

Principal's Message on 10/27

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to all of our students and staff that participated in our Mental Health Spirit Week and Zumba! We also want to thank the PTA, our students, families, and staff that came out to Trunk or Treat on Friday evening. The trunks and students looked awesome!

New:Picture Day on 10/28

Classic Photography is excited to be your official school photographer and capture these special memories for you!

- Your Picture Day is: 10/28/2024
- Don't forget to be dressed in your best and mark your calendars today!
- FREE SHIPPING on all pre-orders! (a \$5 value).
- All pre-orders will be returned to the school and sent home with your student.
- [Click Here to Pre-Order](#)
 - Online Code: **24snowdenfarm25**
- Pre-ordering expires 48 hours after picture day

Questions?

(800) 869-9515 x112

New: Attendance- What to do if your child(ren) has to miss school

If your student(s) will be out for any reason, please be sure to send me and the teacher an email letting us know; one email for multiple students is preferred. The email should have the full name (first and last name, please) of the student(s) and a brief description of the reason for their absence or early dismissal. We appreciate notification if your student(s) is leaving early so we can prepare if the student will not be in the classroom.

Mrs. Cardea, attendance secretary and registrar Sherrie_H_Cardea@mcpsmd.org

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

Thank you so much to all that attended our Trunk or Treat Event on Friday and those who volunteered to host a trunk and donated candy. We had another successful year with 17 trunks, lots of candy/giveaways, great music provided by Good Vibrations and our vendors B Dub's Island Soul Food Trunk and Kona Ice.

We also had a 64% increase in attendees who voted for the "Best Trunk". Thanks to all who voted. Our winner this year is Trunk #1 Ghoul-Mobile of Terror. Please stop by the SFES front office after 9am on 10/28 to get your prize.

Our honorable mentions are Trunk#15 (Witches and Skeletons) which snagged 2nd place and Trunk# 7 (Michael Meyers with Smoke Machine) which snagged 3rd place.

NEW: PTA-Scholastic Book Fair (November 12th-19th)

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place November 12th through the 19th (see attached flyer for more information). Book Fair will be in Room 170 again 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 11/15 & 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.


NEW: Grandparents/Special Friends Day (November 13th or 14th)

PTA will be hosting breakfast for our students and their grandparents/special friend(s) on Wednesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 14th from 8am-8:45am in the all-purpose room. We will provide coffee, juice, donuts and fruit. It's also a great time to visit the book fair!

If your student will be attending along with their grandparents/special friend, please RSVP at this link: <https://forms.gle/P8vmucVpX4D1VeDE8> no later than November 11th. Please only select one day that they will attend, not both.

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, [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#)

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:

- 10/28- Fall Pictures
- 11/01- Native American History Heritage Month and End of 1st Quarter
- 11/04- No school for students/ Grading and Planning Day
- 11/05- Schools Closed

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune