



Fifth Grade Post

March 2026

Month at a Glance

[25/26 Fifth Grade Calendar](#)

Monday, March 2nd- Family Life and Human Sexuality Unit Parent Information Night via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/7177528665?pwd=RFh0dEI1ZkYvUFJQUDFCakJOdXV6dz09&omn=93489615081>

Meeting ID: 717 752 8665
Passcode: sfes

FLHS letters and opt out form will also be sent home on Monday, March 2nd.

Monday, March 2nd- Friday, March 6th- Read Across America Week

Monday, March 9th: Opt out letters for FLHS Unit due if you plan on opting your child out of instruction (*letter should not be signed if you do want your child to participate in the lessons*).

Monday, March 9th- MISA
Tuesday, March 10th- MISA

Wednesday, March 11th- Manhattan Pizza Fundraiser (11am- 10pm)



Thursday, March 12th- MISA
Friday, March 13th- MISA

Friday, March 13th- Stallions Got Talent, 6:00-8:00pm (*sales of snacks, flowers, and smencils will go towards fifth grade promotion committee!*)

Thursday, March 19th- March Parent Promotion Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30pm

Curriculum Updates

LITERACY

CKLA and Enriched Literacy

Students will be finishing Unit 5, where they learned about the Renaissance movement. In writing, students will finish developing an informational piece about a famous artist and creating a biography of the artist of their choice.

Then, students will begin a research unit called "Beyond Juneteenth 1865 to the Present." Students will use both texts and multimedia sources to support knowledge building about the end of slavery in the United States. Students will learn specific contributions of African Americans in history from 1856-present day. Students will work on the following reading comprehension skills: main idea and key details, text-based inferences/predictions, demonstrate understanding of theme, discuss an author's purpose, and compare and contrast texts.

In writing, students will focus on research and inquiry to generate questions about the texts they read. They will use online and text sources to gather a variety of information for their research project. They will learn about paraphrasing and summarizing in their writing, and will work with primary sources such as inventors' patents.

MATH

Eureka 5

Students will conclude their study of [Module 4](#): Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Fractions. By the middle of this month your child will engage with module 5 topics; such as concepts of volume and determining volume using the operations of multiplication and division. Students will also find the area of rectangular figures with fractional side lengths and will practice drawing, analyzing, and classifying 2-dimensional shapes. We will end Module 5 at the beginning of Marking Period 4. [Grade 5, Module 5 Tip Sheet](#)

Eureka $\frac{5}{6}$

This month, students will begin Module 4 of the 6th grade curriculum. In Module 4, students extend their arithmetic work to include using letters to represent numbers. Students understand that letters are simply "stand-ins" for numbers and that arithmetic is carried out exactly as it is with numbers. Students explore operations in terms of verbal expressions and determine that arithmetic properties hold true with expressions because nothing has changed—they are still doing arithmetic with numbers. Students determine that letters are used to represent specific but unknown numbers and are used to make statements or identities that



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Friday, March 20th- No School for Students

Monday, March 23rd- Friday, March 27th- Family Life and Human Sexuality Unit lessons

Wednesday, March 25th- Wellness Night

Monday, March 30th- Monday, April 6th- Spring Break, Schools Closed

Save the date!

Friday, April 17th- Robinson Nature Center field trip

Change of date!

Tuesday, June 16th- 5th Grade celebration for students at SFES

Wednesday, June 17th- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony at Clarksburg High School, 10am

Happy MARCH Birthday to:

8th - Srihaan M
9th - Kayla B.
15th- Wyatt G.
18th- Gunav B.
20- Max
25th- Henry R.
30-Schuyler
31st- Harrison H.

Helpful Links

- [25/26 Fifth Grade Calendar](#)
- [HW board](#)
- [Instrumental Music Schedule](#)

are true for all numbers or a range of numbers. Students understand the importance of specifying units when defining letters. Students say "Let K represents Karolyn's weight in pounds" instead of "Let K represent Karolyn's weight" because weight cannot be a specific number until it is associated with a unit, such as pounds, ounces, or grams. They also determine that it is inaccurate to define K as Karolyn because Karolyn is not a number. Students conclude that in word problems, each letter (or variable) represents a number, and its meaning is clearly stated.

Science

In our 5th-grade science classes, we are exploring the phenomenon of "falling stars" to understand what they are and why they appear to fall. Students are investigating whether falling stars are actual stars, analyzing data on star brightness in relation to distance, and conducting experiments on shadows to explore Earth's rotation and revolution. Through hands-on activities, modeling, and discussions, they are developing an understanding of how Earth's movements affect our observations of stars and constellations.

Additionally, students are practicing for the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) by engaging in scientific explanations, data analysis, and test-taking strategies.

In **March, our 5th-grade students will take the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) on March 9, 10, 12, and 13.** MISA is a state-required assessment that measures students' understanding of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) through a mix of multiple-choice and constructed-response questions. It evaluates their ability to apply scientific concepts, analyze data, and use evidence to explain real-world phenomena. Throughout February, we have been preparing by reviewing key science concepts, practicing question formats, and engaging in critical thinking activities. Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and arrives on time for testing days. Thank you for your support!

Social Studies

In Unit 3, students will use social studies literacy and thinking skills to learn how the growth of America facilitated the discovery of new technologies. They will answer the unit question: **How did the United States change as a result of the Civil War, industrialization, immigration and urbanization?**

Health

During the week of March 23rd - 27th, students will participate in the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit as part of the Montgomery County Public Schools health curriculum. This unit focuses on age-appropriate discussions about human development, healthy relationships, personal boundaries, and respect for self and others. Lessons will be taught in a safe, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate manner, emphasizing the importance of communication and decision-making. Additional



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information, including the option to review materials and opt their child out of participation if desired will be shared during our March 2nd parent meeting via Zoom. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Attend March 2nd Family Life and Human Sexuality Unit Meeting using the Zoom information below:

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Other Announcements

Fifth Grade Promotion Slideshow

An important part of our fifth grade promotion ceremony is displaying a promotion slideshow that displays a baby and current photo of your fifth grader that'll be shown as they receive their fifth grade promotion certificate from their homeroom teacher. We would like all families to please send **BOTH** a baby and a recent photo of your child to snowdenfarmpromotion@gmail.com. Include your child's full name and their homeroom teacher. A fifth grade promotion committee volunteer will access the email account, will copy and paste the photos into our promotion slideshow.

Promotion Donations via Zelle

Hello 5th Grade Parents!

We're excited to be planning some memorable activities to celebrate our students as they approach promotion! Our fundraising efforts are underway, but we're still working toward covering a few important items — including student t-shirts, the end-of-year party, and decorations for the promotion celebration.

We know not every fundraiser fits every family's schedule or interests, so we wanted to offer another way to support if you'd like. For anyone who prefers, you're welcome to contribute directly toward the 5th grade promotion activities. Of course, participation is completely optional, but any amount — big or small — helps us create a special experience for the kids.

[The flyer](#) below includes the Zelle details for those who wish to donate.

Thank you for being such a supportive community and for helping us celebrate our amazing 5th graders!



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Support Our 5th Grade Promotion!

Every donation makes a difference—thank you for your generous support!

Give easily via Zelle to SNOWDEN FARM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA, Inc. at treasurer@sfespta.org

Please include “5th Grade Promotion” in the payment note.

All donations support the end-of-year party, student T-shirts, and promotion venue/decorations.

Thank you from the 5th Grade Committee!

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration: Change of Date

With the extension of the school year, we have decided to change our **promotion ceremony** to **Wednesday, June 17th**. Our **fifth grade celebration** at Snowden Farm will take place the day before on **Tuesday, June 16th**. Please add these new dates to your personal calendars.