

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

Thank you to all of our students and families who participated in this year's STEM Fair. The projects were incredibly well done, and we truly enjoyed listening to the students present their work. It was wonderful to see their creativity, critical thinking, and enthusiasm shine through.

Congratulations to our Girls on the Run team for successfully completing their 5K practice run this week! We are so proud of their hard work, perseverance, and positive spirit.

I also want to commend our students for doing an excellent job during our recent spring bus evacuation drill. They demonstrated responsibility, focus, and respect for safety procedures well done!

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of welcoming our staff members' children for Take Your Child to Work Day. It was a joy having them in the building, and we hope they had a memorable and engaging experience alongside our staff.

Finally, if you have not yet signed up for Boosterthon, please take a moment to do so. This is our PTA's largest fundraiser and supports many important programs in our school, including assemblies and after-school/evening events. Your participation makes a meaningful difference for our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

New: Weekend Challenge: Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal!

Who's ready for a weekend challenge?! 🧑🏻 Enter \$60 in new donations before Monday to snag a GLOW IN THE DARK EDITION keychain! 😊 Good luck!

Help us reach our \$25,000 for PTA and School Events including Cultural Assemblies that help strengthen our school community 



1. **SIGN UP** your student(s) on MyBooster.com.
2. **SHARE** with your family/friends using the SHARE tools on MyBooster.com.
3. **GIVE** a donation.

We're currently at \$4,819 towards our goal of \$25,000. Every donation counts and brings us closer to PTA and School Events including Cultural Assemblies that help strengthen our school community for our students!

Reminder: Our big Stallion Fun Run is coming up on Friday 5/01/2026! We can't wait to celebrate with you. Also, as a reminder, **Reward Store Orders are Due 05/08/2026!**

Thank you again for supporting our school!

Key Dates to Remember:

 Event Day – 05/01/2026
 Reward Store Orders Due - 05/08/2026

New: BOOSTERTHON Volunteer Sign-Ups

Our Boosterthon Run is taking place Friday, May 1st and we need your help! Please sign up for a volunteer slot to mark students' shirts as the complete laps. You'll be right in the action! Grades 1, 2, & 5 will be from 9:10am-10:10am, and Grades K, 3, and 4 will be from 10:10am-11:15am on the Snowden Farm Field.

- Please sign up using the [Sign-Up Genius](#) to support our runners and walkers.

MCAP Assessments start this Week and we need Snacks!

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) starting on April 28th with the dates listed below.

- There will be four days of English/Language Arts testing and four days of Mathematics testing.
- Please help to ensure that students are ready for testing by getting a good night's rest, eating a nutritional breakfast and coming to school on time on those days.
- Please encourage your students to do their best and take their time!
- We like to provide snacks for students upon completion of each section of each assessment when possible to help encourage students to try their best.
 - We appreciate it if you are able to bring/send snacks to the main office clearly labeled TESTING.
- Please see the sign up genius link for more information as well as places to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AEA92BA7F5C70-62469545-misa>

New: Staff Appreciation Week

As a part of Staff Appreciation Week at SFES, we will be passing out \$15 gift cards to all of our staff. We are looking for families to help purchase these items.

- Please see the sign up [here](#) for the types of gift cards.
- If you sign up to purchase a card(s), please make sure to drop them off at the front office NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 6th.

Thanks for making our team feel special!

New: Spring BOGO Book Fair from 05/13-05/20

The Scholastic BOGO (Buy One, Get One free) Book Fair will be coming back Wednesday, May 13 - Wednesday, May 20!

- We have [volunteer slots available](#) and older students may earn SSL hours if accompanied by an adult.

New: Cookies & Milk Event on 05/14

Coinciding with the Spring Book Fair will be a new evening event called "Cookies & Milk." Taking place on Thursday, May 14th from 6-7:30pm, come join us for free treats, storybook readings from your favorite teachers, and shopping at the Book Fair! We can't wait to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration Now Open

For the 2026-2027 school year, [kindergarten registration](#) is now open and being held online through the [ParentVUE portal](#). Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2026 are eligible. If your family is new to MCPS, you will need to create a ParentVue account [here](#). After creating an account, you will be prompted to register when you first log in.

Registration sessions will be held in person beginning Monday, March 16. Schools will share further information about kindergarten registration with families. Early entrance to kindergarten and first grade opens on Monday, March 9.

Join the PTA

Join the PTA to become an integral part of your child's elementary school experience.

- Fill out the membership form online,
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDsSE-8w/viewform?usp=preview>
- Pay Dues
 - Pay online via Zelle: treasurer@sfespta.org
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

New: Important Information from MCPS

New: We Want to Hear About Your MCPS Experience!

MCPS invites families and students to share your experiences and perspectives through our annual survey, open until May 10.

In the past, this was called the “School Culture and Climate Survey,” but it’s not about the weather. It’s about your experience in our schools and how we can make them better. [Learn more](#) and [take the survey](#).

- Families: [Take the survey](#).
- Students: [Take the survey](#). *NEW* this year: No student ID required!

New: Helping Your Child Succeed on Spring Assessments—What Families Can Do

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, students have been engaging with practice questions during class to become familiar with the format and tools used on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). These end-of-year assessments measure what students know, understand and can do after a full year of learning.

State testing will begin April 28 and continue through May, giving students more time to learn before testing starts. As test days approach, remember that small routines can make a big difference in helping students feel confident and prepared.

- Ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep before each testing day.
- Provide a healthy breakfast.
- Help your child arrive at school on time and ready to begin.
- Encourage a positive mindset — remind your child to try their best and use the strategies they’ve learned.

Here are helpful [one-page information sheets](#) that remind students what they need to know to test successfully.

Watch in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Amharic](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#)

New: Resource Guide Links Families to Essential Support Services

The MCPS Division of Specialized Support Services has produced a [Community Resource Guide for Families](#). The guide includes a comprehensive list of school and community resources on a range of topics, including access to healthcare and mental health services; assistance with food, clothing, furniture, housing and utilities; youth development and mentorship; domestic violence; workforce; academic and technology; international families and more.

2026-2027 Calendar Options: Take the Survey!

Help shape the 2026–2027 school calendar! With the Maryland State Board of Education requirement to finish school by June 19, 2027, MCPS needs your feedback on options, such as an earlier August start date, adjusted winter and/or spring breaks or using select religious observances as make-up days. Your input is vital. [Take the survey today!](#)

What's New in Special Education? Find Out at May 6 Webinar

The Division of Specialized Support Services will hold a webinar for families from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, focused on what's new in special education services, staffing and supports — and why. MCPS special education leaders will provide context for what this means for schools and classrooms. The session will be held virtually, featuring a brief presentation followed by questions and answers. The Zoom link is available [here](#).

Also, don't miss the [Special Education Family Resource Fair](#) coming up from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at Paint Branch High School. [Read more](#).

Leul Dawit Elected as Next Student Member of the Board

Leul Dawit, a 10th grade student at Northwood High School, has been elected as the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) for the 2026-2027 school year. Dawit's term begins on July 1, 2026. Dawit will succeed Anuva Maloo, a senior at Montgomery Blair High School, who will graduate in June. He will be the 49th Student Member of the Board. [Read more](#).

Other Student Opportunities

- KID Museum is offering upcoming opportunities for students, including summer camps and a free Invent the Future Expo. [Summer camps](#) are available for K–8th grade students from June 22–Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Invent the Future Expo will be held from 10 a.m.-2p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at 3 Bethesda Metro Center. [Register](#).

Additional Information

- [At-Home Student Device Request](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- Food Assistance: Call Manna's main office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm, at (301) 424-1130.

- [Menus - Department of Food & Nutrition Services - Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD](#)
- [School Cash Online- https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/](https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/)
- Maryland Anonymous Tip Line - 1-833-632-7233- Report threats or situations that put your safety, or others' safety, at risk.
- In Case You Missed It:
 - [Refrigerator Curriculum](#): See what your children will be learning each marking period.
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): [Read the revised document](#) and [watch the video](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, April 27th- Stallion Meet Ups
- Tuesday, April 28th- Kinder Making Bread and MCAP ELA for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
- Wednesday, April 29th- MCAP ELA for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
- Thursday, April 30th- MCAP ELA for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade and 1st Grade diorama display
- Friday, May 1st- Boosterthon Fun Run
 - 9:10-10:10- 1, 2, and 5
 - 10:10-11:15- K, 3, and 4

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal