Dear Snowden Farm Families,

We held our monthly Stallion Meet-Ups, where we recognized students for demonstrating what it means to be **Safe, Studious, and Synergetic!** We are so proud of our Stallions for continuing to show these qualities throughout our school community.

A special thank you to our second-grade team for organizing a wonderful field trip to Strathmore this week! We also want to thank Ms. Hunter for welcoming our fourth-grade students and families to share their creative Thanksgiving floats. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' hard work and creativity! We wrapped up the final days of our PTA Fall Book Fair and want to thank our PTA for making this event possible. We also appreciate all of our teachers who welcomed families for fall parent-teacher conferences. We value these opportunities to strengthen our home-school partnerships.

Looking ahead, please remember that next week is a shortened week. Students will have early release days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pie/Dessert Donations on 11/23

Thank you to everyone who already signed up to donate pies and/or desserts for our staff. We are still in need of a few more desserts!

We are in need of 110 desserts by Monday, November 23rd.

- Please drop all desserts off in the main office by 4:00 PM on Monday the 23rd.
- If you can donate a pie, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-67634092-its

New: Last Chance for the Book Fair

Didn't get that last book that you wanted at the Book Fair? Good news! Online sales are still available! Purchases made by Sunday, November 22nd will still benefit our school! Use code **SNOWY20** to receive 20% off your purchase but you only have until this Sunday!

https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store-2.html?fairId=6249787

New: **Culture & Heritage Night: Sign Up Now!** 🌍

Join us for Culture & Heritage Night on **December 16**, an evening celebrating the many cultures that make our school community special through food, music, art, traditions, and more. Families are invited to share a piece of their heritage with us!

Please use the Signup Genius link below to sign up to participate. **Sign-ups close November 30**, so don't wait!

- 👉 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0548A4A82DA7FB6-67267697-sfes#/

We can't wait to celebrate together!

Girls on the Run Sneaker Drive!

Snowden Farm's Girls on the Run team is collecting sneakers for the SoleKind Foundation! SoleKind is to donate shoes to people who need new sneakers. So please donate new or gently used sneakers to GOTR (Girls On The Run) to share with SoleKind. Sneakers can be brought to the main office from November 16–30. Thank you!!!

School Improvement Plan Review on 12/01- You're invited!

You're invited to our School Improvement Plan Review to go over MP1 data and progress towards our goals. The meeting will be on TUESDAY 12/1 from 4:20-4:50 in the media center. Please email Erin_E_Kleinman@mcpsmd.org if you are planning to come so we can ensure we have enough materials.

Thank you, and we really hope to see you there!

Happy November Stallion Writers!

For our writing challenge this month, we are asking you to read and write about an article highlighting Native American Heritage Month. If you're in kindergarten, first, or second grade, you'll be changing fragments into complete sentences. Students in grades 3-5 will use varied sentence structures to write interesting topic sentences.

Parents, please use the slideshow to guide your students through the activities. November entries are due December 11th to be recognized on our writing challenge leaderboard. Reach out to our Reading Specialist, Emily Pinegar at Emily_Pinegar@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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: MCPS Shares Update on School Closures and Consolidations Study

MCPS has shared an update on the Elementary and Middle Schools Closures and Consolidations Study, including feedback from the first round of community engagement, early considerations and opportunities to participate in the next round of meetings, Nov. 30–Dec. 10. No decisions have been made, and community input remains essential as the district plans for the future. Families are encouraged to read the update, review community feedback and find an upcoming winter engagement session and to stay connected to this important project.

New: Your Voice Shapes Our Schools: Culture & Climate Survey Extended Through Nov. 29

We want to hear from you! To give every family the opportunity to share their perspective, we have extended the deadline for the Districtwide Culture & Climate Survey through Sunday, Nov. 29.

No need to dig through your inbox for an invitation; you can access the survey directly right at your fingertips using the link below:

Take the Survey Now: https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/27MCPSParentPublicAccess

Why Your Feedback Matters: Every student deserves a welcoming, supportive and thriving school environment, and your perspective as a parent or caregiver is irreplaceable. Your input provides valuable insight into what is working well and where we can improve, helping guide our efforts to strengthen programs, services and supports across the district.

What to Expect:

- **Quick:** Takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

- **Confidential:** Administered by Sogolytics, an independent research organization working on behalf of MCPS.
- **Official & Secure:** This public link is a verified, legitimate way for MCPS families to participate.

Thank you for partnering with us to create the best possible experience for every student. Please take a few minutes to make your voice heard before Nov. 29.

New: MCPS Seeking Public Comment on AI Regulation Through Dec. 18

Proposed Regulation IGS-RA, *Artificial Intelligence in Teaching, Learning and Operations*, will be open for public comment until Friday, Dec. 18, 2026. The purpose of this regulation is to establish comprehensive procedures governing the ethical, responsible, equitable and secure use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within MCPS. Translations of this regulation will be available by Friday, Nov. 20.
Public comments can be sent to regulation@mcpsmd.org.
More information

Additional Information

- **Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy**
- **KID Museum's** BioInnovation Day: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15. General admission is free to families who register through the QR code on the flyer or pre-register.
- Learn more and register.Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice
- Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice
- Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, November 23rd- Wednesday, November 25th- Early Release
- Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th- No School
- Tuesday, December 1st- School Improvement Meeting at 4:20- Caregivers Needed
- Friday, December 4th- 5th Grade Field Trip to Mt. Vernon

As we head into Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to share how grateful we are for our Snowden Farm community. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to learn, grow, and partner with you and your children each day. We wish all of our Stallion families a wonderful, restful, and happy Thanksgiving!

Strong Hearts. Strong Minds. Strong Stallions.