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**Winter Break**

Winter Break is almost here. Schools will be closed from Friday, December 23rd until Tuesday, January 3rd. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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Flora Singer Elementary School Yearbook Cover Art Contest

[Click here for a slideshow with information](#)

**Submission Deadline:** December 22nd, 2022. Submit Artwork in the Grade Level folders outside Mrs. Gracias’ Art Room.

**Theme:** Flora Singer Elementary School Harmony Goals. We challenge students to illustrate examples of our School Harmony Goals:

- Be Kind
- Work Together
- Show Respect

**Must include the following information in the design:**
Flora Singer Elementary School
2022 - 2023
Write your NAME and TEACHER/CLASS CODE on the BACK of your art.

Guidelines & Conditions:

- Applicants must be Flora Singer Elementary Students
- Designs must be colorful, unique, and original
- Participants are only allowed to submit one design, which is to be executed solely by the student.
- All submissions will be judged based on creativity, functionality and originality

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Clothing To Cash

Did you know we have a clothing donation box right here at Singer Elementary? If you have old clothes, shoes, towels, or blankets, please put them in plastic bags and drop them off. The school receives money for every donation!

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PTA Meeting

I have attached an edited copy of the slides that I shared at last Tuesday’s PTA meeting. Please see the link below. We discussed several important topics, including emergency procedures. We also discussed some recent disciplinary incidents at school. I want to highlight what you can do at home to help our entire school community:
Talk to your children about making safe choices at school:
  ○ Stay with the adults
  ○ Follow procedures
  ○ Report dangerous behavior
  ○ Express frustration in healthy ways

Consider using scenarios to probe their thinking about how they would respond in a dangerous situation

Encourage your children to trust their feelings—if they think something is wrong, tell somebody

*Reporting is not snitching*- be an upstander not a bystander

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It’s Not Too Late to Order Your 2022 Fall School Portraits

But Hurry...Deadlines are Approaching Fast!

Ordering is EASY!
Remembrance and Reconciliation Month

The Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation was established by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights in 2019 to promote a better understanding of its history and legacy of African Americans in the county.

In response, Montgomery County Public Schools will observe Remembrance and Reconciliation Month by supporting local Emancipation Day celebrations, providing schools with age-appropriate lessons on local historic African American communities, and virtual changemaker workshops for students and their families in English and Spanish on November 15 - 17, 2022. Register here to attend a changemaker workshop.

Tutoring in MCPS

Free Tutoring Available to All MCPS Students

- FEV Tutor
  - More information in English and Spanish
  - Offers tutoring without cameras for students in grades 3-12 who learn best without a camera.
  - To set up tutoring: mcps@fevtutor.com
Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival begins at 9:00 am. Students may enter the building at that time and go to line up. Kindergarteners and 5th graders go to the gym. Everyone else goes to the lunch room. **Do not drop your child off prior to 9:00 a.m. They will be unsupervised.**

Dismissal begins at 3:50. You may arrive prior to 3:50 to wait for dismissal. Kindergarteners are dismissed through the doors by the gym. Walkers, car riders and bus riders are dismissed from the front doors. **Parents must contact the main office before 3:00 p.m. with any dismissal changes for the day.**

Personal Body Safety Lessons

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is taking an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education. During the week of (date), our school counselor and classroom teachers will be presenting lessons on the topic of child abuse and neglect. The lessons are known as Personal Body Safety. Lessons and their purpose is to help students to:

- Develop knowledge, decision making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school, and community;
- Learn skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect;
Learn skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult; and

Engage in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about the topics that will be covered, please contact an administrator, your child’s classroom teacher, or a school counselor.

Immunizations and Medications

It is very important that your child is up-to-date on his/her immunizations. If you are not sure, please check with your doctor. The state law mandates that children not be admitted to school without the proper immunizations. Medications must be brought to school in the original container by an adult along with MCPS Form 525-13 (Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication) completed by your physician. Medication will not be administered without proper authorization. Please contact our Health Technician if you have any questions.

School Lunch Application and SchoolCash Online

Please see this document. It outlines how to apply for free and reduced-priced lunch & for SchoolCash Online. Breakfast is free for any Flora M. Singer Elementary student who would like it. However, lunch is no longer free for everyone. The full price is $2.55 per lunch.

PTA Update

Next Dine out: Chipotle

Save the date for our December Dine Out at the Kensington Chipotle (10526 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD - Corner of Connecticut and Knowles) on Monday, December 19 from 5 - 9 pm. Chipotle will donate 33% of all of our sales to the Singer PTA. Orders must be placed in person or on the official Chipotle app, not third-party delivery apps.
Givebacks
Planning on doing some holiday shopping? If so, you could be earning money for the Singer PTA and YOU! Shop at the places you normally shop, in store, online, and on your phone, and you'll automatically get up to 10% cashback while automatically giving up to 1% to your favorite cause - at no cost to you. It's free to use and you don't have to provide any credit card information. [Sign up for Givebacks here.]

Connect with the PTA
There are so many ways to connect with the PTA. Check out these great resources to find out more about upcoming events, ways to get involved, and opportunities for your family to get involved:

PTA Website
Instagram
Facebook

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Winter Choral Concert

Please join us for our first concert of the year on Thursday, December 15th. Our 4th and 5th graders have been hard at work, and are excited to share their music with you. Performers should arrive at the music room (113) at 6:45 p.m. The concert will start at 7 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. We are asking that students wear comfortable “dressy” clothing or Singer spiritwear. Please note that performers will be sitting on the floor for part of the show. We look forward to seeing you there!