

Principal's Message on 01/14

Good Evening Stallion Families,

I hope that everyone has stayed safe and warm last week! We missed seeing the kids and are hoping to have a full week of instruction this week!

As a reminder, instruction begins at 9:00 AM each morning.

- The walker and main entrance doors open at 8:45 AM each morning.
- We are asking that all students are in the building by the time the first bell rings at 8:55 AM to ensure they are in their classrooms by 9:00 AM.
- Our doors close and the late bell rings at 9:00 AM.
- At this time students must be signed in by a parent in the front office.

New: Canned Food Drive for 2nd and 5th Grade Families

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., second and fifth graders are organizing a canned food drive to collect donations for Manna Food Center. Please consider sending a donation to the school between Monday, January 22nd and Friday, January 26th. Please reference the image below for most common items needed.




5th Grade Only: Middle School Information Night on 01/25 at 6:00 PM

Attention 5th Grade Parents! Hallie Wells Middle School will be hosting a 5th Grade Parent Night on Wednesday, January 25th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- Please see our FLYER for more information.

New: Family Bingo Night on 01/25 at 6:00 PM

Family Bingo night will be Thursday the 25th at 6:00 PM,  Bingo Night Flyer . The SFES PTA will be selling concessions during the event (Pizza, chips, drinks) and are accepting cash, ZELLE and credit card payments through PayPal.

- We are in need of volunteers to help with selling concessions and also with assisting students during the bingo games.
- The time commitment is from 5:45 pm-7:30 pm.
 - If you are interested please email Eliana Saltares at vp2@sfespta.org

New: Heritage Night on 02/01 at 7:00 PM

Our annual heritage night is right around the corner. Come and travel to different countries. Are you interested in sharing something from your heritage? Then please join us on February 1st from 7:00-8:00 at Snowden Farm. Come in a little early at 6:30 to set up your table. Ideas from the past few years: Display of flags, clothing, food, create a display board and so much more.

- Please sign up for a table to display your heritage,
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FAFAE2A1-47356822-heritage#/>

Lost and Found

Please be sure to come claim your winter gear before winter break! We have lots of coats, jackets, gloves, hats... we also have an abundance of water bottles.

- Putting initials or names on items would be extremely helpful.
- Our next donation of unclaimed items will be at the end of marking period two, on Friday, January 26, 2024.

Bowie Baysox Reading Program

We are participating in the Bowie Baysox Read and Hit a Homerun Reading Program! We will be keeping track of students who read at least 4 books from now until Friday, March 1, 2024. These can be picture books, chapter books, novels...any book your child chooses to read alone or with a family member for pleasure is fine!

- Your child is bringing home a book log that can be completed and returned to their teacher by Friday, March 1 in order to win 2 free tickets to the Bowie Baysox Baseball game that will be played on Saturday, April 6 at 6:35 PM.
- This is the night our school will be recognized at the game for our students' efforts!
- Please contact Mrs. Altuner, Snowden Farm's Reading Specialist, with any questions at Carolyn_R_Altuner@mcpsmd.org.

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Our Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough online store is open and accepting orders through Friday February 23! We are off to a great start! Did you know, if each student sells ONE box of these delicious cookies we will surpass our goal? Together we can achieve great things...No effort is too small!

We are raising funds to support this year's 5th grade promotion ceremony and end of the year activities. We need your help to celebrate this important milestone for our outgoing Stallions.

- We are hosting a local fundraiser to sell Otis Spunkmeyer gourmet cookie dough boxes. Each box sells for \$22-24 and contains approximately 36 portioned cookies.
- We have sent brochures home and will be accepting online orders at www.iraismore.com (Group ID 43647).
- Please spread the word and note this is a local fundraiser only.
- Supporters will be required to enter the student seller's name upon purchasing.
- All orders will be shipped to the school for prompt pick up by the seller to be hand delivered to recipients.

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2024 Sustainability Poster Contest

All MCPS students and staff are invited to participate in the Division of Sustainability and Compliance (DSC) 2024 Sustainability Poster Contest! The focus of this annual contest is to increase awareness and demonstrate your school's commitment to environmental sustainability and sustainable actions related to energy conservation, waste reduction, and responsible recycling.

- Posters must be submitted to DSC by Friday, April 5, 2024.
- Click the link, [poster contest | Montgomery County Public Schools | Rockville, MD \(montgomeryschoolsmd.org\)](https://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/poster-contest).
- For more information, email sustainability@mcpsmd.org or call 240-740-7715.

Updates from the PTSA

Please consider joining the SFES PTA

- Visit the [PTA Webpage](https://sfespta.org) for more information and link on how to sign up.
- We are also in need of a chairperson to lead the Spirit Wear and PTA Newsletter committees. Please email vp2@sfespta.org if you are interested in volunteering to lead one of these committees.

Upcoming Important Dates

- 01/25- Family Game Night and Hallie Wells 5th Grade Parent Night at 6:00 PM
- 01/30- Parent coffee at 6:30 PM on Restorative practices and Social Emotional learning
- 02/01- Heritage Night at 7:00 PM

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school, 240-740-5800.

With Gratitude,
Michelle Fortune