



Sargent Shriver Elementary School

The Terrapin Tracker - Parent Newsletter

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Provide Your Input on the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Share your input for next year's school calendar. This quick survey seeks to gauge the community's opinions on the calendar scenarios developed for the 2023-2024 school year. Staff will use your feedback to develop a final recommendation to be presented at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Let your voice be heard and share your input by Monday, Nov. 30.



[Take the survey](https://novisurvey.net/ns/TakeSurveyPage.aspx?s=1f7bb878a23e4fea80be6f628297e4c1&tsid=e91420625243424e80fd05d5ae39668e&c=en-US)—<https://novisurvey.net/ns/TakeSurveyPage.aspx?s=1f7bb878a23e4fea80be6f628297e4c1&tsid=e91420625243424e80fd05d5ae39668e&c=en-US>

Parent Engagement Committee at 3:45 pm

- ☺ December 20
- ☺ January 17
- ☺ February 21
- ☺ March 21
- ☺ April 18
- ☺ May 16

Headphones—Please encourage your children to wear headsets during their learning experiences with their teachers and classmates. We want to improve student learning and test-taking skills. Headsets are useful tools that support children during online learning. 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



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Calendar of Events

- ☺ December 7—No School
- ☺ December 23, 27, 28, 29, 30—No School
- ☺ December 26—No School
- ☺ January 3—No Schools

Complete Important Forms



- ☺ Free & Reduced Meals (FARMS)
- ☺ Enroll in ParentVUE

Whatever it Takes!

Coats, Hats, Scarves & Gloves






This is a friendly reminder to tell your children to wear their coats, hats, scarves, and gloves! Children go outside during playground recess. Sometimes the temperatures can be unpredictable. Please remind your children to wear several layers of clothing to prepare them for the colder or warmer temperatures outside. I appreciate your help and continued support!



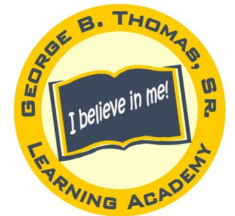
School Leadership Team—Virtual

- ☺ November 28
- ☺ February 27
- ☺ May 22
- ☺ December 19
- ☺ March 27
- ☺ June 12
- ☺ January 30
- ☺ April 24

Sargent Shriver Spotlight on Staff

The Office Team				
Administrative Secretary	Attendance Secretary	Community School Liaison	School-based Parent Community Coordinator	Central Office Parent Community Coordinator
				
Ms. Flor Lopez	Ms. Thelma Gomez-Lacayo	Ms. Sharon Perez	Ms. Eleana Ferrer	Mr. Abebe Kassaye
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The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy



Saturday School:

All Saturday School programs are virtual at this time. There is no option for in-person tutoring.

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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