

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

It was a busy and productive few days of learning, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility with arrival and dismissal during the weather challenges. Your support helps keep our routines safe and smooth for all students.

We are looking forward to an exciting week ahead! Tuesday, December the 9th is the **67th Day of School** and our students are *loving* saying it, so let's have some fun with it! To celebrate, students are welcome to wear anything that represents **6**, **7**, or **67**. Some simple ideas include:

- Adding a 6 or 7 to your shirt
- Wearing a shirt with 6 or 7 dots
- Wearing 6 or 7 bracelets
- Any creative way to show the numbers 6, 7, or 67!

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!

New: 5th Grade Fundraiser at Noodles and Company on 12/10 from 4:00-8:00 PM

Have any dinner plans on Wednesday, December 10th? We have a suggestion! The fifth grade promotion committee has organized another great opportunity to support the fifth grade class, and this time it's with Noodles and Company! You can stop by the Germantown location to place your order or order online from **4-8pm on Wednesday, December 10th**.

- *If ordering at the Germantown location, be sure to let your cashier know that you are supporting Snowden Farm Elementary, or if ordering online, make sure to use the code GIVING25 at checkout.*

On behalf of 5th grade, we thank you in advance for your support.



Giving back never tasted so good.

Get in on the FUNdraising by ordering online or dining with us on the evening of your group's event.

★ Log in to your Noodles Rewards account. Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today at noodles.com/rewards.

★ Place your order and enter coupon code Giving25 at checkout.*

★ If ordering in-restaurant simply mention your organization when ordering.

ENTER COUPON CODE: GIVING25

*In-restaurant or online ordering only through the Noodles Rewards app, or noodles.com/order. Valid for pick-up, delivery and in-restaurant. Not valid for call-in orders. Please enter offer code at checkout online or mention the organization when ordering in person. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

Germantown

20952 Frederick Rd, Germantown, MD 20876

December 10, 2025

4-8 pm

25 %

of qualifying sales will directly benefit:

Snowden farm elementary school



1. On the day of the fundraiser, order your favorites online at noodles.com/order or on our app.
2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.
3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."
4. Look for red checkmark for confirmation and proceed to checkout.



Recess Runners for 4th and 5th Grade

Please complete this form,

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zlaSaMalCg2O9Kcaq9fsSbZHGpvNq41RKmE6JplOfhM/edit>

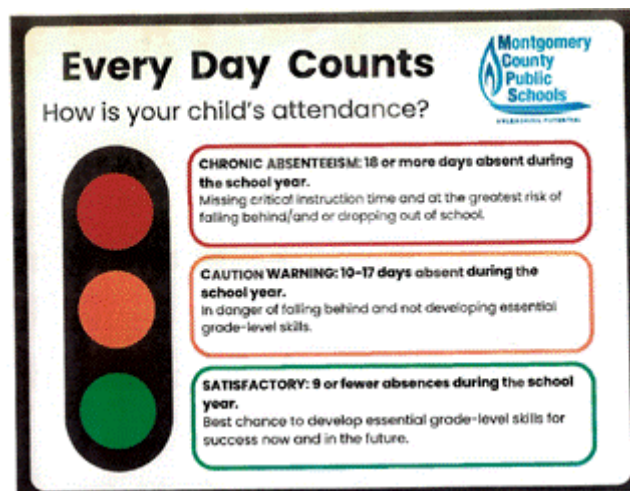
if you are interested in volunteering at 4th and 5th grade recess to help facilitate our new "Recess Runners" activity. Students will elect to participate by running or walking laps, as adults help them keep track of their total laps! The vision is to create a positive recess alternative to promote health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



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/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDSE-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: Important Student Performance Results Available in ParentVUE

Fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) growth assessment results are available for parents and guardians to view in [ParentVUE](#). Click the documents tile, then click the *MAP Report-Fall 2025* link to see the report. Beginning with the fall 2025 results, MCPS is applying new national comparison data (norms). This means your student's RIT score is compared to a new national average, which may result in a higher percentile rank than in previous years, even though their actual RIT score hasn't changed. [Learn more.](#)

New: Latest EdTalk Focuses on Building Student Leaders

Hosted by Board of Education member Julie Yang, the newest EdTalk podcast discusses the importance of providing students with leadership experiences, how those experiences are provided and the benefits. Guests share their leadership journeys and skills they've learned along the way. [Watch the show.](#)

New: Save the Date: FY27 Operating Budget Presentation Dec. 17

Superintendent Thomas Taylor will deliver his Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Join us virtually by watching [online](#) and on TV. Details are coming soon. The superintendent has heard from staff, parents and community members during listening sessions this week; one has been in person and one virtual. Attendees have raised important questions and shared honest feedback. [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/ Add toy for Tots flyer

- Monday, December 8th- CoGat testing begins in 2nd grade
- Wednesday, December 11th-
 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Imagination Stage
 - In school Winter Music Concerts for K-2nd Grade: 9:15 AM
 - Fall Picture Make Ups
- Thursday, December 12th-

- In school Winter Music Concerts for 3rd-5th Grade: 9:15 AM
 - Winter Concert at CHS
- Monday, December 15th- Stallion Meet Ups
- Wednesday, December 17th
 - 1st Grade Culture Day at 9:30 AM
 - PTA meeting at 6:00 PM
 - Heritage Night at 6:30 PM

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. We look forward to another great week together.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal