

Principal's Message on 09/02

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you for a great opening week! It was so great to see so many of you on the 1st day of school. We are looking forward to seeing you on Back to School Night on Wednesday!

Back to School Night on 09/04 from 6:00-8:00 PM

We hope to see you at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

- There will be a food truck available if you would like to purchase food from B-Dub's Island Soul Food Truck and Kona Ice.
- The night will be broken into three twenty minute sessions where caregivers/parents and their student(s) will get to choose the session they want to attend.
 - 6:00-6:20: Rotation 1 (Open: Literacy, Synergy, Core Overview, Hallway Fair)
 - 6:25-6:45: Rotation 2 (all open - including specialists and teachers)
 - 6:50-7:10: Rotation 3 (all open)
- Parents/Caregivers can choose from the following sessions:
 - Overview with the administrative and core team members in the APR/ cafeteria
 - Classroom Visit in your child(ren) classroom
 - CKLA Curriculum Overview in the media center
 - Time to hear from the specialists (music, art, PE, and instrumental music)
 - Help with ParentVue in Room 170
 - Visiting with various school/ community groups in the main hallway (PTA, BAR-T, Cafeteria information, etc...)

The evening will end with the staff versus parent kickball game from 7:20 PM-8:00 PM!

We are in need of some kick ball players, please complete the survey if you are interested in playing, <https://forms.gle/MYeuBT7uToTY1Yya7>

Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) Applications Are Now Open

Every year, students must apply and be approved to receive FREE breakfast and/or lunch. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) is excited to provide regular meal services during the 2024-2025 school year.

- Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for meals!
Breakfast: Regular Price: \$1.30; Reduced Price: No Cost, Lunch: Regular Price: \$2.55,
Reduced Price: No Cost
- Apply before school starts. One application covers the entire HOUSEHOLD.
Translations in other languages are available through the online application.
- Apply now at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>
- Here is a video about how to apply:
 - English Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJUapGLarBo>
 - Video en Español: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsdCrtCIFJc&t=4s>

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@sfspta.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!

- **Event Chairs Needed!**
 - **Trunk or Treat**
 - **Grandparents Day**
 - **Spelling Bee**
 - **Heritage Night**
 - **Geography Bee**
 - **Pastries with Parents**
 - **STEM Fair**

Non-event Chairs Needed!

- **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.
- **Spirit Wear** - This is a creative role in that you get to help the PTA design and restock our in-person spirit wear. New ideas are always welcome to help our Stallions stride with pride!

- **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:

- Wednesday, September 4th- Back to School Night
- Friday, September 14th- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune