

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to all of our students that participated in the STEM fair this week! It was great to see all of the projects and hear the students explain their work!

Our 3rd Grade had an amazing trip to Annapolis this week! We want to thank the 3rd grade team and our volunteers for a great trip!

Testing starting on April 28th for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade

We will complete our MCAP state testing next week and the following week. Please review the schedule of testing below. We will administer the assessment in the morning, starting at 9:20. Therefore, it is very important that students come to school on time. We strongly encourage students to go to sleep early the night before and eat breakfast the morning of testing to set them up for success. In the event that a student has to be absent during testing, we will hold make up sessions. Please let us know if you have any questions!






- Testing Schedule:
 - 4/28, 4/29, 5/1 and 5/2 - ELA MCAP Testing
 - 5/5, 5/6, 5/8 and 5/9 - Math MCAP Testing

Staff Appreciation Week from May 5th- May 9th

SFES PTA will be providing breakfast and lunch for the staff during this week and is also collecting gift cards to give out to the staff at the end of the week. The PTA will be passing out \$15 gift cards to all of our staff and we are looking to our families to help purchase the gift cards.

- Tuesday the 6th- We need families to donate desserts for our annual dessert bar!
 - Please sign-up here to donate a dessert for the 6th,
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-56536041-annual>
- Please see the [Sign Up Genius Link](#) for the types of gift cards. If you sign up to purchase a card(s), please make sure to drop them off to the front office staff NO LATER THAN Wednesday, 5/7.

If you have any questions, please email Eliana Saltares at vp2@sfespta.org

 <p>Monday 5/5</p> <p>We "CAMP" imagine a better teacher than you!</p> <p>Have your student write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).</p>	 <p>Tuesday 5/6</p> <p>The world needs "S'MORE" teachers like you!</p> <p>Donate a sweet treat to the dessert bar for staff.</p>
 <p>Wednesday 5/7</p> <p>You are "NATURE-ally" an incredible teacher!</p> <p>Bring a flower or plant for your teacher(s).</p>	 <p>Thursday 5/8</p> <p>Thanks for keeping us on the "TRAIL" to success in our learning!</p> <p>Bring teaching supplies to support your teacher(s)' classroom.</p>
<p>Friday 5/9</p>  <p>We "In-TENT-sly" want to say thank you for all you do!</p> <p>Let's shower our staff with kindness. Perform a random act of kindness for your teacher.</p>	

Spring Book Fair is May 12th-16th

Our Spring BOGO Book Fair will take place 5/12-5/16. Daily book fair hours are 8:00 AM-8:45 AM, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (Late hours will be on 5/13 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM).

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.
- Students who need SSL hours are welcome to volunteer but there needs to be an adult volunteer signed up for the same time slot.

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.

Pastries with Parents

PTA will be hosting breakfast for our students and their parents on Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th from 8:00 AM-8:30 AM in the all-purpose room. We will provide coffee, juice, donuts and fruit. It's also a great time to visit the book fair!

Please choose only one of the links below to RSVP no later than May 12th.

- [May 14, 2025 Link](#)
- [May 15, 2025 Link](#)

Volunteers are needed to help each morning (5/14 & 5/15) with this event.

- If you are able to volunteer please sign up at this [Sign up Genius link](#).
- We ask volunteers to show up at 7:45 AM to help with setup.

If we are not able to get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel the breakfast. If you have any questions, please email Eliana Saltares at vp2@sfspta.org

Career Day on May 9th: Volunteers Needed!

Calling all adults with interesting careers! We are excited to host Snowden Farm's 2nd Annual Career Day on the morning of Friday, May 23, and we would love your help.

- Please fill out the [short survey here](#) to indicate your interest by Friday, May 9.
- We will be in touch with more information once we have reviewed responses.
- Thank you for volunteering!

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/>

6th Grade Summer Parent and Student Academy for Hallie Wells MS

- Register Now, [2025 Summer Academy Sign Up Flyer .pdf](#)
- This is for incoming 6th-grade parents, caregivers, and students!
- June 24th 9:00 AM-11:30 AM or July 29th 12:00 PM-2:30 PM
- Think of our academy as an orientation to all things middle school!
- The mission of the Summer Academy is to bridge the gap between elementary and middle school by providing resources, support, and information.

Pedestrian Safety Art Contest

Deadline to Submit : April 30, 2025 by: 11:59pm

*******Please share this wonderful educational opportunity with your students, parents and teachers. Art classes are welcome to participate*******

The Montgomery County [Safe Routes to School](#) (SRTS) program has launched our annual [Pedestrian Safety Art Contest](#) for all elementary school (private & public) students in Montgomery County. The purpose of the contest is to have students use their creativity to educate themselves and others about the importance of walking safely. Not only is it important for students to go to school, but they MUST get there safely.

If you wish to participate in the contest by encouraging them to create artwork around pedestrian safety and [SUBMIT IT HERE!](#)

PRIZE INFO

- K-3rd Grade Prizes
 - 1st Place - \$75 Barnes & Noble Gift Card
 - 2nd Place - \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card
 - 3rd Place - \$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card
- 4-5th Grade Prizes
 - 1st Place - \$75 Amazon Gift Card
 - 2nd Place - \$50 Amazon Gift Card
 - 3rd Place - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website below for more information about the contest.
[Montgomery County, MD School Art Contest \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](http://montgomerycountymd.gov)

Key Dates:

- 04/28- ELA MCAP Testing begins for 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- 04/29- ELA MCAP Testing begins for 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- 04/30- 4th Grade Science Center
- 05/01- ELA MCAP 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- 05/02- ELA MCAP 3rd, 4th, and 5th
- 05/05-05/09- Math MCAP for 3rd, 4th, and 5th and Staff Appreciation Week
- 05/08- In school Spring Concert for students
- 05/09- Spring Concert at CHS

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune