

SLIGO CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Sligo Creek Elementary Parents/Guardians, and Students:

I am extremely proud and excited to introduce myself as the principal of Sligo Creek Elementary School. I am honored to serve you and contribute to the tremendous efforts and accomplishments that the Sligo Creek community has made with promoting academic excellence for all students.

I look forward to joining the Sligo Creek family and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my family. In my 30 years as an educator, I have taught grades first through eighth, both as a general education teacher and a special education teacher and I served as the Resource Teacher for Special Education at Gaithersburg Middle School in Bridge Services. Recently I was the acting principal at Woodfield Elementary School. Prior to that I served as the Assistant Principal at Viers Mill Elementary School for five years. My academic background includes a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Middle School 1 - 8, a Master's degree in Special Education, and a postgraduate certificate in Administration and Supervision. I live in Germantown, Maryland with my husband, Steve, one of our daughters, and our two dogs. Our other two daughters reside and work in Columbia, South Carolina, where they remained after graduating from the University of South Carolina, go Gamecocks!

I will be working closely with the Sligo Creek leadership team and Mr. Sean McGee, Director, Office of School Support and Well-being to ensure that we are prepared and ready for the first day of school on August 26, 2024. In the coming weeks I will reach out with various opportunities to meet and begin to get acquainted. Also, be on the lookout for Principal "pop-ups" throughout the summer, which will of course include popsicles. As principal, my priorities will focus on building lasting, collaborative relationships among our students, families and staff so that we develop a greater understanding of how to utilize our strengths, experiences, and interests to focus on academic excellence, well-being and family engagement and professional and operational excellence so that all students are prepared for college, career and community. I look forward to leading these efforts as we build upon the current foundation of success here at Sligo Creek.

Take good care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kath Schwartz", located below the text "Take good care,".

Katherine Schwartz
Principal
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