

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

I hope you had a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving break. We are excited to welcome students back when school resumes on **Monday, December 1.**

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Friendsgiving celebrations, and a special thank-you to those who generously donated desserts for our staff.

As we move into colder weather, please remember to send your child to school with a **coat, hat, and gloves** each day so they can stay warm. We will be going out for Outdoor Recess as much as we can! We will send kids out for recess anytime the temperature is above 32 degrees (when factoring in wind chill). Please reach out to Ms. Luckett and Ms. Pena if you need any winter clothes!

Recess Runners for 4th and 5th Grade

Please complete this form,

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zlaSaMaICg2O9Kcaq9fsSbZHGpvNq41RKmE6JplOfhM/edit>

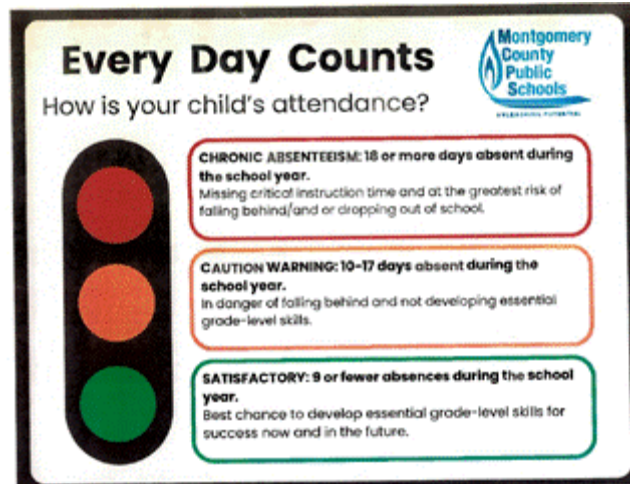
if you are interested in volunteering at 4th and 5th grade recess to help facilitate our new "Recess Runners" activity. Students will elect to participate by running or walking laps, as adults help them keep track of their total laps! The vision is to create a positive recess alternative to promote health and wellness in a fun way! Starting 12/5/25

Attendance Matters

If your student will be out of school around the next few school holidays, please be sure to let Mrs. Cardea, our attendance secretary, know (Sherrie_H_Cardea@mcpsmd.org).

For absences of ten or more days, MCPS policy states students must be unenrolled from school. Upon return, families need to submit proof of residency to the main office (Property Tax Bill or Current Lease). Every effort will be made to return the student to the classroom they left from, but enrollment is based on classroom numbers, and we cannot guarantee they'll be returned to their current classroom.

While unenrolled, students miss important class instruction. Work missed while unenrolled cannot be made up and grades will be affected. When students lose instructional time, it affects their ability to excel in school and being present in the classroom is imperative to their educational growth.



5th Grade Fundraisers

A great holiday gift is the gift of candies. If you or someone you know would love some candies for the holidays, we hope you may consider supporting the fifth grade class and place an order through [See's Candies](#) using the QR code in the flyer below. You can place an order now through Friday, December 5th. The order will be shipped directly to your home!

Snowden Farm
See's Candies Fundraiser
Support our 5th graders!
Orders accepted through December 5

Access our store:




Help raise funds for our 5th grade promotion celebration.
The products ship directly to you and make a great gift!

MCPS Climate Survey

The 2025–2026 Districtwide Culture and Climate Survey is now available, and we need to hear from you! Your feedback helps to ensure that every student and family in every school feels included, supported and ready to thrive. The survey is confidential and takes just a few minutes.

[Read more.](#)

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

[Take the survey.](#)



SFES Heritage Night "Around the World in One Night" on 12/17

We are excited to invite our school community to celebrate the incredible diversity that makes our families so special! Heritage Night is an annual tradition where families host tables that highlight their culture, traditions, and heritage.

Please check out the signup genius to indicate whether your family/student would like to...

Do a Cultural Dance/Instrumental Performance 🦸🏾‍♂️ 🥁

- 3-5 minute MAX dance/musical performance that REPRESENTS your culture

Host a table display of your culture:

- Traditional foods or recipes 🍲 (add a card with a list of main ingredients)
- Clothing 👗
- Photos, artifacts, crafts, or games 🎨
- Fun facts about your country or region 🌍

Heritage Night Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AF2EA1F8C43-59548611-sfes>

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

Engagement Sessions Set for Dec. 1-4 for Additional Boundary Options

MCPS is hosting a new round of engagement sessions on the Woodward/Northwood and Crown/Damascus boundary studies during the first week of December. Four will be virtual; two will be in person. Additional boundary options will be shared for each of the current boundary studies. These additional boundary options do not replace the current boundary options (A–D) that have already been released. [Read more](#).

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, December 8th- CoGat testing begins in 2nd grade
- Wednesday, December 11th- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Imagination Stage
- Thursday, December 12th- Winter Concert

Thank you again for all you do for our school community. We look forward to a great week ahead!

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal