

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We had a wonderful week of learning at school! Ms. Brameyer and I truly enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing the great things happening across grade levels. It's always exciting to see our students engaged, curious, and working hard.

As a reminder, if your child rides a bike or scooter to school:

- Please ensure they are **wearing a helmet for safety.**
- We also ask that bikes and scooters be parked at the bike rack upon arrival, and that students ride slowly and carefully on school property, as many children and families are walking up to the building in the morning.

Additionally, **we ask that families remain with their children outside until 8:45 AM**, when our school doors open. Your support helps us keep all students safe and ensures a smooth start to the school day.

If you haven't had the chance yet, please take a few moments to complete our **feedback form**, <https://forms.gle/B1Ky5sWn4tzNUH1d7> so we can continue to improve and strengthen our school community.

New: MSDE Statewide Literacy Policy

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has adopted a statewide literacy policy to make sure every student builds strong reading and writing skills. Teachers at Snowden Farm will use evidence-based instruction grounded in the science of reading, focusing on phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Students who need extra help will be identified early and provided with additional support. Families will also receive updates and resources so they can support literacy growth at home.

- Please see the flyer for more information about this new policy,
 FINAL MSDE Literacy Policy email to Families ENGLISH.docx

Trunk or Treat on 10/24

Snowden Farm's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00 pm (rain date is Monday, 10/27). The parking lot (closest to the front entrance) will be available starting at 4:45pm for setup. Costumes are welcome!

If you would like to host a trunk, please sign up for a parking space for your vehicle in the [Sign-Up Genius](#). Spaces are first come first serve and PTA volunteers will be on-site to direct participants. It is recommended to bring 5-6 large bags of candy per entry. Attendees will be voting on the "Best Trunk" and the winner will receive a prize.

- If you are not able to host a trunk but are interested in donating candy, please drop bags off at the front office by 3pm on October 24th.
- Candy Donations are also available in the Sign-Up Genius, please indicate how many bags you plan on donating.
- Sign-Up Genius Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48A8A629A2F49-58976098-sfes#/>

Requesting an At-Home Device

Please use the link below to request an at-home device for your child. The media center staff at Snowden Farm does not monitor, assign, or swap at-home devices. This is handled through the MCPS technical support office at Central Office. If you have questions, please email communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org.

- [At-Home Student Device Request](#)

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

New: Student Code of Conduct Translations Now Available

The updated MCPS *Student Code of Conduct* is now available in multiple languages. This is an essential resource to help all of our families understand student expectations, rights, and responsibilities.

Take a moment to review the document in the language that best supports your family. Having this information accessible to everyone is one way we can work together to build a safe, respectful, and supportive school community.

- Visit the Website: You can find all translations on the Student Handbooks page here:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/rights/>

- Read the Document: Student Code of Conduct (Updated for 2025-2026)
 - [español](#) / [中文](#) / [français](#) / [Português](#) / [한국어](#) / [tiếng Việt](#) / [አማርኛ](#)
- Watch the Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf0XdI2mVbI>

Update on Academic Program Analysis, Region Realignment and Family Information Sessions

MCPS is taking important, coordinated steps to provide every student access to high-quality programs and learning opportunities — no matter where they live. The Academic Program Analysis and Boundary Studies are not separate efforts, but part of MCPS’ larger commitment to align planning and resources so students are challenged and ready for their future. Damascus High School (previously in Region 5) and Quince Orchard High School (previously in Region 6) will switch regions. [Read more](#) and learn [why this matters](#).

Boundary Study Options Meetings Begin Oct. 6

Join us for a boundary study options meeting in October. These public information meetings will offer the refined boundary options reflecting community input, for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School, the opening of Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School for the 2027-2028 school year. [See the meetings list](#).

Now You Know (VIDEO): Boundary Study and Programs Analysis

MCPS has important opportunities coming for you to share your voice and shape the future of our schools. First, there’s the Boundary Study, which will examine school boundaries to balance enrollment, use space effectively and ensure equitable access for every student. The district is also hosting virtual information sessions on the Academic Programs Analysis, a review of the proposed region's plan and programs, to provide each student access to programs that meet their needs. [Read more](#).

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

New: BlackRock Offers Free Arts Program to Elementary Students

BlackRock Center for the Arts is offering a free art and social/emotional learning class for students in kindergarten through 5th grade, starting this Saturday, Oct. 4 and running through Dec. 13.

- The class will combine art with literacy and vocabulary. [Learn more](#) and [register](#).
- BlackRock is located at 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown.

Additional Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- [25-26 Supply List](#)
- [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.
 - [Enhanced Security Protocol](#): MCPS is using the [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#) to respond to emergencies and crisis situations. Schools will review safety procedures, share resources and conduct drills to ensure preparedness. Students will also see SRP posters displayed in school.
 - **[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.](#)**
 - **[Free back-to-school immunizations are available through Sept. 30. Make an appointment.](#)**
- 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

- 10/06- Hispanic Heritage Assemblies
- 10/13- Stallion Monthly Meet-ups
- 10/17- School closed for students for professional development for staff

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school family — we couldn't do this work without you!

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal