Principal's Message on 10/13

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to all of our students that participated in Walk to School Spirit Week, Walk to School Day, and the Clarksburg Cluster football game on Thursday night.

We ended last week with our monthly "Meetup" assembly where we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, students that demonstrated the 3's (Safe, Synergic, and Studious), and opportunities to build our SFES community.

Please remind your child(ren) if they are riding a bike or scooter to please wear their helmet. Over the past few weeks we have seen several students without helmets.

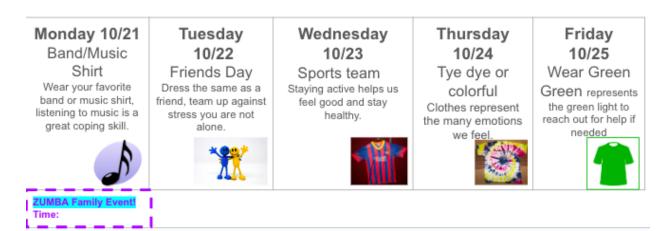
#### New: SFES Celebrates Mental Health Week from 10/21-10/25

Please support SFES as we celebrate Mental Health Week from 10/21-10/25.

- **ZUMBA:** We invite all Stallion families to join us to strengthen our bodies and minds together!
  - We are hosting a Family ZUMBA night on Monday, 10/21 from 6:30-7:30pm.
    We hope to see you there!
  - All adults and children are welcome.
  - Please bring water and comfortable shoes.

#### • SPIRIT WEEK:

- Monday 10/21: Band/Music Shirt- listening to music is a great coping skill!
- Tues 10/22: Friends Day- Dress the same/similar as a friend/friends. Team up against stress, you are not alone!
- Wed 10/23: Sports Team- Staying active helps us feel good and stay healthy!
- Thurs 10/24: Tie-Dye/Colorful- colors represent the many emotions we feel!
- Fri 10/25: Wear Green- represents the "green light" to always reach out for help if needed!



## New: Game Changer Conference on 10/26 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

The <u>Game Changer Conference</u> will be held from 8 a.m.–noon on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Montgomery College, Germantown Campus, Globe Hall, 20200 Observation Drive, in Germantown.

This free mentoring conference is geared toward Black or African American and Latino or Hispanic male students in 4th through 12th grades. The conference theme is "The World is Shifting Forward! Focus Forward and Compete.

Parent workshops will also be held every half hour beginning at 8 a.m., with the last session at 11:30 a.m.

Students are encouraged to write and submit a 300-word essay based on the conference theme, "Being a Competitor is a Game Changer: How will you compete to win and own your future?" Essays are due by <u>email</u> on Monday, Oct. 21.

For more information, contact Dr. Everett Davis, director, Student, Family and Schools Services, or Dr. Karen D. Crews, director, Student Well-Being and Achievement.

Students and parents can register here.

# New: The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg Elementary School

The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg ES will be starting soon for this school year! The first day of the program will be October 30, 2024. Classes will meet every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The program is an after-school activity centered on Korean language and culture, but is attended by a diverse student population. Any students in Grades K through 5 from Clarksburg Elementary School or any neighboring elementary school are invited to participate.

Please submit a Google registration form to register your child/ren. You can use the <u>link</u> or QR code in this <u>flyer</u> to complete the registration process.

### New: Veterans Day Celebration: Monday, November 11th. 9:20-10:20

We are looking for veterans willing to come to Snowden Farm on November 11 to speak in several classrooms about why we celebrate Veterans Day and to share personal experiences.

Presentations will be approximately 10~15 minutes in length. Speakers can share photos (slideshow) and/or artifacts during the presentation. The last 5 minutes will be for student questions. Please keep in mind that all photos and artifacts must be school appropriate and may not contain images of violence or weapons. A staff member will reach out to volunteers with a list of questions to help guide presentations if needed.

If you are willing to share your experiences please fill out the linked Google form by October 17th,

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe6e-LSlylKkvKEp\_VMc9ZHOBoggTAFeI4hoh7dErmaSoAVw/viewform

We will also have a reception for veterans that will include light refreshments prior to classroom visits. The Veteran reception will be held in the media center from 8:30-9:15 am.

Thank you for helping our Stallion community celebrate your heroic service!



New: MCPS Calendar Feedback

MCPS is seeking input about the 2025–2026 school year calendar! Please take a moment to complete the MCPS School Calendar Feedback Survey. Your input will be used to select the first and last day of school, as well as other important dates for the coming school year.

#### PTA-Trunk or Treat Event on 10/25

Snowden Farm's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (rain date is Monday, 10/28). The parking Lot (closest to the front entrance) will be available starting at 4:30pm for setup. Costumes are welcome!

If you would like to host a trunk, please sign up for a parking space for your vehicle. Spaces are first come first serve and PTA volunteers will be on hand to help find a space to set up on the day of the event. Attendees will be voting on the "Best Trunk" and the winner will receive a prize. Unfortunately, we do not have access to power outlets in the parking lot so please provide your own power (if needed for your setup).

If you are not able to host a trunk but are interested in donating candy, please drop it off at the front office by 3pm on October 25th. This is a popular event, and we always run out of candy so it would be great to get additional donations so that we can pass them out to our participants who end up running out of candy. I have included slots for candy donations only. Please indicate in the sign up under notes how many bags you plan on donating.

Sign-Up Genius Link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48A8A629A2F49-51867662-sfes

#### **Sensory Room**

We are in the process of opening a sensory room for our students to use throughout the day and need your help. The student wellness committee has created a list of items we would love to have for the room, https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AI9RYH7PIZ7G?ref =wl share.

## **Volunteers Needed to Support Our PTA**

We need volunteers to chair many of our PTA sponsored events this year. Please visit our Committee/Volunteers site.

Below is a tentative listing of our events for the year, but we need your help! We need chairs and volunteers to organize and execute our events. Without your help, we simply cannot offer the beloved events that our students look forward to.

Please send an email to info@sfespta.org to chair an event or non-event.

You will have the support of the PTA board to assist you every step of the way!

**Events:** Grandparents Day; Spelling Bee; Heritage Night; Geography Bee; Pastries with Parents; STEM Fair

**Non-Events:** 

- Communications Communications are critical in seeking event volunteers and keeping our Stallion families informed of upcoming events and opportunities. We are specifically looking for someone to manage our membership email listing and monthly newsletter.
- Yearbook The Stallion yearbook is a treasure each year to our students and a hot commodity. The PTA needs a yearbook coordinator starting at the beginning of the year. Much of the yearbook work is done at home at a time that's convenient.
- Photography We need photographers to attend PTA and school events throughout the year to take pictures for our yearbook.
- Teacher Appreciation- We need a coordinator for those times where we show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated. Coordinating breakfast and lunches throughout the year.

### Key Dates:

- 10/17- Kindergarten trip to Butler's Orchard
- 10/18- No school for students
- 10/21- Mental Health Week/ Family Zumba from 6:30-7:30 PM
- 10/23- 5th Grade to Strathmore
- 10/25- Trunk or Treat-

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune