




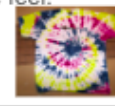

Principal's Message on 10/20

Good Evening SFES Families,

We are excited to celebrate mental health week with spirit days and Zumba on 10/21 from 6:30-7:30 PM. All adults and children are welcome for Zumba. Please bring water and comfortable shoes.

- **SPIRIT WEEK:**


- **Monday 10/21: Band/Music Shirt-** listening to music is a great coping skill!
- **Tues 10/22: Friends Day-** Dress the same/similar as a friend/friends. Team up against stress, you are not alone!
- **Wed 10/23: Sports Team-** Staying active helps us feel good and stay healthy!
- **Thurs 10/24: Tie-Dye/Colorful-** colors represent the many emotions we feel!
- **Fri 10/25: Wear Green-** represents the “green light” to always reach out for help if needed!

<p>Monday 10/21 Band/Music Shirt</p> <p>Wear your favorite band or music shirt, listening to music is a great coping skill.</p> 	<p>Tuesday 10/22 Friends Day</p> <p>Dress the same as a friend, team up against stress you are not alone.</p> 	<p>Wednesday 10/23 Sports team</p> <p>Staying active helps us feel good and stay healthy.</p> 	<p>Thursday 10/24 Tye dye or colorful</p> <p>Clothes represent the many emotions we feel.</p> 	<p>Friday 10/25 Wear Green</p> <p>Green represents the green light to reach out for help if needed</p> 
<p>ZUMBA Family Event! Time:</p>				

Please remind your child(ren) if they are riding a bike or scooter to please wear their helmet. Over the past few weeks we have seen several students without helmets.

New: Fall Conferences Links

Fall conferences are a great time to connect with your child(ren)’s teacher about their progress this school year. Please sign-up with your child(ren)’s homeroom teacher even if they have multiple teachers. Please find your child(ren)’s teacher and sign-up,

 Links for conference Sign-up Please see the link for additional resources for preparing for conferences,

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/district/parents/pt-conferences-2023/es_parent_teacherconference_flyer.pdf

Game Changer Conference on 10/26 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

The [Game Changer Conference](#) will be held from 8 a.m.–noon on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Montgomery College, Germantown Campus, Globe Hall, 20200 Observation Drive, in Germantown.

This free mentoring conference is geared toward Black or African American and Latino or Hispanic male students in 4th through 12th grades. The conference theme is “The World is Shifting Forward! Focus Forward and Compete.

Parent workshops will also be held every half hour beginning at 8 a.m., with the last session at 11:30 a.m.

Students are encouraged to write and submit a 300-word essay based on the conference theme, “Being a Competitor is a Game Changer: How will you compete to win and own your future?” Essays are due by [email](#) on Monday, Oct. 21.

For more information, contact [Dr. Everett Davis](#), director, Student, Family and Schools Services, or [Dr. Karen D. Crews](#), director, Student Well-Being and Achievement.

Students and parents can register [here](#).

Veterans Day Celebration: Monday, November 11th. 9:20- 10:20: Speakers Needed

We are looking for veterans willing to come to Snowden Farm on November 11 to speak in several classrooms about why we celebrate Veterans Day and to share personal experiences.

Presentations will be approximately 10~ 15 minutes in length. Speakers can share photos (slideshow) and/or artifacts during the presentation. The last 5 minutes will be for student questions. Please keep in mind that all photos and artifacts must be school appropriate and may not contain images of violence or weapons. A staff member will reach out to volunteers with a list of questions to help guide presentations if needed.

If you are willing to share your experiences please fill out the link, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe6e-LSlylKkvKEp_VMc9ZHOBoggTAFel4hoh7dErmaSoAVw/viewform

We will also have a reception for veterans that will include light refreshments prior to classroom visits. The Veteran reception will be held in the media center from 8:30-9:15 am.

Thank you for helping our Stallion community celebrate your heroic service!

PTA-Trunk or Treat Event on 10/25 at 5:00 PM

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Thank you to the 14 families who have signed up to host a trunk at Snowden Farm's Trunk or Treat scheduled for Friday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (rain date is Monday, 10/28). We also have 4 families who are donating candy for the event. Last year we had over 20 trunks, so we are definitely looking for more signups.

If you would like to host a trunk, please sign up for a parking space for your vehicle. Spaces are first come first serve and PTA volunteers will be on hand to help find a space to set up on the day of event. Attendees will be voting on the "Best Trunk" and winner will receive a prize. Unfortunately, we do not have access to power outlets in the parking lot so please provide your own power (if needed for your setup).

If you are not able to host a trunk but are interested in donating candy, please drop it off at the front office by 3pm on October 25th. This is a popular event, and we always run out of candy so it would be great to get additional donations so that we can pass them out to our participants who end up running out of candy. I have included slots for candy donations only. Please indicate in the sign up under notes how many bags you plan on donating.

- Sign-Up Genius Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48A8A629A2F49-51867662-sfes>

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:

- 10/21- Mental Health Spirit Week/ Band/Music Shirt (wear your favorite band or music shirt)
 - Family Zumba from 6:30-7:30 PM
- 10/22- Mental Health Spirit Week/ Friends Day (dress the same as a friend) and Bus Evacuation
- 10/23- Mental Health Spirit Week/ Sports Team Day and 5th Grade to Strathmore
- 10/24- Mental Health Spirit Week/Tye dye or colorful day
- 10/25- Mental Health Spirit Week/Wear Green Trunk or Treat

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune