# The Sea Turtle Times

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| Next Week | | | | |
| 12/5 | 12/6 | 12/7 | 12/8 | 12/9 |
| Town Hall | | Early Release - Dismissal Starts at 1:15 | | International Parent Coffee—9:45 a.m. in the Staff Lounge |

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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!

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<th>Monday: Superhero Day</th>
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<td>We all have special superpowers! What's yours? Make a nametag in class during breakfast to tell us about your superpower.</td>
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<th>Tuesday: Multicultural Day</th>
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<td>What special holidays, dress, and traditions are a part of your family? Share a fun fact about your family with a classmate today.</td>
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<th>Wednesday: Rainbow colors for Neurodiversity:</th>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Kindergarten: Purple</td>
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<td>First Grade: Red</td>
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<td>Second Grade: Green</td>
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<td>Third Grade: Orange</td>
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<td>Fifth Grade: Yellow</td>
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<th>Thursday: Sensory Friendly Thursday</th>
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<td>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!</td>
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<th>Friday: Spirit Day</th>
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<td>Show your Flora Singer Spirit by wearing your Flora Singer colors of Purple and White!</td>
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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 ]

Flora M. Singer Day

We have moved Flora M. Singer Day to Thursday!

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.

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

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L-rD3NFK-qylert9mtAsnXqF4Ad-LY_RobWbJyhoDq/edit?usp=sharing
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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

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

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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
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

Dine out with us on Tuesday!
Have you got the leftover turkey blues? Have no fear because the PTA is here to save the day. Join us Tuesday at **Pacci’s Trattoria** from 5:00 - 8:30pm. Mention Flora Singer PTA fundraiser when you order or dine-in, and Pacci’s will donate 10% of our orders to the Flora Singer PTA.

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