

Principal's Message on 02/18

Good Evening Stallion Families,

Thank you to all the families that were able to come and support the Valentine's Day parties this week! We also want to thank our fantastic PTA for providing our staff with breakfast this week!

On Friday, our students practiced our severe weather and drop, cover, and hold drills which prepares us in case there is a weather emergency.

Just a reminder, there is no school tomorrow, Monday, February 19th for staff and students in observance of President's Day.

New: Traffic Concerns during Drop-Off

We need everyone's help to ensure that drop-off in the morning is safe for all students.

- We are asking that families use the available area to park and drop off their students.
 - Please do not double and/or triple park on Snowden Farm Parkway, this is unsafe for students to cross and blocks traffic.
- Please also make sure that you are using the crosswalks to cross the street.

We know these steps take additional time but will ensure all of our students arrive safely. This week you may see additional staff to assist with traffic in the morning when they are available.

New: 2nd Quarter Caregiver Survey

- We want to hear from you! Please fill out our Caretaker Marking Period 2 survey to provide feedback on your child's education at Snowden Farm: rmd.me/ul4Dbo1MMXT
- This survey will be open until 2/23 at 4 pm, and is accessible by anyone through clicking the link. Thank you so much for providing your feedback to help us consider perspectives of all of our families!g 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: Are you interested in a Spelling Bee?

Unfortunately, we missed the opportunity to participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee. However, we're excited to explore the possibility of organizing an informal spelling bee, provided there is enough interest.

- Please take a moment to complete this brief survey and indicate whether your child(ren) would like to participate in such an event, [Informal Spelling Bee Survey](#)
- This is NOT a sign up

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.

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. Thank you!

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.

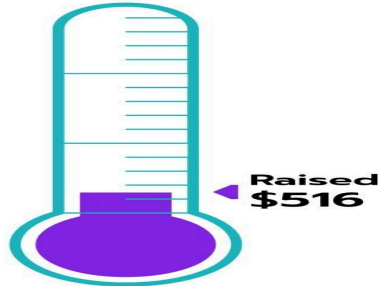
Let's Raise Some Dough!

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.**

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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

- 2/21- 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