

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students did an excellent job finishing up their MCAP testing this week. We are so proud of their hard work, focus, and perseverance throughout the testing period.

Our 5th graders also took their class picture this week. A special milestone as they prepare for the end of their elementary journey. In addition, our safety patrols enjoyed attending the patrol picnic, which was a well-deserved celebration of their leadership and service.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Cookies and Milk event on Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many of you there! We extend our sincere appreciation to our PTA for organizing both the event and the Book Fair, to our staff for sharing their love of reading, and to our families for your continued support.

We would also like to congratulate our Girls on the Run team for participating in their 5K this weekend. What an incredible accomplishment!

Thank you for your continued partnership in making our school such a positive and supportive community.

Spring BOGO Book Fair on 05/16-05/20

We have a few more days of the Scholastic BOGO (Buy One, Get One free) Book Fair! Sales will continue through Wednesday, May 20th until 5pm.

Geography Bee is coming on 06/03

Please mark your calendars for the Geography Bee, taking place Wednesday, June 3rd. More information will be forthcoming!

Save the Date: Field Day on June 8th and 9th!

Field Day is always a highlight of the year, and we'll need your help to make it a success! We are looking for family volunteers to donate time, tents, and supplies. Please mark your calendars:

- June 8th: Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 4th Grade
- June 9th: 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade
- Please use this link to sign-up as a **volunteer** and/or **donate** for Field Day:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CAAAB22A4FF2-64083973-2026>

Please reach out to Allison Pena or Danielle Luckett with any questions.

**Chinese Language and Culture After School Learning Program on Thursdays from
05/07-06/04**

The Chinese After School Program is specifically designed for elementary students, aiming to ignite their passion for Mandarin Chinese through a vibrant, immersive environment. We provide interactive language learning, and cultural arts & activities, focused on essential vocabulary & communication. We believe that learning a language is more than just mastering vocabulary; it is about opening a window to a diverse world.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g7KfPuT4MZN3N48xZMQxV64MRYAIDDuj/view?usp=sharing>
- Please return permission slips to the main office.

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@sfespta.org
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

New: Important Information from MCPS

myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) Cybersecurity Update –System Operating Safely

myMCPS Classroom (Canvas) is now fully operational, including the restoration of the grade syncing to the MCPS student information systems. This is important because it means there will be no impact on end-of-year grading or report cards.

To support teachers following last week's nationwide cybersecurity incident impacting Canvas, MCPS has extended the teacher grade submission deadline to Monday, May 18, 2026. Family access to Canvas should now be fully restored.

MCPS technology teams continue to monitor systems closely, and the vendor, Instructure, has confirmed that data has been secured and that systems are safe. We want to sincerely thank our students, staff, families, and especially our MCPS technology staff for their patience, flexibility, and hard work as we navigated this cybersecurity incident together. Should families need support with MCPS technology, visit the Community Tech Support portal page at <https://montgomery.service-now.com/csm>, and if you have a question, submit an email to communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org. For more Instructure updates, visit their site: [Security Incident Update & FAQs | Instructure](#).

Updated ParentVue App Launches May 15

The ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps offer a new look and customized options. An upgraded version of the apps will be available on Friday, May 15. Parents will be prompted to update their ParentVUE mobile app. A step-by-step guide will explain all the new features, including notification preferences, enhanced account management and quick access for what you use most.

- [Watch the video](#).
- [Learn more](#). Spanish flyer - [New Parentvue App - SPANISH.pdf](#)

3rd Quarter Performance Letter—Check Your Inbox

As we near the end of the school year, we want to make sure your student stays on track. Families with students in kindergarten through grade 8, who are below grade level for math and/or reading received a letter from MCPS with that information and steps to take to get back on track. Note: A letter was sent only if your student is below grade level. Please check your email from MCPS to determine if a letter was sent to your family. If your family received a letter, you can call your child's school to discuss their progress and any additional plans or support needed.

Learn More About MCPS Summer Programs

[Registration for Summer School!](#): MCPS is offering the Ignite Middle School Academy, which will offer math and literacy at six sites. Register on [ParentVue](#). There is also in-person high school and virtual high school summer school. Check out College Essay Writing and Test Prep to

build student confidence and reduce test anxiety. Talk with your high school counselor to sign up.

Other Student Opportunities

- KID Museum is hosting a **free** Invent the Future Expo. The Expo will be held from 10 a.m.-2p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at 3 Bethesda Metro Center. [Register](#). [Flyer](#).
- KID Museum is offering upcoming opportunities for students, including summer camps and a free Invent the Future Expo. [Summer camps](#) are available for K–8th grade students from June 22–Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Invent the Future Expo will be held from 10 a.m.-2p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at 3 Bethesda Metro Center. [Register](#).
- **Montgomery Can Code**: This free weeklong summer camp is open to MCPS rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
 - **Learn more**: [English](#) / [español](#) / [中文](#) / [français](#) / [Português](#) / [한국어](#) / [tiếng Việt](#) / [አማርኛ](#)

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.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.
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Student Code of Conduct: Read the revised document and watch the video.](#)

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, 05/18- Book Fair
- Tuesday, 05/19- Book Fair, MAP testing, and 3rd Grade MD Science Center Field Trip

- Wednesday, 05/20- Book Fair and MAP testing
- Thursday, 05/21- Book Fair
- Monday, 05/25- No School
- Tuesday, 05/26- Asian American Assembly
- Wednesday, 05/27- No School for students and staff

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal