

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

Last week was a wonderful short week filled with meaningful learning experiences. We enjoyed a special AAPI Heritage Month assembly sponsored by our PTA, and our 4th grade students had an exciting field trip to Washington, D.C., where they brought their classroom learning to life.

We are looking forward to another great week ahead, including our final PTA meeting of the school year and the much-anticipated Geography Bee. Thank you for your continued support as we finish the year strong!

New: Semiquincentennial Lesson on 06/01

We are excited to share that our students will soon participate in a special lesson to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

This milestone is often called the "Semiquincentennial". Since the actual anniversary is on July 4th during summer break, the lesson will be taught in June so that all students can celebrate together before the school year ends. The lessons will be available on the MCPS Social Studies webpage.

The theme of the lesson is "Many Voices, One Nation". Your child will learn about:

- The Declaration of Independence and how the United States became its own Country.
- The different people who have shaped our nation's history from the past to the Present.
- How diverse voices help make our country what it is today.

The goal is to help students understand the birth of our nation and celebrate the many different people who are part of it.

Geography Bee and PTA meeting on 06/03

Please mark your calendars for the Geography Bee, taking place Wednesday, June 3rd.

- The evening will begin with the PTA meeting at 5:45 in the APR.
- Please sign-up using this link, [SFES: SNOWDEN FARM ES 3rd Annual GEOGRAPHY BEE](#)

Volunteers Needed for 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.

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/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDdsSE-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: Families Invited to Learn About Coming Math Changes

MCPS is moving to a new instructional model focused on building a stronger mathematical foundation and developing confident mathematical thinkers.

Beginning next year, MCPS will implement a [cluster model for mathematics instruction](#). Cluster grouping is designed to allow students to move into advanced learning opportunities as they become ready. Classes will be organized to reduce the broad range of instructional levels within a classroom, which will make it more manageable for teachers to plan instruction effectively, differentiate learning experiences, and provide timely support and enrichment for students.

This model will begin in 2026-2027 for Grade 4 students only, with additional grade levels the following year. If your child is a rising fourth grader, your school will be in touch soon to share details. MCPS will also host the following community meetings for families to learn more. All meetings are from 7-8:15 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 2, virtual
- Tuesday, June 9, Silver Creek Middle School, 3701 Saul Road, Kensington
- Tuesday, June 16, virtual

[Read the FAQs](#)

New: Check It Out! Booked for the Summer Digital Guide

As we head into the summer break in less than a month, MCPS wants students to stay engaged, active and fully supported. MCPS is excited to unveil Booked for the Summer, your digital guide to navigating the summer months!

What's inside?

- Academic Boosts: Fast access to summer learning programs like IGNITE Middle School Academy and Summer School.
- Community Fun: Direct links to the Montgomery County Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge and free activities in county parks.
- Wellness & Support: Information on summer meal sites and mental health resources to keep kids healthy and ready for the fall.

Now You Know — Updated ParentVUE & StudentVUE Apps

Are you currently using the ParentVUE or StudentVUE apps? If so, you already know that these are powerful apps — that are now even better after a recent update. The updates make it easier to quickly check grades, assignments, attendance, class schedules and school messages. There are also helpful new features, such as customizable push notifications, personalized settings and improved language options. Be sure to visit the App Store or Google Play to download or update your ParentVUE or StudentVUE app today!

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

Other Student Opportunities

- [American Heroes Student Art Contest](#): Students in Grades 3–12 are invited to celebrate America's 250th birthday by choosing a hero from the [provided list](#) and creating an original, handmade two-dimensional artwork and artist statement. Submissions are due Monday, June 1. [Learn more](#). 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.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.
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): Read the revised document and watch the video.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, 06/01- Semiquincentennial lesson and June Meet-up
- Wednesday, 06/03- PTA meeting and Geography Bee starting at 6:00 PM
- Friday, 06/05- 5th grade Open House
- Monday, 06/08- Field Day for K, 2nd, and 4th Grade
- Tuesday, 06/09- Field Day for 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade

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

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal