

**Flora M. Singer
Elementary School**

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The Sea Turtle Times

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This week	8/19	8/20 Kindergarten and New Parent Information meeting on Zoom -7:00 pm	8/21 Parents to receive a welcome text message from Homeroom Teacher via Remind	8/22	8/23 OPEN HOUSE Kindergarten-9:00am 1st to 5th-10:00am
Next week	8/26 First day of School	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30

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Student Information Google Form

Please complete this google form. The information will be shared with your child's teacher. Please complete it individually for each student if you have multiple students coming to Singer. Here is the link:<https://forms.gle/e5bW9JxaWjAqS4rLA>

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Welcome Back!

As we approach the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you. I trust that you are having an enriched summer filled with fun, sun, relaxation, and reading. It is nearly time for us to return to school and begin another year together.

I look forward to the new school year with excitement and anticipation. Over the past twelve years, the staff and I have worked together to build a special place for students to learn and grow. We continue to strive towards implementing anti-racist practices that create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. We are focused on making continued progress academically, socially, and emotionally through daily instruction.

This is also a year of change, as we welcome many new staff members:

- Emily Ancona, Third Grade Teacher
- Mario Andalla, Building Service Manager
- Mary Christensen, Learning Center Teacher
- Skye Garrett, Part-time Music Teacher
- Emily Mooney, Kindergarten Teacher
- Margaret Norris, Home School Model Teacher
- Kylie Sheapp, Learning Center Teacher
- Carly Wirth, Third Grade Teacher

We also have some staff members taking on new roles:

- Lindsay Benjamin is moving to Third Grade
- Nikki Stiger is moving to Kindergarten

Katie Tanenbaum is moving to Fifth Grade

We extend a very special thank you to our PTA and its new leadership. We will also have several PTA parent meetings that I believe you will find helpful and informative. If you are not an active member of the PTA, I strongly encourage you to get involved.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. If there is ever anything that I can do to help you or your child, please feel free to call me.

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Kindergarten and New Parent Meeting on Zoom

We will host a meeting on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20th. Everyone is welcome, but this meeting is specifically for parents of students who are new to Singer Elementary. We review general information about the school, such as arrival and dismissal procedures. We hope you can join us. Here is the link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/89335289879?pwd=aUlxYldJMzc3OHVmY2R0UCswY3dzUT09>

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Open House


Our Annual "Open House" will be Friday, August 23rd. Kindergarten students and parents should arrive at 9:00 am. First through 5th grade students and parents should arrive at 10:00 am. This is an opportunity for you and your child to walk through the building, locate classrooms, and say "hello" to the teachers and other staff members.


Class lists will be posted for reference. However, you will learn the name of your child's teacher on Wednesday, August 21. They will send you a welcome text message via Remind.

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Supply List and Bus Routes

Here is a link to our student supply list:


 FMS ES - School Supply List - FY 24-25 - ENGLISH.pdf


 FMS ES - Lista de Útiles Escolares - FY 24-25 - SPANISH.pdf

A limited number of supplies and backpacks have been donated by local organizations and the PTA. If your Flora Singer student is in need of school supplies or a backpack, please complete the following form.


https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoDVIRxsvns60Te4RXEAINQolCpjbEXeM5LHfSOS27cmtaEw/viewform?usp=sf_link


Here is a link to the general education bus routes:

 SINGER ES - 770 - REG ARR.pdf


 SINGER ES - 770 - REG DEP.pdf

Other information from the Transportation Department:

 20240801 RAN ElementarySchool English.pdf

 20240801 RAN ElementarySchool SPANISH.pdf

 What You Should Know About Riding the Bus.pdf

 What You Should Know About Riding the Bus SPANISH.pdf

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Breakfast and Lunch

Meal prices will be \$2.55 for lunch. Our breakfast program is free to all students and available in the classroom every morning.

Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast or lunch. Families can apply online now so that benefits will be in place when school starts. Families can access the online application by visiting

www.myschoolapps.com/. Please remember a new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school year.

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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 up. **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. **Parents must contact the main office before 3:00 p.m. with any dismissal changes for the day.**

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Communication

We maintain open lines of communication with parents and community members throughout the school year. The phone number for the school is 240-740-0330. Please call us at any time. You may also email Mr. Heatwole at kyle_j_heatwole@mcpsmd.org or Mr. McKinley at aaron_a_mckinley@mcpsmd.org. We also email this weekly newsletter every Friday to keep you informed of school events and announcements.

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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 Cash Online

Montgomery County Public Schools has transitioned to a new online payment system called SchoolCash Online as its preferred method of payment for school-related fees such as fundraisers, field trips, obligations, etc.

SchoolCash Online helps parents/guardians and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly, and easily. SchoolCash Online will help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into schools' bank accounts and eliminating the need for teachers to handle money. In addition, once registered, you will be immediately informed about school activities!

Powered by KEV Group, SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the management of school fees. The new system puts all of the school-related fees online for purchase so users can make purchases online using a credit card or e-check. A processing fee will be included on all items available for purchase, regardless of the type of payment used on SchoolCash Online or at the school.

Parents/guardians can register now at - <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashionline.com/>

SchoolCash Online also offers a 24/7 customer support desk that can be reached by online inquiry or by calling 1-866-961-1803.

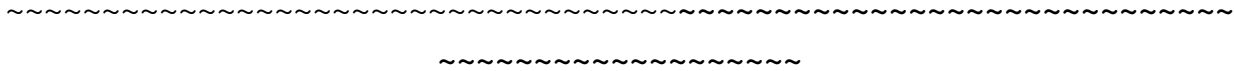
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Important First Quarter Dates:

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| ● Tuesday, August 20
pm on Zoom | Virtual Town Hall for Kindergarten Parents-7:00 |
| ● Friday, August 23
am for 1st-5th | Open House 9:00 am for Kindergarten, 10:00 |
| ● Monday, August 26
3:50 p.m.) | First Day of School for students (9:25 a.m. to |
| ● Monday, September 2 | Labor Day – No school for students |
| ● Tuesday, September 10
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. | Primary (K, 1, and 2) Back-to-School Night |
| ● Tuesday, September 17
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. | Intermediate (3, 4, and 5) Back-to-School Night |
| ● Friday, September 27 | Early Release-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m. |
| ● Thursday, October 3 | No School for Students |

- Tuesday, October 8 Fall Picture Day – Individual Portraits Only
- Friday, October 18 Professional Day-No school for students
- Tuesday, October 31 Fall Festival Parade and Parties starting at
2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 1 End of First Marking Period
- Monday, November 4 No School for Students
- Tuesday, November 5 Election Day-No School for Students
- Monday, November 25 Half Day- Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
- Tuesday, November 26 Half Day-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
- November 27, 28 & 29 Thanksgiving - No School for Students



Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Montgomery County Public Libraries’ Summer Reading Challenge offers kids and teens a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities. This year, we are partnering with the Montgomery Parks Foundation to help preserve our history, increase accessibility, and keep our parks beautiful.

[Click here to get started on your adventure!](#)

