

Good Evening SFES Families,

This week is Read Across America and we are celebrating through a ton of fun activities planned by Ms. Altuner, our reading specialist.

We will kick the week off with a Spirit Week, please see the details below.

- **Monday, March 3: Reading is ACTIVE!** Dress in your **favorite workout or athletic gear!**
- **Tuesday, March 4: We are WILD about reading! Wear animal print!**
- **Wednesday, March 5: Hats off to reading! Wear a favorite hat today!**
- **Thursday, March 6: Reading Gives You Superpowers Day! Dress up as a favorite superhero** to represent the superpowers you get from expanding your mind through reading!
 - We will have a Read Aloud Event in the morning with many special community members and family members coming in to be guest readers.
 - They will be reading aloud various Black-Eyed Susan Picture Book Award Nominee titles to students in every grade level during part of the literacy block!
- **Friday, March 7: Stallion School Colors Day!** Let's celebrate our diverse yet united Snowden Farm family!

Please visit the Read Across America site for tips on engaging your young readers in diverse texts all year long!

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america>

New: Refreshments for Read Aloud Day on 03/06

Please consider donating some refreshments for our Read Aloud Day readers to enjoy on Thursday, March 6! You can drop donations off in the main office after dismissal on Wednesday, March 5 OR between 8-8:45 am on Thursday, March 6. Thank you in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BADAF28A46-55390648-read>

New: Lost and Found- Please check by March 7th

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! We have jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves... please have your student stop by and claim any lost items before they are donated on Friday, March 7.

New: Heritage Night on March 11th

Our annual Heritage Night is right around the corner. Come and travel to different countries and learn about different cultures. Are you interested in sharing something from your heritage? Then please join us on March 11th from 6:00-7:00 at Snowden Farm. Come in a little early at 5:30 to set up your table. Ideas from the past few years: Display of flags, clothing, food, create a display

board and so much more. Please sign up for a table to display your heritage if you are joining us using the [Google Form linked!](#)

New: Save-the-Date for Fun Run Boosterthon

We're excited to introduce this year's main fundraiser, the Snowden Farm Fun Run. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for our PTA and School Events throughout the year and for strengthening our school community to benefit ALL students at Snowden Farm Elementary.

We're excited for this fundraising experience because it offers 3 important things to our school community:

- ① User-friendly fundraising platform
- ② Character enrichment program
- ③ Fitness-focused event that includes ALL of our students


As a family, you will work together asking friends and family to donate on your student's donation page at MyBooster.com. The best part is, you can still support our school just by SHARING about the fundraiser!

Students will also experience an amazing character enrichment program called "Castle Quest", teaching students about how to be brave and live with character.

Key Dates to Remember:

 **Sign up online at MyBooster.com – 03/06/2025**

 **Fundraiser Kickoff in school – 03/20/2025**

 **Event Day – 03/28/2025**

More details to come! Follow our social pages for updates on our fundraiser.

New: Elementary Literacy Curriculum Nights

Please see the information below on the Elementary Literacy Curriculum nights! Please see the two upcoming dates below.



New: Wellness Night on 03/18

Join us for Family Wellness Night on Tuesday, March 18th from 5:00-6:45 pm! It will be a fun and active evening focused on health and wellness of the mind, heart, and body. Come and enjoy activity stations, a healthy snack, and a guest speaker! If you plan to attend, please use the [link](#) to RSVP. This will help us plan and prepare accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Lunchtime location during Ramadan

Ramadan begins this week, and we know some of our students may be fasting. If your child needs a different location for lunch please complete the google form, [Ramadan - Fasting](#)

Online Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open!

Do you, a neighbor, or a friend have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1? MCPS kindergarten online enrollment is now open! Early enrollment helps us plan for the upcoming school year, so please register as soon as possible. Click the link below for step-by-step instructions. Simply create a ParentVUE account (or log in if you already have an MCPS student enrolled) and upload the required documents. Thank you for enrolling early. We appreciate your support!

- <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/enroll/kindergarten/>

Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are now for sale, \$25 for soft cover and \$30 for hard cover. Please visit shop.yearbookmarket.com/snowdenfarmelementary to purchase one.

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

Volunteer Opportunities to Strengthen Our Community:

- **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

Key Dates:

- 03/03-
 - MISA section 1 for 5th grade
 - Read Across America Week/ Reading is ACTIVE!
 - Dress in your favorite workout or athletic gear, MISA section 1 for 5th grade
- 03/04-
 - MISA section 2 for 5th grade
 - Read Across America Week/ We are WILD about reading!
 - Wear animal print and MISA section 2 for 5th grade
- 03/05- Read Across America Week/ Hats off to reading!
 - Wear a favorite hat today!
- 03/06- Read Across America Week/Read Aloud Day/ Reading Gives You Superpowers Day!
 - Dress up as a favorite superhero to represent the superpowers you get from expanding your mind through reading!

- 03/07- Read Across America Week/ [Stallion School Colors Day!](#) Let's celebrate our diverse yet united Snowden Farm family!
- 03/10
 - MISA section 3 for 5th grade
- 03/11-
 - MISA section 4 for 5th grade
 - Heritage Night 6:00-7:30, [Google Form linked!](#)

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune