



**Flora M. Singer
Elementary School**

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The Sea Turtle Times

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This week	12/2	12/3 PTA Parent Meeting	12/4	12/5 Yearbook Cover Contest designs due to Ms. Gracias	12/6 Spanish-speaking Parent Coffee 9:45 Staff Lounge; Google meet Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/nfs-ahhb-xjy
Next week	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12 Winter Choral Concert-7:00 p.m.	12/13 5th Grade Field Trip Spanish-speaking Parent Coffee 9:45 Staff Lounge; Google meet Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/nfs-ahhb-xjy

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PTA Parent Meeting

The PTA will host a parent meeting this Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. This will be a hybrid meeting, both in-person and online. If you would like to join us online please use the link below:

Topic: PTA or Other Parent Meetings
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/89335289879?pwd=aUlXyldJMzc3OHVmY2R0UCswY3dzUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3528 9879
Passcode: Singer

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Coat Drive Donations & Requests

Cold weather is just around the corner. If your Singer student is in need of a winter coat, you can request one using the link below. Requests will be fulfilled as coats become available.

<https://forms.gle/JzAJ2kra6YeWNFac9>

If you would like to donate to the coat drive, new and used coats and cold weather gear in [dignity](#) condition can be dropped off in the bin in the main hallway.

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Staff Member of the Month!

We believe that our school staff plays a crucial role in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our students. To recognize their hard work and dedication, we invite you to nominate an exceptional staff member to be our Staff Member of the Month!

If you've witnessed a teacher, administrator, or support staff member going above and beyond, we want to hear about it! Please share your thoughts on how they have made a difference in your child's education or well-being.

Nominations can be submitted throughout the year using the links below:

English: <https://forms.gle/cRCUCftPF5e1vBMAA>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/5PvwgZRBcHtmfgqXA>

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Yearbook Cover Contest - Due December 5th

Calling all Artists!

Do you want your artwork on the cover of the yearbook?

We are looking for designs for the 2024-2025 yearbook cover!

Yearbook Cover Design Deadline - Due December 5th

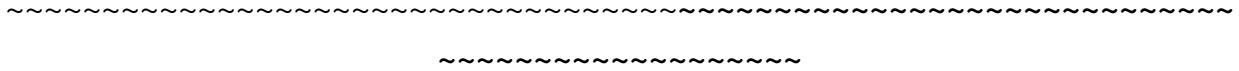
Submit your design to Mrs. Gracias, Folders hanging outside Room #114

Make sure you have your name and classroom teacher name on the back of your artwork.

DESIGN RULES

- What size should it be? 8.5 x 11 in.
- Keep words or images ¼ of an inch away from the edges of the paper.
- What materials can you use? Pens, Markers, Crayons, etc...

- Think creatively, create a fun cover that is colorful and expresses what makes our school unique.
- Must include name of the school: Flora M. Singer Elementary School and the year 2024-2025 in the design



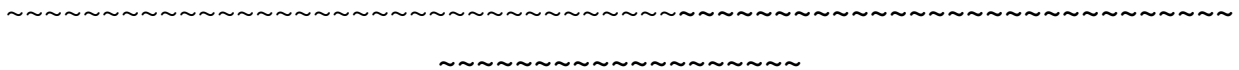
Kids Ride Free with Youth Cruiser SmarTrip

The Youth Cruiser card is a SmarTrip card that provides free rides, on all MCDOT buses and most Metrobuses within the County, to Montgomery County residents under 19 years old. Value can be added to the card for use on Metrorail, Metrobuses outside the County, and other transit systems in the metropolitan area.

Your Flora M. Singer student can get their SmarTrip card at school! To request a card for your child, ask your child’s teacher for a paper application to be sent home, or complete the form below and return it to the main office. Once processed, a card will be sent home with your child. **Allow a week for processing.** Questions can be directed to Ashlea Gray. Ashlea_L_Gray@mcpsmd.org

[English Application](#)

[Spanish Application](#)



Smart Sacks: Weekend Food Bags

Would you like extra food for your children on the weekends? Smart Sacks is a free program that gives a bag of food to elementary school children who would benefit from extra food for the weekend when there is no school lunch or breakfast. At the end of each week, children who are participating in this program will receive a bag of food at school to bring home. If you would like your child to participate in the program, please complete the permission form below. More information about the program is provided in the permission form.

[Smart Sack Permission Form](#)

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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.

You can visit the the website to see all the options for paying for a school lunch: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#How>

You can use My School Bucks to set up payment for school lunch online: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain.action?clientKey=&requestAction=home>

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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.schoolcashonline.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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Volunteering at School

If you are interested in being a volunteer in any capacity this school year we would love to have you! Please access the link to learn about the requirements of volunteering in MCPS. If you have any questions please contact Mr. McKinley.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-leadership/volunteer>

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Contact the Department of Transportation

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding the buses or transportation of students, you may now call their customer service hotline. They can be reached at: 240-740-7790.

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GT screening for SY 24-25

This year all Montgomery County Public Schools Grade 2 students will be screened as part of the Student Instructional Program Planning and Implementation (SIPPI) process, which is the universal screening for gifted and talented (GT) identification. Additionally, students in Grades 3 and 5 who are new to MCPS, or have not been previously identified as gifted and talented, will participate in the screening process. More information will be shared over the next month about the process with all families who have a student being screened. Please see the letters below for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our GT Liaison Ms. Angela Martin at Angela_L_Martin@mcpsmd.org.

[English](#) , [Spanish](#), [French](#)



Flora M. Singer Winter Choral Concert

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Concert Time: 7 p.m.

Student Call Time: 6:45 p.m.

Our fourth and fifth grade students have been hard at work preparing for our first concert of the year, which will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the APR. [Click here for more information!](#)

