

**Flora M. Singer
Elementary School**

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This week	9/11	9/12 Primary Back to School Night	9/13	9/14	9/15
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Primary Back to School Night

Primary Back to School Night is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of students in Kindergarten, First and Second Grades are invited to attend to learn about this school year.

Child care is available from Kids After Hours and courtesy of the PTA. Please fill out this google form to register for child care: <https://forms.gle/YDsAPL3Y24s5xEpW6>.

Child care is for school-aged children.

Kindergarten parents will start the evening in the All-Purpose Room. First and Second Grade parents will go straight to their children's classrooms. Please see the room numbers below, and see this map for classroom locations:

 2023-2024 Floor Plan.pdf


Where Should I Go On Back to School Night?		
Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
Lunch Room	Ms. Aebersold room 246 Ms. Labastida room 209 Ms. O'Keeffe room 252 Ms. Oursler room 215 Ms. Palmer room 234 Ms. Riley room 248 Ms. Tozer room 240	Ms. Benjamin room 207 Ms. Browne room 204 Ms Fazio room 206 Ms. Hartman room 200 Ms. Hulbert room 212 Ms. Taylor room 203 Ms. Yuan room 201

There will be some parking available on campus, but it is limited. If you need to park in the neighborhood, please obey all posted signs and do not block driveways.

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Directory Withholding Form



Every year, we work with the PTA to create a student directory. We also use student images and information for other things like the yearbook. Some parents prefer that their child's image and information is not included in things like this. If you do not want your child's information in the directory, please complete this form:

 281-13 DIRECTORY WITHHOLD.pdf The form is due back to school on September 11, 2023. If you do not return the form then it is assumed that you are comfortable with your child's information being used.

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Supply List and Bus Routes

Here is a link to our student supply list:

-  FMS ES - School Supply List - FY 23-24.pdf
-  FMS ES - School Supply List - FY 23-24 - 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](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

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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


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Student Questionnaire

We ask parents to fill out this important questionnaire for every student. This form gives your teacher important information about your child, including arrival and dismissal plans. We will have paper copies in the main office and in the classrooms at Open House. We would like this form completed for every student by the end of Open House next Friday. If you would like, you can print it out and complete it at home, and then give it to your teacher at Open House.

Here is the form:  Student Questionnaire

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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.

The drop-off box for plastic bags and film has returned to its site within the main entrance hall!

DO NOT CONTAMINATE WITH TRASH. Clean plastic bags and film only.

Thank you so much for supporting our sustainability initiatives at Flora Singer Elementary School. I am both an art teacher and the chairperson of our Sustainability Committee at FSES. We have been participating in the TREX school recycling challenge since 2018.

I am working on setting a new schedule and routine for our new earth helpers. Students will help collect, weigh, and track our plastic film recycling efforts this year. OUR GOAL IS 1000 POUNDS OF PLASTIC.

*** IN SEARCH OF... parent volunteers to help drop off collection bags at local grocery stores once a week.

Please directly email Mrs. Gracias at natalie_ramirez@mcpsmd.org

Learn more: [TREX School & Community Recycling Program](#)