

Good Evening Stallion Families,

It was a great week at Snowden Farm! Our 1st graders learned so much with the reptile man and really enjoyed visiting with the animals. This week we also celebrated the 100th day of school and the 100th day of school for 5th grade.

New: Valentine's Day Parties on 02/14

Each classroom will be having a Valentine's Day Party, please see the information from your child's teacher about the time.

- We are asking that if you are coming in to volunteer, please make sure your driver's license and be prepared to sign in the front office.
- We are a very large school so we are asking that only Snowden Farm students attend these celebrations for their grade levels.

Parent Workshop on February 21st at 6:30 PM

Join our school counselors on 02/21 at 6:30 PM to learn more about our social-emotional curriculum! We will discuss the Zones of Regulation and how to help your student(s) cope during rough moments. We will also explore restorative practices and ways to work with your student(s) to resolve conflicts.

New: Girls on the Run is coming to Snowden Farm!

Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity-based positive youth development program. We teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program aims to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

- **Completing a 5K on May 19th** gives them a tangible opportunity to apply everything they have learned.
- Each participant receives a program t-shirt, water bottle, entry to the GOTR 5K, and a finisher medal.

- The program is open to girls in 3rd-5th grade. Practice is on Monday and Thursday starting the week of March 10th until the week of May 25th.
- The cost is \$187.50. Financial Aid is available.
- The online registration process includes the fee reduction approval process. Simply answer the financial aid questions during registration, and the computer will determine your eligibility and adjust the fee accordingly.
 - Registration begins February 15th.
 - Register on girlsontherunofmoco.org to sign up by March 22nd. Space is limited.
- If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Walsleben by email at danielle_r_peters@mcpsmd.org.

New: Code Purple

MCPS is preparing for the possibility of Code Purple days in case of future predictable inclement weather now that we have used all of our snow days. In order to prepare, please review [Code Purple slideshow](#) to see important details of Snowden Farm's plan. Please note that MCPS would be the organization to announce Code Purple if it were ever needed, so this plan may or may not be used pending the weather for the remainder of the winter.

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.

Let's Raise Some Dough!

The orders are rolling in...We have sold 58 boxes of Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough so far! Keep the momentum going and remember no effort is too small. One box per student is all it takes!

- Visit www.iraismore.com (Group ID 43647) today and place an order through February 23rd.
- Each box sells for \$22-24 and contains approximately 36 portioned cookies.
- 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.

Updates from the PTSA

Please consider joining the SFES PTA

- Visit the [PTA Webpage](#) 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

- 2/14- Valentine's Day Parties, please see information from classroom teacher
- 2/21- Parent coffee at 6:30 PM on Restorative practices and Social Emotional learning
- 2/22 and 2/23- 3rd Grade In-house Field Trip- 3rd Grade Mad Science
- 2/27- In-house field trip for Kindergarten- Echoes of Nature
- 2/28- 4th Grade Trip to Imagination Stage

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

