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## Thank You For a Great Year!

With just two weeks left in the school year, it's time to say thank you to everyone for another great year! Thank you to everyone who supported the SFES PTA through your memberships, donations, volunteerism, and attendance at our events!

The year started with a bang as SFES was named the only National PTA School of Excellence in the State of Maryland. We had a great banner unveiling ceremony with a lot of special guests at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social.

But that was just the beginning of a great year. We supported the school's Family Fitness Night early in the year and then kicked off the Reflections Art Program. We came out on a cold, windy Saturday to clean up the school grounds so everything would look nice for the annual Turkey Trot.

We held our first “Learn 2 Earn” read-a-thon and held our first “Art Night Extravaganza” at SFES where students showed off their artwork and the school unveiled its new mosaic mural designed by the students and a local artist thanks to a grant the PTA received from the Howard County Arts Council.

International Night got snowed out not once, but twice! Once we did finally hold it, the building was packed and a lot of you supported us by cooking great dishes and providing great displays and performances.

Our Dinner & Auction once again had great food and great auction items, and we packed everyone into The Other Barn for our Family Bingo Night.

Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success as SFES students simply overwhelmed us with their love for their teachers. We thought 2,000 flowers would be plenty for the week. We were wrong. Those flowers lasted less than two

days, and we had to get more flowers twice!

If you visit the back of the school behind the first baseball field, you will see our new butterfly garden taking shape. SFES students played a big role in helping to plant the garden, and they will continue to help the PTA care for the garden so it grows into a great place for butterflies and outdoor learning.

Our second Spring Fling featured the new additions of the Oakland Mills High School Jazz Band, characters from Star Wars, a photo booth, and a magician!

Once again, thanks to generous community donations and the popularity of our hot dogs at the Oakland Mills Kids' Carnival, we gave a book to every SFES student at the Spring Book Fair. This ensures that everyone will have something to read over the summer!

Along the way, we continued to advocate for SFES with the school system, the Board of Education, Howard County, the PTA Council of Howard County, and others. We remain committed to ensuring SFES is the best it can be for all students and teachers!

And finally, we can't forget our teachers. We were honored to provide them several luncheons, dinners, and monthly staff appreciation treats to thank them for their dedication to our children every day!

So thank you again for a great year, and please consider supporting the PTA next year by becoming a member, chairing a committee, volunteering, and attending our events.

Have a safe, fun, happy summer, and encourage your children to keep learning!

## Keep In Touch During Summer Break

You can stay up to date with the SFES PTA online during the summer break. Visit us at [sfespta.weebly.com](http://sfespta.weebly.com) or [facebook.com/StevensForestPTA](https://www.facebook.com/StevensForestPTA).