

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

This past week was full of connection and celebration! During our **monthly meet-up**, we:

- reviewed our **three S's** (Studious, Safe, and Synergic),
- recognized students who consistently show these qualities,
- enjoyed a fantastic performance from the **Clarksburg Latin Dance Team**, and
- had some fun with **Hispanic Heritage trivia**

A huge **thank you to our 2nd grade team** for hosting *Flapjacks and Flannels*! It was wonderful to see students and families come together to share breakfast, laughter, and community spirit.

Of course, alongside these events, students continued to dive deeply into learning, and we are proud of their hard work and growth.

Reminders for this week:

- There is **no school on Tuesday**.
- We will have an **early release on Friday at 12:55 p.m.**

If you haven't had the chance yet, please take a few moments to complete our **feedback form**, <https://forms.gle/B1Ky5sWn4tzNUH1d7> so we can continue to improve and strengthen our school community.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school family — we couldn't do this work without you!

New: [Requesting an At-Home Device](#)

Please use the link below to request an at-home device for your child. The media center staff at Snowden Farm does not monitor, assign, or swap at-home devices. This is handled through the MCPS technical support office at Central Office. If you have questions, please email communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org.

- [At-Home Student Device Request](#)

The MATH CHALLENGE is back!

This is an optional at home math enrichment challenge that students can engage with to enhance their critical thinking and problem solving skills. It is an easy way to make sure your student is challenged, and learn about their methods of math reasoning. Working with your child on these problems will help them build a strong, positive math identity, and enrich your child's math problem solving approach for years to come.

- **Read** the way the challenge works here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PxyZZijZYdr3ylnH6UG-1IE7WdRugWCDVmCUTPOvO2k/edit?usp=sharing>
- Use this **calendar** to see challenge release dates and due dates:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNzv5xf5hnY2NLKt0iu71XPR-wiSkDzD00qaZjBpjBU/edit?usp=sharing>
- Use this **Google form EVERY TWO WEEKS** (same form each time) to submit your child's answers before the deadline: <https://forms.gle/5PshFw9DuGYNTBSHA>
- The first challenge is live **NOW** and is due by Thursday 9/25 at 8 pm. Visit <https://www.mathinaction.org/snowden-farm.html> to get the challenge now!

Spirit Fridays

We are excited to bring some spirit and fun to Snowden Farm! On Fridays of this month, we will have a *Fun Friday spirit day* with a theme each week. See below for the schedule:

- Friday, September 26th – Pajama Day: Come wearing your comfy pajamas for the early release day!

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: Help Shape Next Year's School Calendar—Share Your Input!

MCPS is seeking input as it works to develop the 2026-2027 school calendar. Complete this [survey](#) by Tuesday, Sept. 30, to share your feedback. Your input is an important component of the development process. [Take the survey today!](#)

Next Round of Boundary Study Options Meetings Set for October

You spoke; we listened. Make plans to attend a boundary study option meeting in October. During public information meetings for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School, the opening of Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School, the community will learn more about refined boundary options for the 2027-2028 school year, including accompanying maps, articulation patterns, data tables and an interactive map tool. MCPS will also share surveys for each boundary study so that attendees can continue to provide meaningful feedback.

- [See the opportunities to attend a virtual or in-person session.](#)
- [MCPS Boundary Study webpage](#)

New: Programs Analysis ... Why Are We Doing It?

MCPS is designing a regional model of its academic programs to expand access so that more students—in more parts of the county—can participate in strong programs closer to home. Our goal is to achieve excellence and equity. By expanding regionally, we can reduce barriers such as distance and limited space, while maintaining the rigor and strength of existing programs. The Board of Education is expected to take final action in December 2025. *Why is MCPS conducting this programs analysis?* [Read more.](#)

- Public Link for All Sessions = <https://mcpstv-org.zoom.us/j/84717187605>
 - 9/29 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. = NEC Families
 - 9/29 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. = NEC Families
 - 9/30 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. = DCC Families
 - 9/30 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. = DCC Families
 - 10/22 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. = Learn About the Proposed Six Region Model
 - 10/22 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. = Learn About the Proposed Six Region Model
 - 10/27 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. = Learn About the Proposed Six Region Model
 - 10/27 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. = Learn About the Proposed Six Region Model

New: Legislative Summit Highlights Key Priorities for 2026

The Board of Education held a legislative summit at Richard Montgomery High School to unveil its 2026 legislative platform. The four priorities were: regular review of graduation requirements,

flexibility in community school spending, sliding scale fees for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams based on income, and the option to meet either instructional hours or days requirements. [Watch a recap.](#)

New: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Now a third grade teacher at Waters Landing Elementary School, Miguelina Tejada knew that becoming a teacher would allow her to contribute to creating a better future for her students. Drawing on her roots in the Dominican Republic, discover how her journey and heritage inspire her teaching. [Read more.](#)

Have You Submitted Your Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARMS) Application Yet?

[Apply online for meal benefits today!](#) A new FARMS application must be completed every school year. MCPS encourages all families who may be eligible to apply. Please submit the online FARMS application through [MySchoolApps](#) (translations are available). Only one application is needed for all students in a household. For more information, visit the Division of Food and Nutrition Services [website](#).

Additional Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- [25-26 Supply List](#)
- [Menus - Department of Food & Nutrition Services - Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD](#)
- School Cash Online- <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.
 - [Enhanced Security Protocol](#): MCPS is using the [Standard Response Protocol \(SRP\)](#) to respond to emergencies and crisis situations. Schools will review safety procedures, share resources and conduct drills to ensure preparedness. Students will also see SRP posters displayed in school.
 - [**Register for Saturday School. The tutoring sessions are available to students in K–12 in math and English/Language Arts and have in-person and virtual options.**](#)

- **MCPS welcomes volunteers! [Here's how to do it.](#)**
- **Free back-to-school immunizations are available through Sept. 30. [Make an appointment.](#)**
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Remind, ParentSquare, ParentVUE](#): What's the difference?
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): [Read the revised document](#) and [watch the video](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 23rd- Non-instructional Day for Staff and Students
- Wednesday, September 24th- 3rd Grade Tea Party
- Friday, September 26th- Early Release at 12:55

We are so grateful for your partnership and support as we move through this school year together. Your encouragement at home and presence at our events make such a difference for our students and our school community.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal