

## **Principal's Message on 09/10**

Good Evening Stallion Families,

Thank you to all the families that were able to join us for Back to School night! It was great to meet so many of you and we appreciate you spending your evening with us! Thank you to the PTA who helped to recruit kickball players and provided staff with breakfast the day after Back to School Night.

- Please take a moment to provide us with some feedback about the night and input on other events we can host this year, <https://forms.gle/Jmu8NxprrjMLUM66>

### **New: MAP-R testing for Grades 3-5**

Students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the MAP-R (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment on Tuesday, September 12. The MAP-R assessment measures growth and proficiency in reading and provides teachers with insights to help tailor instruction.

- Please be sure your child gets a good night of sleep on Monday, and eats a solid breakfast so they can perform at their best!

### **NAACP Representative for SFES**

We are looking for an NAACP representative for our school, **please email Mrs. Fortune or your child's teacher if you are interested.**

- The Formation of the Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) came about as an outgrowth of ideas put forth during the 1995 and 1996 NAACP Youth Summits. The Parents' Council is one of the vehicles created to empower African American and other minority parents to take a more proactive role in the education of their children. The Council is made up of parents, guardians and grandparents of minority children enrolled in the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) and residents who may not have children in school but who share the goal of equal education for all children, particularly minority children.
- The Purpose of the Parents' Council is to provide a forum through which interested citizens may offer assistance, guidance and support to African American parents and students of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to pursue the highest qualified education possible through encouragement, information sharing, positive motivation, critical evaluation and advocacy.

### **Girls On the Run Sign-Up for 3rd-5th grade**

Girls on the Run is coming to Snowden Farm Elementary! GOTR is a physical activity-based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-8th grade. The program teaches life skills through dynamic interactive lessons and running games. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

- Starting the week of September 11th, the team will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm.
- The program culminates in a celebratory 5K, at the Westfield Mall in Bethesda, at the end of the season!
- The standard program fee is \$187.50 and includes 20 lessons/practices, a t-shirt, a water bottle, entry into the 5K, a 5K medal, and more.
  - Financial assistance is available for anyone needing it, with the lowest program registration cost of \$20 for the season.
- Registration opens August 17<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/>

### **Message from the PTA**

The PTA is still looking to fill the following positions:

- Secretary I
- MCCPTA Delegate
- NAACP Parent Council Rep
- Art Liaison

The PTA is in need of chairs and committee members for the following:

- 5th Grade Promotion Committee
- Trunk or Treat

We heard from you and are adding two new activities to our roster- Geography Bee and Robotics Club due to your interest.

- We'll need parent volunteers to form and lead these activities.
- We'll have experienced coaches at our first General Membership meeting, on September 26th at 7 pm in the APR to go through the steps of forming the Robotics Club. For more information, please visit <https://www.firstlegoleague.org>.
- For parent volunteers please sign up here: <https://sfpta.membershiptoolkit.com>

Without parent volunteers, we may not be able to hold the events our kids look forward to and enjoy immensely. As a board made up of parents with busy lives like yours, we truly understand trying to find the time to add one more item to an already full plate. However, it is true that many hands make light work! Any amount of help is valuable and the board will be there to support and guide you throughout the process.

- Please sign up to support your PTA through membership and/or volunteering at <https://sfpta.membershiptoolkit.com/>. It truly takes a village!
- Should you have any questions, please contact the current board members:
  - President: Denise, [president@sfespta.org](mailto:president@sfespta.org)
  - Treasurer: Jennifer, [treasurer@sfespta.org](mailto:treasurer@sfespta.org)
  - VP1: Alex (Ruoqiu), [vp1@sfespta.org](mailto:vp1@sfespta.org)
  - VP2: Eliana, [vp2@sfespta.org](mailto:vp2@sfespta.org)
  - Secretary 2: Irene, [sec2@sfespta.org](mailto:sec2@sfespta.org)

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Friday, September 15th, Begins Hispanic Heritage Month
- Tuesday, September 19th- Friday, September 22nd- MAP-R testing
- Friday, September 22nd- Early Release for students
- Monday, September the 25th- No school for students and staff

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school, 240-740-5800.

With Gratitude,  
Michelle Fortune