

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to Ms. Altuner for a great spirit week, March Madness Book competition, and Read Aloud day! It was great to celebrate reading in so many fun ways!

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: Fun Run on 03/28

REGISTER TODAY: The day is here! You can now sign up for our 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. Signing up is easy and free! ★ Sign Up Now On [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) ★

Be sure to check out the easy sharing functions on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) to let others know how they can help support our school. The grade that has the highest percentage of registrations by our Fun Run kick-off day on 3/20 will earn music played during recess. Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Eliana Saltares at vp2@sfespta.org.

Follow our social pages for updates on our fundraiser.

Key Dates to Remember:

-  Sign up online OPEN at MyBooster.com – Start TODAY!
-  Fundraiser Kickoff in school – 03/20/2025
-  Event Day – 03/28/2025

*Need help signing up? Video instructions [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to help us with our 2025 SFES Booster Fun Run on Friday, 3/28. We are breaking up the Fun Run into two groups (9:30 AM grades K, 1, and 4 and 10:30 AM for grades 2, 3, and 5).

- One of the areas is to pass out water cups to students in between laps who don't have their water bottle and the other is to mark laps on the back of the student's t-shirts as they complete a lap.
- Please visit our [Sign-Up Genius Link](#) to select a time slot.

New: FIT Groups

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students began next FIT groups over the past week focused on math content with embedded practice for the upcoming MCAP math assessment in May. Students are specifically focusing on learning and practicing how to answer modeling and reasoning questions, and review grade level content. Students who have been in a targeted tier 3 reading or language intervention will remain in those groups to continue to build their skills, and are being exposed to MCAP practice during math class through teacher practice and guest teacher lessons from Mrs. Kleinman.

K, 1st, and 2nd grade classes also updated FIT groupings, and are focusing on a wide array of math and reading skills. We look forward to seeing our students grow after this opportunity for targeted practice!

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!

New: **5th Grade Fundraiser – Double Good Popcorn! **

We're excited to kick off another fantastic fundraiser to support our end-of-year celebrations! Our students have the opportunity to sell Double Good Popcorn, a delicious and easy way to help us raise funds for 5th grade t-shirts, promotion activities, and celebrations.

Your support has already made a huge impact, and we're so grateful for your continued generosity. With each fundraiser, we're getting closer to our goal, and we couldn't do it without you! [CLICK HERE](#) for more details on how to participate.



New: Chinese After-School Classes starting on 03/17

Is your child interested in learning chinese? Please consider signing up for the after school class that will start on March 17th after school. The class will be held from 3:30-4:30 with Ms. He, hongkaren_he@mcpsmd.org. Please see the flier, [Chinese After School Program.pdf - Google Drive](#) and permission slip, <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ec3payTvRr4FrO64HYrVKUUeMLEEB-Ppp1MU8KLmxqs/edit?usp=sharing>

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@sfsespta.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:

- 03/10
 - MISA section 3 for 5th grade
- 03/11-
 - MISA section 4 for 5th grade
 - Heritage Night 6:00-7:30, [Google Form linked!](#)
- 03/14- School Meet-ups
- 03/18- Wellness night,
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAF5baFH6W28Qag2cStBBFKB1SDItVYMYs20JUuT3U4Mn5Vw/viewform>

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune