

Principal's Message on 10/06

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you for a great week of learning! We have two opportunities this week for you to support our school. The first is Monday night by purchasing food at Chick-Fil-A night and the second is the cluster night at Clarksburg High school where students will have the opportunity to march around the track with other schools in the cluster.

Please see the information below:

### **Battle of the Schools- Chick-Fil-A Day on 10/07**

Help support Snowden Farm Elementary School on Monday, October 07, 2024 from 6:00 AM-10:00 PM. Participate in an all day friendly fundraising battle against competing schools on their selected day! The school that brings in the most sales will win a Chick-fil-A Catering Credit.

- Guests must mention Snowden Farm Elementary School to their cashier.
- For every MOBILE order who selects the “Support Community Care Event” tab before selecting “Complete My Order,” those sales will also count towards our school’s total.

### **Walk to School Day on 10/09**

Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 9th! Please help to make this a great event for our students by participating in a variety of ways.

- ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS: We would like to line the sidewalks with as many parents, relatives and neighbors as possible to clap in and cheer on our students. We are also asking that you wear our school colors of Purple or Turquoise. Please plan to arrive at 8:35 a.m. to line the sidewalk. Your child can stand next to you until 8:45 a.m.
- Car Rider Families: Please consider parking in the close by and having your student walk to school.

<b>SPIRIT WEEK to CELEBRATE OUR WALKING COMMUNITY!</b>				
<b>Mon 10/7</b>	<b>Tue 10/8</b>	<b>Wed 10/9</b>	<b>Thu 10/10</b>	<b>Fri 10/11</b>
				
<b>Favorite Footwear</b>	<b>WILD About Walking</b>	<b>Stallion Pride</b>	<b>Bright Colors</b>	<b>Fit Friday</b>
Wear your favorite socks and/or shoes!	Bring your favorite stuffed animal.	Wear SFES gear or colors to show your stallion pride.	Wear neon/bright colors – great walking safety tip!	Wear athletic gear to celebrate walking as great way to stay fit!

**Clarksburg Cluster Night on 10/10 at 5:30 PM: Please sign-up here:**

**<https://bit.ly/ClarksburgClusterNight2024>**

Let's come together and show our Clarksburg spirit at our second annual Clarksburg Cluster Night! We invite you to join us on Thursday, October 10th at the Coyote Canyon football stadium, to watch Clarksburg take on Wooton.

**Families should arrive at 5:30 PM for check-in at the Coyote Canyon.** Cluster schools will march in the parade as a group with students holding a school banner. Each student will get one pom-pom and a spirit bracelet.

- From more information or questions, please contact Eric Hale, CHS PTSA President, [ehaleptsa@gmail.com](mailto:ehaleptsa@gmail.com) or Arti Varanasi, Clarksburg Cluster Coordinator, [artivpta@gmail.com](mailto:artivpta@gmail.com)
- **Please sign-up under Snowden Farm ES: using**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DADAC29A7FD0-51024922-clarksburg#/>

**New: Focused Intervention Time (FIT Time)**






On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> we will be starting our Focused Intervention Time (FIT) will begin. Students will be meeting in their FIT groups four times a week for approximately twenty-five minutes. Over the past month, students have taken a variety of assessments which have helped to inform groups. Some students will be participating in an intervention, some will receive language support, some will receive math or reading re-teaching of key concepts, and/or some will receive an extension in either math or reading.

Your child will be able to share with you whose group they are in and what they are working on.

- Kindergarten- math support and reteaching, reading support and reteaching
- 1st Grade- reading comprehension, reading fluency, foundations
- 2nd Grade- novel study, decoding, reading intervention, sight words, and/or fluency/comprehension
- 3rd Grade- reading or math extension, calculator, comprehension, fluency, and reading intervention
- 4th Grade- Operations and Algebraic thinking, Numbers and Operations in Base Ten, comprehension, novel study, reading interventions, and/or writing
- 5th Grade- Reading ELC, comprehension, extension, fluency, reading interventions, and/or decoding

**New: SFES Celebrates Mental Health Week from 10/21-10/25**

Please support SFES as we celebrate Mental Health Week from 10/21-10/25. We will celebrate with a spirit week and a family Zumba event on 10/21 at 6:30 PM.

<p><b>Monday 10/21</b>  <b>Band/Music Shirt</b>  Wear your favorite band or music shirt, listening to music is a great coping skill.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday 10/22</b>  <b>Friends Day</b>  Dress the same as a friend, team up against stress you are not alone.</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday 10/23</b>  <b>Sports team</b>  Staying active helps us feel good and stay healthy.</p> 	<p><b>Thursday 10/24</b>  <b>Tye dye or colorful</b>  Clothes represent the many emotions we feel.</p> 	<p><b>Friday 10/25</b>  <b>Wear Green</b>  Green represents the green light to reach out for help if needed.</p> 
<p><b>ZUMBA Family Event!</b>  Time:</p>				

**Sensory Room**

We are in the process of opening a sensory room for our students to use throughout the day and need your help. The student wellness committee has created a list of items we would love to have for the room, [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AI9RYH7PIZ7G?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AI9RYH7PIZ7G?ref=wl_share).

**NAACP Representative Needed**

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.

**New: PTA-Trunk or Treat Event**

Snowden Farm's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (rain date is Monday, 10/28). The parking Lot (closest to the front entrance) will be available starting at 4:30pm for setup. Costumes are welcome!

If you would like to host a trunk, please sign up for a parking space for your vehicle. Spaces are first come first serve and PTA volunteers will be on hand to help find a space to set up on the day of the event. Attendees will be voting on the "Best Trunk" and the winner will receive a prize. Unfortunately, we do not have access to power outlets in the parking lot so please provide your own power (if needed for your setup).

If you are not able to host a trunk but are interested in donating candy, please drop it off at the front office by 3pm on October 25th. This is a popular event, and we always run out of candy so it would be great to get additional donations so that we can pass them out to our participants who end up running out of candy. I have included slots for candy donations only. Please indicate in the sign up under notes how many bags you plan on donating.

Sign-Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48A8A629A2F49-51867662-sfes>

### **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](mailto: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!

**Events:** Grandparents Day; Spelling Bee; Heritage Night; Geography Bee; Pastries with Parents; STEM Fair

#### **Non-Events:**

- 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.
- 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:

- 10/07- Chick-Fil-A day from 6:00 AM-10:00 PM, please mention that you are with Snowden Farm and Spirit Day: Wear Your Favorite Footwear
- 10/08: Spirit Day: Bring your favorite stuffed animal
- 10/09- Walk to School Day and Spirit Day: SFES gear or school colors
- 10/10- Cluster Night at CHS and Spirit Day: wear bright colors
- 10/11- Spirit Day: wear athletic gear

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune