Dear Parents/Guardians:

At Strawberry Knoll Elementary School we are committed to building a community of lifelong learners.

We had a great first semester of school at The Knoll! Ms. Hernandez and I have had many opportunities to visit classrooms and we have observed that our staff is working hard to achieve results for our students. As you receive report cards in the next few weeks, please take time to review the grades with your child and engage them in setting goals for the second semester. If we set goals, make a plan and work together, students will be successful.

In addition to providing a strong academic focus, we are working very hard to make our school a safe, caring environment for both our students and staff. We do this at school by teaching students how to use their words to problem solve and report problems to an adult. As parents you can support our efforts in the following ways: 1) Reinforce with your child that bullying behavior is wrong and that all people should be treated with dignity and respect. 2) Contact school personnel should your child share with you that he/she has been bullied in our school.

We want to know about this information and we will do whatever we can to make your child feel safe and welcome at school.

When students, staff and parents work together, great things happen for students. Thank you for your continued support.

View Your Child's Grades Weekly Online
Parents of students in third, fourth and fifth grade can see their child’s grades online in the parent portal. In order to access the parent portal you will have to create a username and login using your child’s ID number and a temporary password. The temporary passwords were sent by mail at the beginning of the school year. We will also be sending home a copy of the letter with report cards if you have not already made an account. Below are further details about the parent portal:

- Grades are available for most subject areas. Grades are updated for parent view once a week
- Art, Music, PE and study skills are updated only during report card time.
- Report cards present and past can be accessed on the parent portal
- Attendance data is available
- Parent contact information can be updated.

Please consider joining the parent portal. If you need any assistance please call Ms. Romero or Ms. Bailey.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott

FEBRUARY 2019
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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Student Transfer Application Season Begins February 1

Parents and guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season which begins on February 1. All COSA requests must be submitted no later than April 1.

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, MCPS students are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence or their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are expected to attend their home school. Assignment changes for students from one school to another are permitted under limited circumstances. For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers.

Students Can Design Their Dream Classroom in United We Learn Contest

Montgomery County Public Schools is launching the third year of its student contest, United We Learn. This year’s contest, United We Learn: Schools of the Future, allows students to design their ideal learning space and challenges them to think critically about how their physical environment affects their ability to learn.

The contest follows a November 2018 survey that asked students and staff about how they use learning spaces at their schools, and what they would like classrooms and schools to look like in the future. Recurring elements mentioned in the survey feedback included considerations regarding color, lighting, furniture, technology, and security. That feedback will be used to support the continuous improvement of our educational facilities. The contest tasks students to consider these same elements as they design their vision of what an ideal learning space might look like in the future. By participating in this contest, students may also have the ability to help influence future design. More details are available on the contest website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/.

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Giant A+ : September 7, 2018– March 16, 2019
(https://giantfood.com/school-rewards/)

- Sign in to your account (or register for an account) to link your Giant Card to your school.
- You may select up to two (2) schools.
- Selected school(s) earn money from your qualified purchases during the program period. SKES ID# 00822

Box Tops–

1. Buy your favorite Box Tops products.
2. Cut out the Box Top from each package.
3. Send your Box Tops to school with your child.
4. SKES gets 10 cents for every Box Top collected!
5. Earn even more cash for our school with the Box Tops Bonus app.
Strawberry Knoll
Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Orientation is Thursday, April 25, and Friday, April 26, 2019

If you have a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2019, please register your child for Kindergarten this upcoming school year. Additional information will come home soon.

Please call 301-840-7112 for an appointment.