

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We had a wonderful week at Snowden Farm. Students enjoyed our June Meet-Up! Thank you to our 5th grade team, students, and their families for coming to the 5th Grade presentations. We also wrapped up last week with our final PTA meeting and the Geography Bee.

As a special reward for their dedication and perseverance during MCAP testing, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students earned extra recess time for consistently putting forth their best effort. We are so proud of the positive attitude and determination they demonstrated throughout the testing season.

We are looking forward to an exciting week ahead as we celebrate together at Field Day!

### **New: Field Day**

We are so excited for Field Day on Monday and Tuesday and appreciate everyone who donated items or will give their time volunteering! As a reminder, ALL parents (volunteers and observers) must bring Photo ID and sign in through the main office before joining us on the field.

Grade levels will wear different colors:

- Monday, 6/8: Kindergarten - white, 2nd - purple, 4th - blue
- Tuesday, 6/9: 1st - white, 3rd - blue, 5th - gray (wear 5th grade shirt!)

### **New: Note from the Health Room:**

Summer weather is finally here! With Field Day on Monday and Tuesday, here are some reminders to ensure your child is safe while enjoying all the fun.

1. Dress appropriately, shorts, and short sleeves that are comfortable for physical activity.
  - a. Please wear tennis shoes and socks (No crocs or sandals).
  - b. If your child gets chilly in the building, consider layers.
  - c. There will be water activities, consider sending a change of clothes.
2. Bring a water bottle.
  - a. Fill it with ice and water in the morning so it's nice and cold.
  - b. Students will be able to refill it if needed throughout the day.
3. Please apply sunscreen.

### **New: Attendance Notes**

If your student is going to be away from school for any length of time these last few weeks or starting the new year late due to travel, please let Mrs. Cardea know as soon as possible

(Sherrie\_H\_Cardea@mcpsmd.org). We always appreciate advance notice of travel as well as notice of early pickup times so we can locate the students prior to your arrival.

### **New: Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found will be cleared out and donated on Friday, June 19. Please have your students look for any missing clothing items, lunchboxes, water bottles before the last day of school. If you are ever missing keys, air tags, glasses, jewelry, etc., please check with the main office. Some Lost and Found items are secured in the main office.

### **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](mailto:treasurer@sfespta.org)
  - Individual Membership \$20
  - Family Membership \$40
  - Staff Membership \$15

### **New: Important Information from MCPS**

#### **New: Upcoming Schedule Reminders**

Wednesday, June 17 is a full day of school for students. **The last day of school is Thursday, June 18**, and it is an early release day for K–12 students. Friday, June 19 is a systemwide closure; all MCPS schools and offices will be closed.

- Final report cards will be available in [ParentVue](#) by Monday, June 29, and mailed home by Tuesday, June 30.

### **New: Turn Your Summer Into Service**

Summer is a wonderful time for middle and high school students to engage in Student Service Learning (SSL) opportunities and earn SSL hours towards meeting the 75-hour state graduation requirement! Current fifth grade students can begin earning SSL hours starting Friday, June 19.

- [June Opportunities](#)

### **New: Third Quarter Academic Performance Shows Progress in Literacy, Mathematics**

On Thursday, June 4, the Board of Education received a third-quarter academic performance update showing encouraging gains in literacy and mathematics as MCPS continues to focus on the goals of its Future Ready Strategic Plan. The report highlighted improvements in early literacy, with the percentage of students meeting benchmark expectations increasing from 57.8% to 65.7% on DIBELS and from 62.3% to 72% on Lectura compared to last year (from fall 2025 to winter 2026).

District leaders credited the progress to the focused work of teachers, principals and school-based instructional teams who are regularly reviewing student performance data, adjusting instruction, providing targeted interventions, and responding quickly when students need additional support. The presentation emphasized that continuous improvement happens when educators use data not simply to measure results, but to inform daily teaching and learning decisions that help more students achieve at higher levels.

See a [video](#) of the presentation. [View](#) the slide deck.

### **New: State Highlights Innovations in MCPS Gifted and Talented Programs**

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has recognized MCPS as one of only four school systems featured in its 2025–2026 Gifted and Talented Impact Series, highlighting innovative approaches to advanced learning.

The MSDE report recognizes the district for its work in expanding access to advanced learning through enrichment overlays developed by the Office of Accelerated and Enriched Instruction. MCPS has designed enrichment opportunities that are embedded directly into the district's Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum, making deeper thinking, greater complexity and increased challenge available to all learners.

During classroom visits, state observers noted high expectations for every student, meaningful differentiation, rich academic discussions, purposeful student choice and teachers who skillfully supported learners at all levels. The report discussed that MCPS is demonstrating how rigorous

enrichment can be built into the core curriculum so that every student has opportunities to think deeply, engage meaningfully, and reach their full potential.

- [Read the report.](#)

### **New: School's (Soon) Out, Giving Back Is In**

Join us for the 25th annual [Drive for Supplies](#) from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. on Friday, July 24 at Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Blvd. in Gaithersburg. Families are invited to join us for a fun and meaningful day of support, community and connection. Pick up free gently used school supplies. In addition, the UpCounty Hub and Rise-N-Shine Foundation will be distributing food boxes to families, and there will be opportunities to sign up for vital services, such as SNAP benefits, free and reduced-price meals and summer support programs. Students can earn [Service Learning hours for volunteering](#) to unpack, sort and repackage supplies before and during the event. Volunteers are needed July 20–July 23.

- [Student volunteer form](#)

### **Website Updated with BOE-Adopted Boundary Reassignments**

The boundary website has been updated with the [Board of Education-adopted boundary reassignments](#) beginning in the 2027-2028 school year for both boundary studies. Families can find more information about the middle and/or high school boundary reassignments, as well as the Board of Education-adopted implementation timeline. The interactive map tool with the Board-adopted boundary reassignments is available with the existing elementary, middle and high school assignments and Board-approved middle and high school reassignments **beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.**

- [Reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School and Expansion of Northwood High School](#)
- [Relocation of Thomas S. Wootton High School to the Crown Farm Site and Expansion of Damascus High School](#)

### **Families Invited to Learn About Coming Math Changes**

MCPS is moving to a new instructional model focused on building a stronger mathematical foundation and developing confident mathematical thinkers.

Beginning next year, MCPS will implement a [cluster model for mathematics instruction](#). Cluster grouping is designed to allow students to move into advanced learning opportunities as they become ready. Classes will be organized to reduce the broad range of instructional levels within a classroom, which will make it more manageable for teachers to plan instruction effectively, differentiate learning experiences, and provide timely support and enrichment for students.

This model will begin in 2026-2027 for Grade 4 students only, with additional grade levels the following year. If your child is a rising fourth grader, your school will be in touch soon to share

details. MCPS will also host the following community meetings for families to learn more. All meetings are from 7-8:15 p.m.

- Tuesday, June 9, Silver Creek Middle School, 3701 Saul Road, Kensington
- Tuesday, June 16, virtual

[Read the FAQs](#)

### **Check It Out! Booked for the Summer Digital Guide**

As we head into the summer break in less than a month, MCPS wants students to stay engaged, active and fully supported. MCPS is excited to unveil Booked for the Summer, your digital guide to navigating the summer months!

#### **What's inside?**

- Academic Boosts: Fast access to summer learning programs like IGNITE Middle School Academy and Summer School.
- Community Fun: Direct links to the Montgomery County Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge and free activities in county parks.
- Wellness & Support: Information on summer meal sites and mental health resources to keep kids healthy and ready for the fall.

#### **Other Student Opportunities**

- [American Heroes Student Art Contest](#): Students in Grades 3–12 are invited to celebrate America's 250th birthday by choosing a hero from the [provided list](#) and creating an original, handmade two-dimensional artwork and artist statement. Submissions are due Monday, June 1. [Learn more](#). 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](#).
- **Montgomery Can Code**: This free weeklong summer camp is open to MCPS rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
  - **Learn more:** [English](#) / [español](#) / [中文](#) / [français](#) / [Português](#) / [한국어](#) / [tiếng Việt](#) / [አማርኛ](#)

#### **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, 06/08- Field Day for K, 2nd, and 4th Grade
- Tuesday, 06/09- Field Day for 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade
- Tuesday, 06/15- 5th Grade Celebration and Clap out at 3:00

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

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal