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Flora Singer Celebrates Inclusion In Our Schools Week

December 5-9

Inclusion in schools is when all means all. All students include learners from diverse backgrounds that include: neurodiverse, culturally diverse, neurotypical and English language learners. All students should be accepted and valued for their unique abilities and are included as valuable members of the school community.

This is a week where we celebrate and acknowledge our differences. Students will learn more about what it means to be unique and how to learn from each other’s uniqueness. It is a wonderful follow up to our annual Singer Day.

We will also be participating in a spirit week to highlight all of the heroes in our lives!

| Monday:  
Superhero Day |
| We all have special superpowers! What's yours? Make a nametag in class during breakfast to tell us about your superpower. |
| Tuesday:  
Multicultural Day |
| What special holidays, dress, and traditions are a part of your family? Share a fun fact about your family with a classmate today. |
| Wednesday:  
Rainbow colors for Neurodiversity : |
| Our brains are amazing! There are as many ways to think, grow, and learn as there are colors in the rainbow. So let's make a rainbow at school. Dress in your grade level color today. |
| Kindergarten: Purple  
First Grade: Red  
Second Grade: Green  
Third Grade: Orange |
| Thursday:  
Sensory Friendly Thursday |
| Did you know that our behavior is linked to our senses? When our body is uncomfortable, it can be harder to think and communicate. Set yourself up for success today. Wear your most comfortable clothes! |
| Friday:  
Spirit Day |
| Show your Flora Singer Spirit by wearing your Flora Singer colors of Purple and White! |
Fourth Grade: Blue
Fifth Grade: Yellow

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Kids Heart Challenge

The Kids Heart Challenge has come to a close. We set a goal of raising $10,000 as a school. I am very proud to report that we surpassed our goal, and raised $11,930! Way to go Sea Turtles!

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Flora M. Singer Day

Singer Day was a huge success!

Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work. Thank you to the parents who donated all the materials for the Oral Care Kits that the students assembled and will be donated to A Wider Circle.

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Half Day Wednesday

This is a reminder that we will have a half day of school this Wednesday, December 7. Dismissal will begin at 1:15 p.m.

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Flora Singer Elementary School Yearbook Cover Art Contest
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

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!
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!

Click Here to Order

then Enter your Access Key from your proof

Or you can simply scan the QR code on your proof.

Questions? Call us at (800)869-9515 x112

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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

○ Tutor Me Education
More information in English and Spanish
To set up tutoring: MCPS@tutormeeducation.com or 240-618-2549

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.**
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

November Staff Member of the Month
Congratulations to Ms. Katie Tanenbaum, 3rd grade teacher, who is the November Staff Member of the Month!

Staff Member of the Month nominations are open on a rolling basis so keep them coming all year! Nominees can be anyone on staff (teachers, paraeducators, administrators, support staff, etc.) and every nomination is shared with the person nominated and with Mr. Heatwole and Mr. Payne. At the end of each month, we draw a name from all those nominated to produce our monthly winner who is rewarded with a piece of Singer swag and a reserved parking spot.

Nominate Staff Member of the Month in English or En Español.

After-School Activities
Hip-hop dance, basketball, chess club and more! REGISTRATION is now open for our winter after school enrichment activities. If you did not participate in the Fall you must first create a Kiddo account here. After your account is created, you will set up a student profile, select the activities you want to register for, and add your payment method. More details and links to register for particular activities are located here.

Holiday Giving Program
Thank you to all those who signed up to sponsor a child! Assignments are being emailed as we collect student info. If you missed the sign up and want to donate - it's not too late! We welcome donations of any new toys or books. Gifts can be dropped off (unwrapped) to any of the collection points below between now and December 9th. We also welcome gift cards, they can be dropped off at the same collection points.

Drop off points:
1915 Brisbane Street
1604 Imperial Drive
10100 Portland Road
10111 Gates Avenue
1812 Myrtle Road
**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!

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**Cafe de Padres Internacionales**

Join us every Friday morning at 9:45am in the staff lounge to drink a cup of coffee, eat snacks, meet other international Flora Singer Parents, and get information about our school.

Please contact Viviana Guerra (301-728-9830, call or text Spanish) or Shana Grossman (240-740-0330, Shana_R_Grossman@mcpsmd.org) with any questions.

The meeting is broadcast simultaneously virtually via Google Meet. To join the video meeting, click this link: [https://meet.google.com/nfs-ahhb-xjy](https://meet.google.com/nfs-ahhb-xjy)

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 435-893-6084 and enter this PIN: 942 475 798#

[Click here to access links/resources that have been shared so far this year.](#)