

Welcome, New Kindergarten Parents and Families!
I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Although we are living during uncertain times, I want you to know that the staff at Sargent Shriver Elementary School is eager to meet our newest kindergarten students and their families. We are excited to provide rigorous and relevant learning experiences that will help your children thrive in their future!

Sargent Shriver Elementary School is a Title One School in a diverse community in Silver Spring, Maryland, and serves students from prekindergarten to fifth grade. As a result of the COVID-19 school closures, we were unable to meet your children during the school year. However, the staff is excited to meet your children at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. As the summer season begins and I anticipate the start of the school year, your children's learning experiences may be conducted in our wonderful school building or implemented online using electronic devices.

Vision Statement

The Sargent Shriver community models positive, respectful, and collaborative relationships that honor our strengths, individuality, and diversity. We strive to develop an inclusive community of reflective, life-long learners by engaging and empowering the whole child.

Mission Statement

The Sargent Shriver community will achieve our vision by involving families in all aspects of student development, collaborating to plan instruction with grade-level teams, delivering inspiring and engaging lessons that promote student-driven discovery, and providing opportunities for student and adult learners to receive and give feedback.

Besides our awesome teachers, paraeducators, school counselors, and school staff to support our new kindergarten students, we have a Community School Liaison (CSL) and Parent Community Coordinator (PCC) to help you navigate our school and connect you with helpful Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) resources and services. Also, they will help you to support your children's learning at home. We are a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Justice school which help us to focus our work on ensuring student success, building school- and home-relationships, and having a positive school climate for children to thrive.

As your principal, I believe the 2020-2021 school year will be amazing because we believe in having high expectations for all children, providing relevant and challenging learning experiences to improve student achievement, and supporting the health and well-being of our students. My door is always open, and I value your input and suggestions for school improvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school office at 240-740-6330 or email me at [Zoraida E Brown@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Zoraida_E_Brown@mcpsmd.org).

Together, we will provide your children with innovative and engaging learning experiences that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. The staff at Sargent Shriver Elementary School and I look forward to meeting your children and their families at the start of the school year!

Respectfully,

Zoraida Brown

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Principal