

Good Evening SFES Families,

Thank you to our building service team, who have kept the sidewalks as clear as possible for our community!

If you are planning to drive, please plan for extra time in the morning, as we noticed more families driving last week. Please remember to pull all the way forward to keep traffic flowing safely in the drop/ pick-up line.

Please remember to send your child with a winter jacket, hat, and gloves as needed for arrival, recess, and dismissal. If your child needs a winter coat, please reach out to Ms. Pena or Ms. Luckett.

### **New: Miss Nelson Is Missing at CHS**

Clarksburg High School will perform *Miss Nelson is Missing* on Friday, January 31 at 7pm and Saturday, February 1 at 1pm. All tickets are \$5. Bring a children's book for a chance to be entered in a raffle for great prizes!

### **New: From the Cluster PTA**

- Please take three minutes to fill out this [Clarksburg Cluster Input Form](#) to help inform the ongoing collaborative efforts of MCCPTA Clarksburg Cluster Coordinators and our cluster schools.
- Want to learn key strategies to save for college?
  - Join the Clarksburg community and the College Funding Coach for a free online webinar on 2/6 @ 6:30 p.m. about the "Little Known Secrets of Paying for College".
  - See [flyer](#) here to register.

### **Testing**

All of our students will take the Math MAP test in the next two weeks. There is no need to study or prepare for these tests, but it would be helpful to ensure that all students receive a full night's sleep and a good breakfast, and arrive at school on time to support their focus!

### **The Spelling Bee Is Coming the Week of 01/21-01/23**

Welcome to the Snowden Farm Elementary School Annual Spelling Bee!

- Please sign-up your child for the appropriate slot, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4FACAA2EA20-49780845-sfes>.
- Please enter your child's name (as you would want printed on their participation certificate) and your child's homeroom teacher when signing up.

- If all slots for your child's grade are filled, please use the waitlist.
- Study Materials:
  - Please use this [study list of words](#) to prepare for the Bee.
  - Also linked is the “[Words of the Champions](#)” list of all the words used for the next level of Spelling Bee beyond the school, and which may be used if the words are exhausted from the previous list.
  - The [Scripps National Spelling Bee website](#) also offers study materials

### Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are now for sale, \$20 for soft cover and \$30 for hard cover. Please visit [shop.yearbookmarket.com/snowdenfarmelementary](http://shop.yearbookmarket.com/snowdenfarmelementary) to purchase one.

### 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@sfsapta.org](mailto:info@sfsapta.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

### Volunteer Opportunities to Strengthen Our Community:

- **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:

- 01/15- 5th Grade Parent Night at Hallie Wells Middle

- 01/17- School Meet-ups
- 01/20- No school

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Fortune