



Sargent Shriver Elementary School

The Terrapin Tracker - Parent Newsletter

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Students will have half days on November 9, 10, & 17 so that parents can meet with teachers about their children's progress in school. If you do not have a conference time, please contact your children's teachers. To make the most of your conference, We recommend the following:

- ☺ **Come prepared** — Review your child's recent work. Ask your child what are his/her learning goals.
- ☺ **Ask questions** — What are my child's academic strengths, areas of need, and work habits? How do you measure my child's progress? What additional supports are available if needed? What can I do to support my child's success?
- ☺ **Share information** — You know your child best. Your input can help the teacher to better understand your child as a learner. This collaboration is critical to facilitating your child's success at school.
- ☺ **Make the most of this time** — Come on time for your conference. Try to arrange child care, particularly for small children, instead of bringing them along. This will enable you to focus completely on the discussion about your child.

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Calendar of Events

- ☺ November 8, 11, 12 & 27—Early Release Day
- ☺ November —28 & 29—No School

Complete Important Forms



- ☺ Free & Reduced Meals (FARMS)
- ☺ myMCPS Parent Portal (Yellow Card)
- ☺ Parent/Child Reunification Form

Parent Engagement Committee at 3:45 pm

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| ☺ November 20 | ☺ February 19 | ☺ May 20 |
| ☺ December 18 | ☺ March 18 | ☺ June 17 |
| ☺ January 15 | ☺ April 15 | |

Headphones—It would be helpful if you could send your children to school with their headphones so they can successfully do their tests. Students who bring their headphones to school will keep them in their backpacks and take them out when they are needed. We truly appreciate your support and help with this matter.



Parent Tips

- ☺ Television can be a tool for education.
 - ⇒ Setting limits, making good choices, taking time to watch together, discussing what you viewed, and encouraging follow-up reading is the key.
 - ⇒ Using television programs to stimulate your child's interests and encourage reading, such as dramatizations of children's literature and programs on wildlife, natural history, and science.
 - ⇒ Limiting television viewing to no more than 10 hours each week will free up time for reading and writing activities



Whatever it Takes!

myMCPS Portal for Parents and Students

The new myMCPS Classroom portal is a 21st century digital learning environment designed to meet the needs of staff, students, and parents of MCPS! The myMCPS Parent Portal is replacing Edline as the primary home-to-school communication vehicle for schools to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling and more. For more information, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/mymcps-classroom/index.aspx.



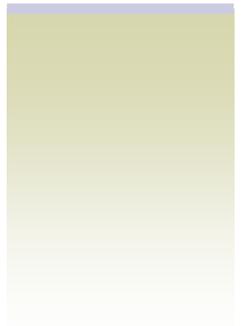
School Leadership Team at 3:45 pm

- ☺ November 18
- ☺ December 16
- ☺ January 13
- ☺ February 24
- ☺ March 16
- ☺ April 20
- ☺ May 18
- ☺ June 8

Sargent Shriver Spotlight on Staff

Ms. Lilia Dahi is one of our ESOL teachers.

- ☺ What do you like about our school?
 - ⇒ The diversity within the families. I love the community.
- ☺ What is your favorite children's book?
 - ⇒ I love Frog and Toad books written by Arnold Lobel.



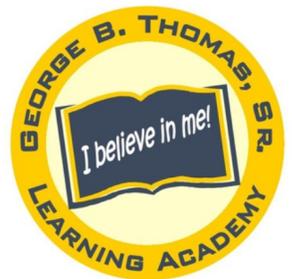
The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

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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