

# FLORA M. SINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2600 Hayden Drive  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902



Office of the Principal

August 10, 2019

Dear Flora M. Singer Families:

As we approach the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you. I trust that you are having an enriched summer filled with fun, sun, relaxation, and reading. It is nearly time for us to return to school and begin another year together.

I look forward to the new school year with excitement and anticipation. It's hard to believe that we are approaching our seventh year as a school community. We have worked together to build a special place for students to learn and grow. This new year will provide us with many more opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

We are very excited to open our new playfield! We have been taking care of it all summer and can't wait for the first recess! The soccer field looks fantastic and teachers are excited about the outdoor learning space. Thank you again to our PTA and parents for all their efforts to make this new playfield a reality!

This is also a year of change, as we welcome many new staff members. We are welcoming several new staff:

Susan Astary, Psychologist  
Stephanie Beard, Para-educator  
Elica Castro, Para-educator  
Alexis Fazio, Kindergarten

Angela Martin, Staff Development Teacher  
Timothy McAneny, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Center  
Michelle Pesek, Home School Model (welcome back!)  
Tamysn Ryan, Para-educator

We also have some staff members taking on new roles. Ms. Christopher and Ms. Taylor are both moving to second grade. Ms. Harding is moving to first grade and Ms. Wilhite is moving to third grade.

We extend a very special thank you to our PTA and its new leadership. Enclosed is information about the PTA. We will also have monthly PTA meetings that I believe you will find helpful and informative. If you are not an active member of the PTA, I strongly encourage you to get involved.

This is going to be a great year as we build upon the success of the past six years. I look forward to seeing you all soon. If there is ever anything that I can do to help you or your child, please feel free to call me.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Our Annual "Open House" will be Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for you and your child to walk through the building, locate classrooms, and say "hello" to the teachers and other staff members. Class lists will be posted that afternoon. Following open house we will have an ice cream social on the playground. All are welcome.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first day of school for students. Students may begin lining up at 9:00 a.m.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT:** We will have two Back-to-School Nights. Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade will host their Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Kindergarten, First and Second Grade will host their evening on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**FIRST DAY PACKETS:** On the first day of school your child will be bringing home a packet of items including a lunch application, emergency cards, PTA letter, insurance information, etc. Please review these items carefully and return the



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## Summary of Important First Quarter Dates:

- Friday, August 30 Open House from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 2 Labor Day-No school for students
- Tuesday, September 3 First Day of School 9:25 am to 3:50 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 10 Intermediate Back-to-School Night 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 17 Primary Back-to-School Night 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 26 Picture Day-Individual Portraits
- Monday, September 30 Professional Day-no school for students
- Tuesday, October 1 PTA Parent Meeting-7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 4 Early Release-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m.
- Monday, October 7 Open House-visit your child's classroom
- October 8-October 19 Read-A-Thon
- October 24-October 31 Book Fair
- Thursday, October 31 Fall Festival Parade and Parties starting at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday November 9 PTA Parent Meeting-7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 8 Half Day-Parent/Teacher conferences-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
- Monday, November 11 Half Day-Parent/Teacher conferences-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
- Tuesday, November 12 Half Day-Parent/Teacher conferences-Dismissal starts at 1:15 p.m
- Thursday, November 14 Fall Picture Retakes