



# Sargent Shriver Elementary School

## The Terrapin Tracker - Parent Newsletter

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### Update on the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget Recommendation

County Executive Marc Elrich released his Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget recommendation on March 15. The recommendation includes \$2.6 billion for Montgomery County Public Schools. The county executive's recommendation includes a \$2.5 million increase above the minimum funding Maintenance of Effort, however, the recommendation is \$14.5 million less than the Board of Education's request. Visit



[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8304&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=8304&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode) to read the joint statement from Board President Shebra L. Evans and Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith. The county executive's recommended budget will now go to the Montgomery County Council for review. The Council will hold public hearings on the budget in April and will take action on the budget in May. Stay informed on the budget by visiting [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/).

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#### Calendar of Events

- ☺ Kindergarten Orientation—April 25 and 26

#### Complete Important Forms



- ☺ This is important!
- ☺ You can do it!
- ☺ I won't give up on you!

### Parent Engagement Committee at 3:45 pm

- ☺ April 10
- ☺ May 15

## Together we Make a Difference!

Effective effort leads to success!

### Parent Tips

#### Tips for helping with homework:

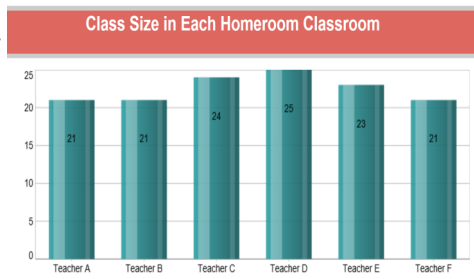
- ☺ Help your children learn to use assignment notebook
  - ⇒ A planning calendar also will help your children to remember long-term projects or assignments
- ☺ Help your children learn to prioritize their homework assignment
  - ⇒ Tackle the hardest part of the homework assignment first



## Whatever it Takes!

# Elementary Class Size Data Dashboard Now Available

The Class Size Data Dashboard reports teacher-to-student ratios for elementary homeroom classrooms for Grades K–5. Dashboard data will be updated each quarter and this dashboard currently includes reporting data for three quarters. View the dashboard at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/sharedaccountability/enrollment/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/sharedaccountability/enrollment/).



## School Leadership Team at 3:45 pm

The School Leadership Team makes decisions that are in the best interest of our students. Being part of this team is a great way you can support our school. The following are dates when we meet:

- ☺ April 15
- ☺ May 20

## Sargent Shriver Spotlight on Staff

Ms. Amanda Lukas is our second grade teacher.

- What do you like about our school?  
I like the cheery personality of the staff members and the appreciation of the community for what we do.
- What is your favorite childhood book?  
I loved to read Brown, Brown Bear by Eric Carle.

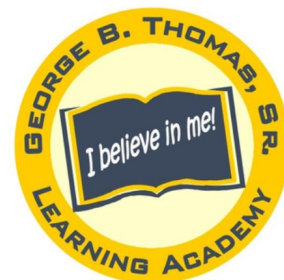
## The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

### Saturday School:

It is not too late to register your child for Saturday School! This program offers low cost small group instruction by MCPS teachers using the school curriculum. It is a great way to build your child's academic skills. For more information, go to the link below:

<http://www.saturdayschool.org>

A registration fee of \$40 for students who receive Free and Reduced Meal Services (FARMS) and \$85 for students who do not receive FARMS is required to register. A payment plan is available at all Saturday School sites and can be completed at registration.



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