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Next Week

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. Schools will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Monday and Tuesdays are also half-days of school. Dismissal will begin at 1:15 on Monday and Tuesday.

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

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L-rD3NFK-gylert9mtAsnXqF4Ad-LY_RobWbjKyhoDg/edit?usp=sharing
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

Classic Photography & Imaging

Singer Needs Group
Our next social gathering will be on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 pm at the playground at Wheaton Regional Park. For those who have not been there, this is a big playground with lots of different types of play equipment for kids with different abilities. Please wear Flora Singer spirit-wear or purple clothing so that we can find each other easily.

For the winter months, we will meet online with an invited speaker rather than having a social gathering.

Please contact Chris Reynolds at singerneeds@singerpta.org with questions or if you have a good idea for a speaker!

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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.

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**Report Cards**

Below are links to the 2022-2023 Report Card examples for each grade. Copies are available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Vietnamese.

**Grade K-5 Progress report Card 2022-23 (English)**

Languages: español / 中文 / français / Português / 한국어 / tiếng Việt / እማርኛ
Your child’s report card will be in Synergy on 11/14 you will receive a hard copy in the days following from the school as well.

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Tutoring in MCPS
Free Tutoring Available to All MCPS Students

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

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Kids Heart Challenge

The Kids Heart Challenge is currently underway! We will be raising money for the American Heart Association and completing Finn’s Challenge. The Kids Heart Challenge will end on Flora M. Singer Day, which will be Tuesday, November 29th. Please see this form for the most recent information:

Kids_Heart_Challange_Nov_4_Parent_Email.pdf

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Holiday Help for Thanksgiving and December Holidays - Holiday Giving Project

***Thanksgiving Registration is Closed***
***Late Registration Deadline for December Holidays - November 16th***
If you and your family are in need and would like to be referred for possible assistance for the holiday season, please complete the referral form to provide the required information. Resources are limited: please apply only if you and your family are truly in need. While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families in need as donations allow.

The Holiday Giving Project has provided Thanksgiving and December holiday assistance to low-income households for over 30 years. A network of social workers, school counselors, and human service professionals refer families in need of assistance. Local non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies serve Holiday Giving recipients, as donations are available.

Click Below to Complete the Request Form

https://forms.gle/7Z89WpK7Uk24cWbX6

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**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.**

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**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.

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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.

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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.

Copy of Information about Money-Related Needs

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PTA Update

Winter Coats
We will continue to collect winter coats. The greatest need is for larger student sizes 10/12 and up. Coats must be clean and in good condition. They can be dropped off in the front office or in the bin on my front porch (1915 Brisbane Street). And if you or your family needs coats, boots or other winter gear - please feel free to utilize the racks and take what you need!

**Holiday Meals**
Grocery gift cards are being collected for distribution to our families who could use extra holiday support. We suggest gift cards in denominations of $25 each. And we find Giant, Aldi and Target the most utilized grocery access points. Cards can be sent to the counselors via backpack mail or dropped off at any of the winter coat collection points.

**Next Dine-out:**
Pacci's Trattoria on November 29 from 5:00 - 8:30pm. Valid for dine-in and take-out orders. Mention Flora Singer PTA fundraiser when you order, and Pacci's will donate 10% of our orders to the Flora Singer PTA.