meeting at 6:30 via Zoom
- Wednesday, March 4th- Stallions Got Talent Auditions 5:30- 8:00
- Thursday, March 5th- Read Aloud Day

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal