

Dear Snowden Farm Families,

We had another great week at Snowden Farm! This week, we held our first Stallion Meet-Up, where we celebrated students who were nominated by staff for demonstrating what it means to be Safe, Studious, and Synergistic. We are so proud of our Stallions for the positive choices they make each day!

We are looking forward to another wonderful week ahead. On Monday, our PTA is bringing a special Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly to our students. We are excited for this opportunity to celebrate and learn about the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities.

New: Beginning of the Year Assessments

All Beginning of the Year assessments in math and reading have been completed. There are math and reading reports coming home soon that outline your child's performance on these assessments. A cover letter is also included that shows benchmark scores for middle and end of year assessments.

For more information or clarification on reading assessments, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or our Reading Specialist, Emily Pinegar at emily_pinegar@mcpsmd.net

For more information or clarification on math assessments, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or our Staff Development Teacher, Erin Kleinman at Erin_E_Kleinman@mcpsmd.org

New: Digital Citizenship Week is 10/19-10/23

This year, Digital Citizenship Week is from October 19th -23rd. Common Sense Media and MCPS work together to teach students how to use technology safely, responsibly, and effectively in both school and everyday life. Families can go to <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> for technology webinars, family activities, and tip sheets.

New: Picture Day is Coming!

We will have picture day on Friday, October 23. Look for flyers to come home in backpacks on Thursday, October 15 to pre-order!

New: CHS Cluster Night on 10/23

Clarksburg Cluster: Clarksburg Cluster Night 2026

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

New from MCPS:

New: Get Involved: Closure & Consolidation Engagement Meetings Begin in October

MCPS will hold engagement meetings across the county this fall for upcoming school closures and consolidations. No decisions have been made, and community input is an important part of the process before developing any recommendation. With multiple in-person and virtual meetings offered in two rounds, families can choose the location and time that works best for them. You do not need to attend every meeting, as sessions within each round will cover the same information. Interpretation and language support will be available. We encourage families, staff, students and community members to participate and make their voices heard.

What to Expect at the Engagement Sessions

Each in-person session will give participants multiple ways to learn, ask questions and share feedback, including:

- A brief opening presentation will explain the work ahead and what participants need to know.
- Multiple information stations focused on key topics and criteria.
- Content experts will be available to answer questions and discuss the information in greater detail.
- Multilingual staff will be available to help participants access the same information and opportunities to engage.
- Participants will be able to ask questions, offer feedback and help inform the work ahead.
- To learn more about this work, be sure to watch the **Oct. 8 Board of Education meeting**, when staff will provide a detailed update on the closures and consolidations study, the process and the upcoming community engagement.

Learn more and see the [schedule here](#).

New: Family Quick Guide Pull-Out: [ParentVUE Tips & Tricks](#)

Are You Getting the Most Out of ParentVUE? Well, it's one of the easiest ways to stay connected to your student's school experience. Families can monitor grades and assignments, check attendance, find bus information, access report cards and assessment results, complete online registrations and communicate directly with teachers.

A few tips: Download the new ParentVUE app, customize your Gradebook and favorite shortcuts, and check ParentVUE regularly. You can even schedule parent-teacher conferences directly through the app. And remember: each parent or guardian should use their own ParentVUE account and password. Parentvue

Check out the Family Quick Guide Pull-Out: [ParentVUE Tips & Tricks](#) for Fall 2026.

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Additional Back to School Forms and Information

- [Saturday School](#): Tutoring sessions begin THIS SATURDAY, Sept. 26, from 8:30-11 a.m.! **But it is never too late to join.** Programs run on Saturday mornings for students in grades K–12, focusing on reading, language arts, math, test prep and STEM enrichment, such as coding and robotics. The cost is \$100/year (\$50 for FARMS recipients) and MCPS buses are available to center sites.
- [Learn more and register.](#)[Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, October 5th- Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly
- Friday, October 16th- No School/ Professional Development

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a great week of learning!

Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strong Stallions!