

Dear Snowden Farm Families,

We had another great week at Snowden Farm! Our students continue to settle into their routines, build connections, and engage in learning across the school. We are proud of the positive start to the year and look forward to another wonderful week of learning together.

As a safety reminder, please encourage your children to always use the designated crosswalks when crossing Snowden Farm Parkway and New Cut Road. We also ask families walking to and from school to model this practice so we can work together to keep everyone safe.

Calendar Reminder:

- Friday, Sept. 18 is an early release day for all students.
- Monday, Sept. 21 is a non-instructional day; there will be no school for students and teachers.
- See the MCPS School Year calendar online [here](#), or download the family-friendly calendar [here](#).

We would also love your feedback! If you attended Back to School Night, please take a few minutes to complete our Back to School Night Survey, <https://forms.gle/i2Vvv1B5HjA1peU96>. Your feedback helps us continue to improve our family events. As a little friendly competition, the class with the highest survey return rate will earn an **extra recess!**

New: MClass

At this time, students have finished taking their beginning of the year MClass Math screener assessment. Teachers will use the data to help identify students who need additional support (either in learning concepts or in extending and challenging their thinking) in class as they learn math concepts.

Students who require more intensive support with learning concepts will be placed in an intervention group and will receive a letter in the next two weeks about their group.

Parents will receive MClass reports in the next month once MCPS has closed the testing window and provided the reports. We will provide information to the community on when those reports will be available once we have received more information from the county.

Calling all Stallion Writers!

Our monthly writing challenge is underway! This month, we are focusing on sentence types. For this challenge, you'll be asked to read about Hispanic Heritage Month and write statements,

exclamations, and questions. Remember, sentences must have a *subject (who)* and a *predicate (what)* to be a complete sentence. Using the correct punctuation mark also gives your reader the chance to hear what you wanted the question to sound like.

- Use this [link](#) to guide you through the challenge. Submissions for this month are due by September 25th for recognition.
- Questions? Please email Emily Pinegar, Reading Specialist at Emily_Pinegar@mcpsmd.org

Join the PTA for the 2026-2027 School Year

Become an integral part of your child's elementary school experience. Fill out the membership form, pay online. Our next meeting will be on 1/27/27 (BINGO Night).

- <https://sfepa.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/145130>
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

We are pre-ordering more SFES Sweatshirts!

As we get ready for cooler Fall weather, we want to make sure everyone has a SFES sweatshirt to show their Stallion Pride! These sweatshirts are available in Youth and Adult Sizes (XS - XXL).

- Sweatshirts are available for sale until September 18, 2026, and will be delivered early October.
- <https://sfepa.membershiptoolkit.com/store/20329>

Registration for the Fall 2026 season of Girls on the Run at SFES

School is now open! Using a curriculum that creatively integrates running with life lessons, Girls on the Run empowers girls to develop the confidence and character they need to become strong and healthy young adults.

- The season will run from September 27th through November 22nd, with a celebratory 5K on Sunday, November 22nd.
- Practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.
- The standard program fee is \$210, but financial assistance is available for qualified families.

- For more information and to register, visit the Girls on the Run of MoCo [website](#).
- Questions can be directed to our Head Coach, Mrs. Peña, at Allison_N_Pena@mcpsmd.org.

New from MCPS:

New: Attendance Matters. Being Present Matters. Every Day Matters.

We get it, mornings can be hectic. Alarm clocks don't cooperate, shoes disappear and sometimes getting everyone out the door deserves its own trophy. But being in school really does matter. Every day in class is another chance to learn something new, see friends, connect with teachers and keep moving forward. And those "just a day here and there" absences? They can add up fast. Missing 10% of the school year, 18 days, is considered chronic absenteeism. That's not good. MCPS is a great place to be; it's a place to belong. We want your students here, connected and part of our school community every day.

[Need help?](#)

New: Saturday School Is Back—The Sixth Day of Learning Can Go a Long Way!

Sleeping in is great. But you know what else feels pretty good? **Getting ahead.** Saturday School is gearing up for another year of learning, confidence-building and extra academic support for MCPS students. With certified teachers, support aligned with the MCPS curriculum and locations across the county, it's a Saturday morning well spent.

- **Opening ceremonies are Saturday, Sept. 19, and registration is coming up—so don't forget to get your student signed up!**
- [Learn more about Saturday School and register](#)

One Quick, Confidential Application. More Support for Your Family.

Here's one school form that's worth a few minutes of your time. If your family may qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS), apply! There's no stigma, no special lunch line and no reason to hesitate. A student's eligibility is confidential, and students receiving free meals use the cafeteria just like everyone else.

Best of all, you only need one application for all MCPS students in your household, even if they attend different schools.

- **It's quick. It's confidential. And it could make a real difference for your family.**
- Don't count yourself out, take a few minutes and see if you qualify. [Apply for FARMS and learn more](#)

Supporting Math Learning at Home: Visit the Caregiver Hub

As students continue learning with **Amplify Desmos Math**, families have resources available to help stay connected to what students are learning and support that learning at home.

The **Amplify Desmos Math Caregiver Hub** provides families with information about the curriculum, what students are learning and simple ways to encourage mathematical thinking outside the classroom. Even asking questions such as, “*What did you learn in math today?*” “*How did you figure that out?*” or “*How do you know your answer makes sense?*” can help students explain their thinking and build confidence.

Remember to visit the Caregiver Hub throughout the year for resources and ideas to support your student’s growth as a confident and capable math learner.

- **Visit the Parent Hub in English:**
<https://mcpsmd.info/ParentHubEnglish>
- **Visite el Centro para Padres en español:**
<https://mcpsmd.info/ParentHubEspañol>

Grading & Reporting: One-Page Guidance

MCPS has updated its Grading & Reporting guidance to provide students and families with clearer, more timely information about assignments, grades and academic progress. The goal is simple: clear expectations, timely communication and strong academic support so students know what is expected and families have the information they need to help. See the One-Page Guidance [here](#).

Additional Back to School Forms and Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
-  26-27 Supply Lists for Website

Upcoming Important Dates

- Friday, September 18th- Early Release
- Monday, September 21st- No school for students and staff

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us start the year **Stallion Strong!**

Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strong Stallions!