

Principal's Message on 08/18

Good Evening Stallions,

Thank you to the families that were able to come to Open House last week! It was great seeing so many of our students and their families.

Tomorrow is the first day of school and we are excited for a new school year!

- Please talk with your child(ren) about how they will go home after school (walk, bus, car rider, or BAR-T).
- Label your child's supplies.
- If your child completed the summer enrichment activities, please have them return the cover sheet to their teacher during the first week of school.
- Please label any donations for the grade level with the teacher's name.

This is a great opportunity for you to walk your child(ren) to their classroom for a quick drop-off! At 9:00 our bell to begin school will ring and we will ask all families to exit the building so we can begin our learning for the day!

Our Daily Schedule

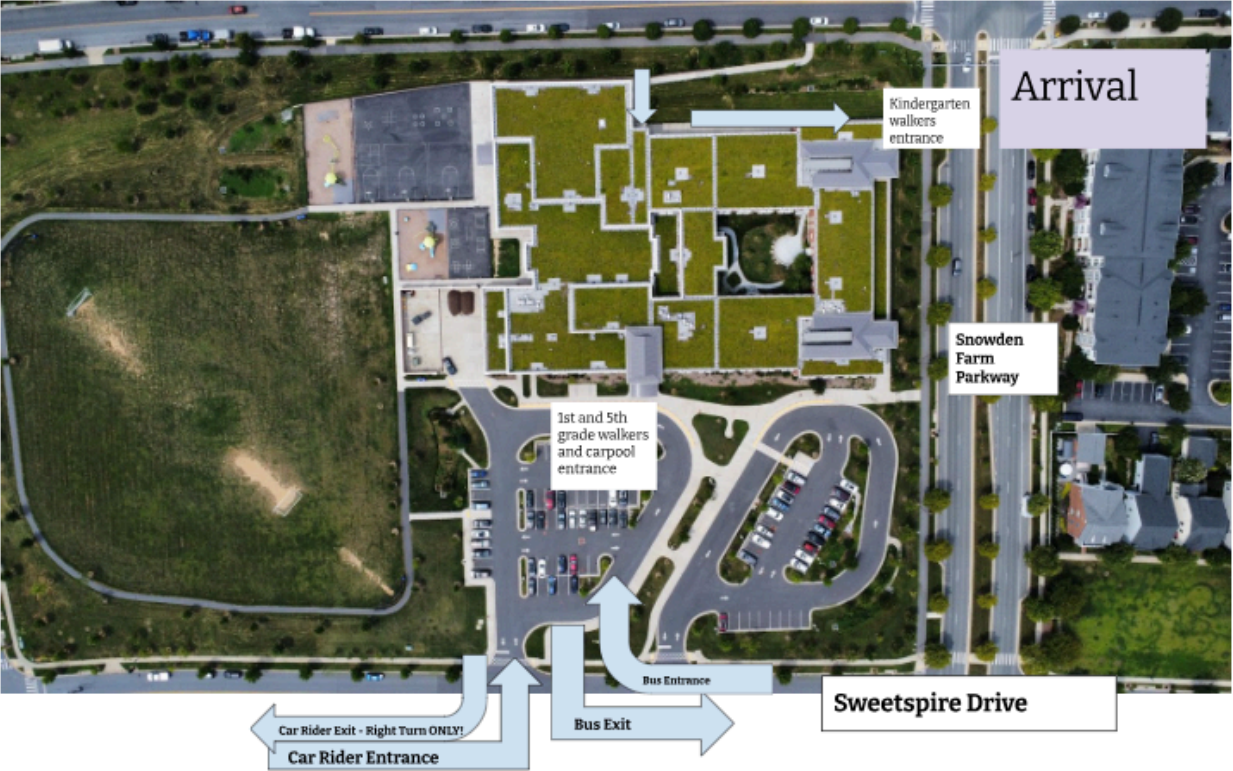
Our day begins with morning announcements and instruction promptly at 9:00 AM, therefore, all students should arrive no later than 8:55 AM, so they have time to unpack and prepare for the day. Keep in mind that supervision of students is not available prior to 8:45 AM. Please monitor the time that walkers leave for school and ensure that car riders remain in your vehicle until an adult is on duty to prevent students from being unsupervised.

New:Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

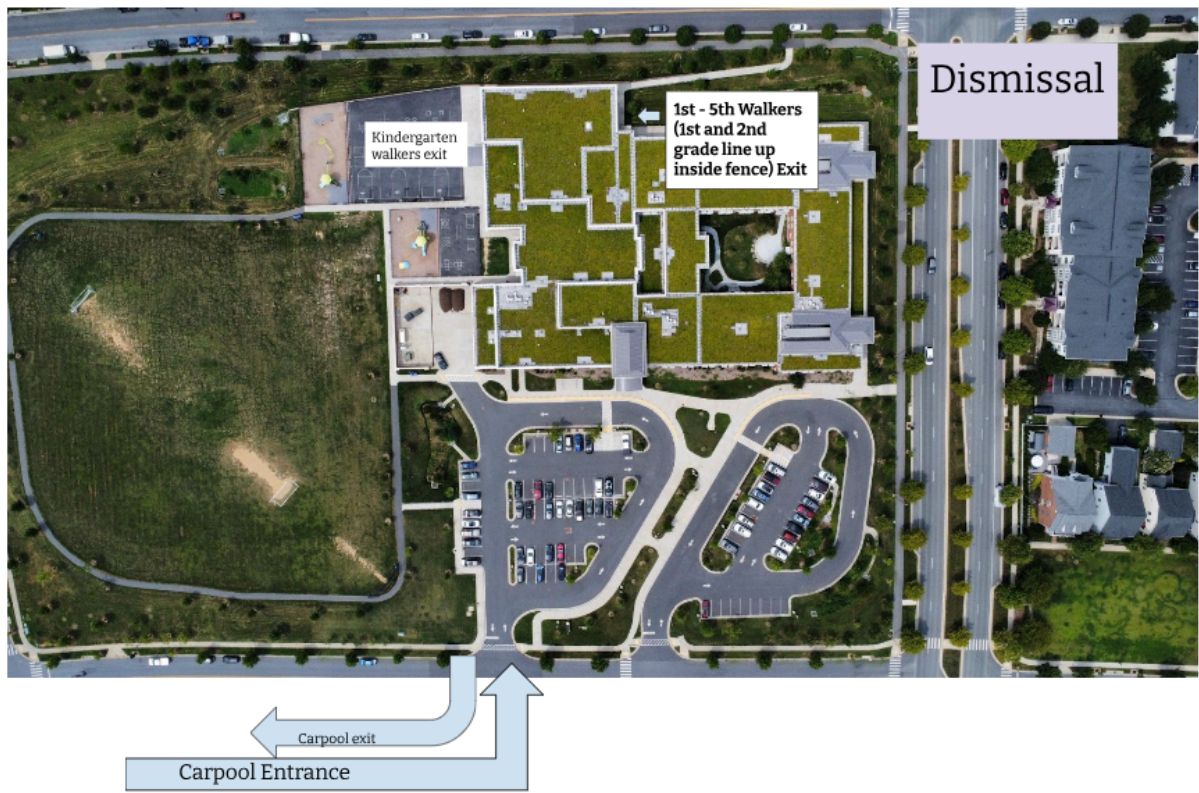
Based on the needs of our building, safety is our top priority. In order to keep all of our students safe at dismissal, we are trying a new dismissal pattern. We ask for your patience as we navigate this new process.

- **Arrival Procedures:**
 - K students will be dropped off at the door by the ramp on Newcut Road 8:45-8:55. Staff will be there to help escort them to their classrooms.
 - K teachers should stand outside their classrooms in the hallways to greet students as they arrive.
 - 1st - 5th walkers will enter through the main entrance and go directly to classrooms where teachers will greet them at the door.

- Car riders will be dropped off at the main entrance as they arrive and greeted/helped by a staff member/patrol.
- **Dismissal Procedures:**
 - Dismissal will begin at 3:25 pm, but patrols will be dismissed at 3:20 pm.
 - Kindergarten walkers will be dismissed first to the blacktop in the back of the school by the playground.
 - This is where parents and older siblings will pick the students up.
 - The gate will be open to allow for parents to walk to the blacktop from the ramp on Newcut Road.
 - All other grades will be dismissed out the door by the gym that goes to the ramp on Newcut Road.
 - Third, fourth and fifth graders will be dismissed and can leave when they exit the building.
 - 1st and 2nd grade will bring their kids out and line them up inside the fence to help with dismissing students to the correct adult/sibling.
 - We ask older siblings to wait in the cone off grass area
- **Dismissal Order:**
 - Patrols
 - All car riders
 - Kindergarten walkers
 - 5th grade walkers
 - 4th grade walkers
 - 3rd grade walkers
 - 2nd grade walkers
 - 1st grade walkers



SNOWDEN FARM TRANSIT PATTERNS



Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) Applications Are Now Open

Every year, students must apply and be approved to receive FREE breakfast and/or lunch. The Division of Food and Nutrition Services (DFNS) is excited to provide regular meal services during the 2024-2025 school year.

- Students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for meals!
Breakfast: Regular Price: \$1.30; Reduced Price: No Cost, Lunch: Regular Price: \$2.55, Reduced Price: No Cost
- Apply before school starts. One application covers the entire HOUSEHOLD.
Translations in other languages are available through the online application.
- Apply now at www.MySchoolApps.com
- Here is a video about how to apply:
 - English Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJUapGLarBo>
 - Video en Español: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsdCrtCIFJc&t=4s>

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@sfspta.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!

- **Event Chairs Needed!**
 - **Trunk or Treat**
 - **Grandparents Day**
 - **Spelling Bee**
 - **Heritage Night**
 - **Geography Bee**
 - **Pastries with Parents**
 - **STEM Fair**

Non-event Chairs Needed!

- **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.

- **Spirit Wear** - This is a creative role in that you get to help the PTA design and restock our in-person spirit wear. New ideas are always welcome to help our Stallions stride with pride!
- **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:

- Monday, August 26th- 1st day of school
- Monday, September 2nd- No School
- Wednesday, September 4th- Back to School Night
- Friday, September 14th- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune