# The Sea Turtle Times

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Half Day Friday

This Friday, September 30th is a half-day of school. Dismissal will begin at 1:15 p.m. Please have a dismissal and supervision plan for your child.

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Town Hall on Monday

We are very excited to announce the return of Town Hall! This monthly assembly is all about celebrating our students. We highlight students who are doing a great job of demonstrating our Leader in Me habits. We also have fun competitions and get excited about events that are happening at school. Our first Town Hall is next Monday, October 3rd!

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Picture Day Next Tuesday

Tuesday, October 4th is fall individual picture day. All students will get their individual picture taken for the yearbook. Parents will have the option of purchasing portraits. Say cheese!

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Singer Needs Group

The Singer Needs Group connects families and school staff who work with students with educational disabilities. Our first meeting will be held in person at the park next to Flora Singer ES (McKinney Hills Park) on October 6 from 6:30-7:30. We plan to
have pizza/drinks, playground time, and opportunities for reconnection. We will also discuss our meeting structure. For those who have been around, we are adjusting our meeting schedule. It will continue to be monthly, but a different date/time from the school PTA meetings.

Please visit the PTA website to join the member hub email group to receive more updated information about activities planned. Please reach out to Kara Tymon @ Kara_T_Tymon@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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Middle School Magnet Consortium

5th grade parents, please review this flyer for more information about the optional choice lottery process for middle school.

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Open House

Monday, October 10 is a federal holiday, but MCPS schools will be open. This allows us to host Open House. Parents are welcome to come to school and observe in their children’s classrooms. We are excited for the opportunity for parents to see the outstanding instruction that takes place every day here at Singer.

We ask parents to plan to visit between 9:30 am and 11:30 am. That way, we will be able to complete the arrival process before your visit. 11:30 is when we start getting busy with lunch and recess. If there is a subject that you wish to observe that takes place in the afternoon, please contact your child’s teacher so that we can accommodate you.
Rainbow Club for Students in Gr. K-5 (Virtual Activity)

Rainbow Club is a safe and supportive place for LGBTQ+ students and allies to connect and build community. During our time together we'll engage in activities like playing games, picture book-read alouds, and discussions about identity, diversity and inclusivity. [Click here to learn more.]

Holiday Help for Thanksgiving and December Holidays - Holiday Giving Project

***DEADLINE OCTOBER 3RD***

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

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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**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. 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**

General PTA Meeting: All welcome!
Our first General PTA meeting will be held next Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00pm. There will be both in-person (Multi-purpose room) and virtual options to attend. Please plan to join us for dinner starting at 6:30pm.

Zoom link:
https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/97179562490?pwd=WEE5ODQxZXQ2bTNNd05zUnI4TFUwQT09
Meeting ID: 971 7956 2490
Passcode: 12345

Coming Up: Ledo Pizza Dine Out
Tuesday, October 11th, 4:00pm - 9:00 pm at 2638 University Blvd. W location. 20% of sales will be donated to the PTA. Order online or by phone. Dine in or carry out. Please mention the Singer PTA Fundraiser when you order by phone, online or in person.

Teacher Wish Lists
Do you know that each year, teachers buy much needed classroom supplies with their own money? Let’s help them out, and support our Singer community, by purchasing items they need from their teacher wish lists.