This Week
11/21
Half Day of School

11/22
Half Day of School

11/23

11/24
School Closed - Thanksgiving

11/25
School Closed

Next Week
11/28

11/29
Flora M. Singer Day

11/30

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International Parent Coffee - 9:45 a.m. in the Staff Lounge
https://meet.google.com/nfs-ahhb-xjy

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This Week

This 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.

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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:

- [AHA Update.pdf](AHA Update.pdf)

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Flora M. Singer Day

Next Tuesday, November 29th is Flora M. Singer Day. We hold this event every year to teach our students about the life of Flora M. Singer and the lessons we can learn from her example. Every year we engage in community building activities as well as charitable work. This year we will be completing our work with the American Heart Association as well as preparing donations to A Wider Circle. It's going to be a great day.

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Lost and Found
Once again, our lost and found is overflowing. Please check it today or tomorrow when you come in for parent-teacher conferences. Everything left in the lost and found on Wednesday will be donated to charity.

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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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**Covid Tests**

We are sending a Covid test home with every student today. Please consider using it to test your child on Sunday, November 27th. With all of the traveling that people will do over the holiday weekend, it is important to stay safe!

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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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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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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.

Copy of Information about Money-Related Needs

PTA Update

Holiday Giving Program for Students in our Community
The Holiday Giving Program provides holiday gifts to families at Singer through granting gift wishes.

To help, please sign up to sponsor a student! We suggest each sponsored student receives one book, 1-2 toys/gifts, and one outfit or other clothing item.
Once you complete the form, we will match you with a student and provide you with de-identified information for shopping and planning. You can expect to receive that information later in November along with more specific information about drop off. All gifts need to be dropped off by Friday, December 9th.

If you want to help but can't commit to sponsoring a student, we also welcome gift cards to Amazon or Target. That can help us close gaps for any students not matched. We will also collect small item donations such as new coloring books, crayons, card games, fidgets, etc. A donation bin is on my front porch at 1915 Brisbane Street. We will add more donation points after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Winter Coat Drive
Brrr! It’s cold outside. Please think of donating gently used coats, hats, gloves, and winter boots - all sizes welcome. Donations can be dropped off to the school counselors or at any of the following locations:

- 2402 Hayden Drive
- 9825 Hollow Glen Place
- 10100 Portland Road
- 1604 Imperial Drive
- 1915 Brisbane Street

Don't have coats to give away but want to help? There are some good deals at Costco on both little sizes and big sizes, on Amazon or check out local consignment stores.

Holiday Staff Appreciation
We are collecting donations to provide all Singer Staff and Teachers with a token of gratitude this holiday season. The goal is to raise enough funds to give everyone a $50 gift card and thank you note, which is a total goal of about $7k! Please make contributions to Beth Angerman via Zelle (703-216-7338) or Venmo (@Beth-Angerman) before Dec 9th. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Holiday Meals
Grocery gift cards are being collected for distribution to 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.