

Good Evening SFES Families,

We had another exciting week with first grade celebrating the end of their reading unit, 5th grade ELC students presenting their projects on the Chesapeake Bay, and our monthly Meet-up Assembly. During our monthly MeetUp assembly we reviewed the three S's (Safe, Syngertic, and Studious) and celebrated our students that showed those traits last month. We also highlighted information about Native American Heritage Month, Diwali, World Kindness Day, Caregiver's Month, and Banana Pudding Lovers Month.

New: 5th Grade Fundraiser at Tortacos on 11/18

Let's TACO about Supporting 5th Grade!

Efforts to start raising money towards 5th grade celebration, which includes t-shirts, promotion, a legacy gift and more have started! Please join us TOMORROW on Monday, November 18th at [Tortacos](#).

- **When:** November 18th from 5pm-9pm
- **Where:** Tortacos - 13024 Middlebrook road, Germantown, MD 20874
- **Check out the menu:** [CLICK HERE](#)

New: Friendsgiving Parties on 11/22

If you are planning on participating in the Friendsgiving on Friday, please review the check in and check out procedures so we can get families in and out of the building in a timely and safe manner.

- Our classrooms will be crowded for the parties, we are asking a maximum of 2 visitors per student and visitors must be school age or current students.
- As always, it is imperative that you bring a valid driver's license to check in to the building.
- Having your ID out and ready is extremely helpful.

Dismissal is at 3:20.

- If you plan on taking your student out early, you must sign them out with the teacher in the classroom.

- If you are taking more than one student home early, you must check each student out with each teacher.
- Each student must have a 'check out' sticker on their person to leave the building.
- Please note that fifth grade classes will be going to their special's class after their party.

New: Pie Donation on 11/25

As we get closer to Thanksgiving we would like to show our staff how much we appreciate them. We would love to give each staff member a pie before the Thanksgiving break. We are in need of 70 pies by Monday, November 25th. If you can donate a pie, please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-53347135-its>

New: Federal Aid Forms

A blue Federal Impact Aid Survey was distributed. This form should be filled out by Military families with students attending MCPS and Federally-connected parents/guardians of MCPS students working or living on federal property in Maryland. Please return these blue survey forms to your student's teacher or to the main office.

- If you are not a Military family, you can disregard the form.

PTA-Scholastic Book Fair (November 18th-19th)

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will take place November 18th through the 19th. The book fair will be in Room 170, which is the first classroom across from the main office/near the front entrance.

We are in need of volunteers to work the book fair to help with processing sales and assisting students with their purchases. Please visit our [SignUp Genius link](#) to view the available slots. If we do not have volunteers signed up for a specific time slot the book fair will be closed. Students who need SSL hours are welcome to volunteer but there needs to be an adult volunteer signed up for the same time slot.

- Daily book fair hours are 8:00 AM-8:45 AM, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
- Late hours are on 11/18 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Please visit our [book fair homepage](#) for more information. There is also a link to sign up for E-wallet which is a great way to provide money to your child to purchase items from the book fair. For those that have signed up for e-wallets in the past, remaining funds do not automatically move over from fair to fair. You need to log into your account and manually move those funds over to this book fair.

Volunteers Needed to Support Our PTA

We need volunteers to chair many of our PTA sponsored events this year. Please visit our [Committee/Volunteers site](#).

Below is a tentative listing of our events for the year, but we need your help! We need chairs and volunteers to organize and execute our events. Without your help, we simply cannot offer the beloved events that our students look forward to.

Please send an email to info@sfespta.org to chair an event or non-event.

You will have the support of the PTA board to assist you every step of the way!

Events: Grandparents Day; Spelling Bee; Heritage Night; Geography Bee; Pastries with Parents; STEM Fair

Non-Events:

- Communications - Communications are critical in seeking event volunteers and keeping our Stallion families informed of upcoming events and opportunities. We are specifically looking for someone to manage our membership email listing and monthly newsletter.
- Yearbook - The Stallion yearbook is a treasure each year to our students and a hot commodity. The PTA needs a yearbook coordinator starting at the beginning of the year. Much of the yearbook work is done at home at a time that's convenient.
- Photography - We need photographers to attend PTA and school events throughout the year to take pictures for our yearbook.
- Teacher Appreciation- We need a coordinator for those times where we show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated. Coordinating breakfast and lunches throughout the year

Sensory Room

We are in the process of opening a sensory room for our students to use throughout the day and need your help. The student wellness committee has created a list of items we

would love to have for the room,

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AI9RYH7PIZ7G?ref_=wl_share.

Key Dates:

- 11/18- Fall Book Fair and Book Fair Evening hours from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM and 5th grade [Tortacos Fundraiser](#) 5-9pm
- 11/19- Fall Book Fair/ 2nd Grade Strathmore trip at 11:20-2:00
- 11/22- Friendsgiving Parties

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune