

Dear Snowden Farm Families,

Our students are now fully immersed in their classroom routines, and we continue to be proud of the hard work they are doing each day. It has also been wonderful to see the kindness, cooperation, and care our Stallions are showing one another throughout the building.

Hispanic Heritage Month has officially begun! We look forward to celebrating and learning about the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. We are especially excited for the assembly our PTA has planned for our students early next month.

Calendar Reminder:

- 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](#).

New: Back to School Survey

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!**

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

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: [Family Quick Guide Pull-Out](#): Mental Health & Safety

Small conversations can make a big difference. This week's Quick Guide Pull-Out gives parents and caregivers simple **Do's and Don'ts** for supporting their child's mental health and well-being, from checking in and noticing changes to building healthy routines and knowing when to ask for help.

- The guide also includes **school-based supports and important crisis resources** so families know where to turn when they have a concern.
- **Take a look, save it and keep it handy.**
- **Supporting student well-being is something we do together.**

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>

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

- Monday, September 21st- No school for students and staff
- Friday, September 25th- Flapjacks and Flannels in 2nd Grade
- Monday, September 28th- Stallion Meet-ups

Thank you, families, for your continued partnership and support.

Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strong Stallions!