

Greetings, Shriver Families!

This is your principal, Mrs. Brown, with an important “TERP” message.

Please update your addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses so we can keep you informed.

As we look forward to the start of the school year, there are no occupancy or physical spacing policies in schools. MCPS encourages schools to consider how the outdoors can be incorporated during the school day to support lunch.

Sargent Shriver Elementary School has developed a plan and will use all available seating options, indoor and outdoor, to reduce density in our cafeteria.

### **Sargent Shriver Elementary School’s Outdoor Lunch Plan**

- We sectioned off our blacktop playground space to include outdoor seating areas.
- We will use six white folding tables, 48 folding chairs, a recycle container, liquid bucket, and trash can to support our efforts to provide outdoor lunch.
- Two classes will be rotated to the outdoor lunch areas every day.
  - All students will:
    - Be given hand sanitizer before eating their lunches,
    - Have access the restrooms during outdoor lunch, and
    - Have access to reduced density options during the lunch period when weather does not allow for outdoor lunch seating.
      - We will identify grade-level classrooms for students to eat when the weather does not support eating lunch outside.
- A cart with cleaning supplies and bucket will be placed outside to support our building service staff with sanitizing the eating areas. Additional water buckets will be outside for cleaning the asphalt as needed and a broom with a dustbin will be used for spot cleaning.
- Paraeducators will be assigned to supervise all students having outdoor lunch.



### **Sargent Shriver Elementary School’s Indoor Lunch Plan**

- We will increase the number of cafeteria tables in the All-Purpose Room.
- All students eating in the cafeteria will be assigned seating, table and location, to support contact tracing.
- Our building service staff will clean and sanitize all eating areas.
- Paraeducators will be assigned to supervise students having outdoor lunch.

Also, we will ensure students are wearing masks when they are not eating, and we will encourage students to socialize during their break.

Currently, MCPS is asking schools to hold off on making any lunch plans involving parent volunteers. We recognize that it is not easy to adapt to the ongoing changes. However, we will ensure we are providing safe learning experiences for our students.

There is no need to purchase school supplies. On the first day of school, all students will receive a backpack with school supplies. The FARM Applications are now available online. Please stop by the school office to complete your FARM application.

Have a great week! I look forward to seeing your children at school on Monday, August 30, at 8:45 in the morning.

Until next time, this is Mrs. Brown signing off!