

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to everyone that came out to curriculum night on Thursday. Also, a special thank you to our staff who planned such a fun night for families.

Please remember that Spring Break begins on April 12th-21st. School resumes on Tuesday, April 22nd!

Undercover Spirit Week

Staff will participate in an “Undercover Spirit Week” the final week before Spring break (April 7-11) to provide a little fun for the whole building. Each day, staff will dress with an undercover spirit theme (not advertised so the kids won’t know what it is). The students will try to guess the theme during the day. At the end of each day during dismissal announcements, Ms. Fortune will announce the undercover theme so kids can see if they were right.

- The following day, the students will dress in that spirit theme if they choose.
- For example, if Monday April 7th were “hat day” (it’s not- can’t give too much away!), then staff would all wear hats on Monday. Kids would guess throughout the day, it would be confirmed at the end of the day, and kids would wear a hat on Tuesday (while also guessing the staff theme for Tuesday) and so on throughout the week.

We hope this provides an extra dose of fun leading into Spring Break!

Attendance Update

Spring Break begins Monday, April 14. Students return to classes on Tuesday, April 22. If you plan to take your student out for any part of the coming week, please let their teacher and Mrs. Cardea know as soon as possible. Be sure to always include your student’s full name and state the reason for any absence, late arrival or early dismissal.

Join Us for Public Information Meetings on Boundary Studies

Upcoming public information meetings on boundary studies are set for the reopening of **Charles W. Woodward High School**, the opening of **Crown High School** and the **expansion of Damascus High School**. These sessions will provide important details on the boundary study scope, process and opportunities for future engagement. [More information](#)

Boundary Study Scope for Reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School

- **In-Person Session:** Tuesday, April 8, 6–8 p.m., Walter Johnson High School Auditorium, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda

Boundary Study Scope for Opening of Crown High School & Expansion of Damascus High School


- **Virtual Session:** Monday, April 7, 6–8 p.m. ([Meeting Link](#)—session will be recorded and made available to the public.)
- **In-Person Session:** Wednesday, April 9, 6–8 p.m., Gaithersburg High School Auditorium, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg

While registration is not required, MCPS asks attendees to [RSVP](#) to help the district prepare. [MCPS Boundary Studies webpage](#)

STEM Fair on 04/24

The Snowden Farm Elementary School PTA is holding the 4th STEM Fair which will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 24th, 2025!

We would like to invite all our students and their families to participate in this exciting and educational event. Students, or teams of students, feel free to work with your family or friends! The participants will be exploring a topic in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math. You will then present your project in any of the following ways: Make a traditional tri-fold display; present it on a short video and display it on a computer; write a short report; make a Google slides presentation; make a short video news report; make your own website; or use a combination of these methods. If you have another presentation idea, let us know!

- Additional information:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HTYupfboT8e8xxSY9PTPNA1VvqqHi4Df/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110802930161494523079&rtpof=true&sd=true
 -  STEM Fair Sign 2025.docx
- Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48ADAC2FA5FD0-55592087-snowden> no later than 4/18/2025.
- Just let us know who you are, what grade you are in and who your homeroom teacher is, what you are working on and with whom!
- If you have any questions, please ask! We need more volunteers! Just send an email to Alex (Ruoqiu) Wu, at vp1@sfespta.org.

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@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

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:

- 04/11- 1st Grade Parent Activity
- 04/14-04/21- Spring Break for students and staff
- 04/22- School resumes

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune