

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

Thank you for helping make our Read Across America Spirit Week such a wonderful success! It was wonderful to see so many students excited about reading and participating in the fun spirit days throughout the week. Your support in helping your children take part truly helped create a joyful celebration of books and literacy across our school.

A very special thank you goes out to our guest readers, including our cluster principals, parents, and community members, who took the time to visit classrooms and share their love of reading with our students. Your participation made the experience even more meaningful and memorable for our children.

We would also like to remind families to please use the school car drop-off line during morning arrival. This helps ensure students can exit vehicles safely and do not need to cross through the parking lot.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us foster a love of reading and in keeping our school community safe.

New: MISA Testing this Week for 5th Grade Only

As the Spring season approaches, so does our testing season! Next week, 5th graders will be taking the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment in their classes. This standardized assessment assesses students' knowledge on science concepts taught throughout their elementary years. 5th grade parents, please have students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and try their best on the assessment. We appreciate your support with this!

Hearing & Vision Volunteers on 03/09 and 03/10

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/>

 **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!** 🍕 ✨

New: Stallions Got Talent Show on 03/13!

We've got dancers, tumblers, singers, musicians, comedians, puppeteers and more! Come out this Friday, March 13th at 6pm to support your peers at the Stallions Got Talent Show. Entrance is free, and there will be concessions sold at intermission. We hope 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!

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>

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/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDsSE-8w/viewform?usp=preview>
- Pay Dues
 - Pay online via Zelle: treasurer@sfspta.org
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

New: Important Information from MCPS

New: Lace Up for a Cause: Superintendent's Shuffle Coming April 11

Mark your calendars and lace up your sneakers! The first-ever [Superintendent's Shuffle](#) is coming to Bohrer Park on Saturday, April 11.

Join us for a morning of community and movement in support of the MCPS Educational Foundation's Dine with Dignity Campaign to help eliminate student meal debt.

Registration starts at \$30 and includes a race bib, T-shirt and event-day activities. [Learn more and sign up!](#)

New: Special Education Services—Extended School Year (ESY) Summer 2026 Update

To better support special education student learning, Montgomery County Public Schools will increase the Extended School Year (ESY) instructional day from 4 hours to 6 hours for Summer 2026 Monday through Thursday. Families of students enrolled in ESY summer services for Summer 2026 will receive information directly from their individual schools as planning continues.

Please note that schools and offices will be closed on Fridays during the summer programming. Additional information regarding transportation and ESY program sites will be shared as it becomes available. We will continue to provide updates as plans are finalized.

ESY Summer 2026 Program Overview

- [ESY Brochure English](#)
- [ESY Brochure አማርኛ \(Amharic\)](#)
- [ESY Brochure 中文 \(Chinese\)](#)
- [ESY Brochure Français \(French\)](#)
- [ESY Brochure 한국어 \(Korean\)](#)
- [ESY Brochure Español \(Spanish\)](#)
- [ESY Brochure Việt Nam \(Vietnamese\)](#)

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

- [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.schoolcashionline.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](#)
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): [Read the revised document](#) and [watch the video](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, March 9th- 5th Grade MISA 9:15 - 10:15 and Hearing and Vision K/1&New Students
- Tuesday, March 10th- 5th Grade MISA 9:15 - 10:15 and Hearing and Vision K/1&New Students
- Wednesday, March 11th- 5th Grade MISA 9:15 - 10:15, Hearing and Vision K/1&New Students, and Manhattan Pizza Fundraiser
- Thursday, March 12th- 5th Grade MISA 9:15 - 10:15
- Friday, March 13th- 5th Grade MISA 9:15 - 10:15 and Stallions Got Talent

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal