

# **Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great joy and excitement that I extend a warm welcome back to school for the upcoming academic year. As we prepare to embark on this new chapter of learning and growth, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership.

Our school community is built on the foundation of collaboration between educators and parents/guardians. Together, we can provide our students with the best possible educational experience. Your involvement, encouragement, and active participation in your child's education play a crucial role in their success, and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment.

This year, we are committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where your child can flourish both academically and personally. We believe in providing a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academic achievements but also nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and social-emotional development.

As the new school year begins, we invite you to actively engage with us, whether it be through attending parent-teacher conferences, participating in school events, or volunteering your time and talents across our school community. Your presence and involvement make a significant difference in the lives of our students, and we value your partnership in creating a supportive and enriching school community.

We also encourage open communication between parents/guardians and teachers. Should you have any questions, concerns, or insights to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our administrative team for any type of support. We believe that strong lines of communication between home and school are essential for the holistic development of your child.

In the spirit of embracing a fresh start, we also extend a warm welcome to any new families joining our school community this year. We are excited to have you on board and look forward to getting to know you and your child. Our existing families are always ready to extend a helping hand and offer guidance as you settle in and navigate this new journey with us.

As we begin this school year together, let us inspire and empower our students to reach their full potential. By working hand in hand, we can provide them with a solid foundation for lifelong learning, instill in them a love for knowledge, and equip them with the skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Once again, welcome back to all parents and guardians. Your support, partnership, and involvement are deeply appreciated. Here's to a fantastic year filled with growth, discovery, and memorable experiences for our students!

With warm regards,

Meredith Casper

Dr. Charles Drew Elementary, Principal



## Drew Back to School Resources

All documents are also on our website: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/drewes/>

- School Community Handbook
  - [English](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
- [School Staff At A Glance](#)
- [School Master Schedule](#)
- School Spirit Wear
  - [English](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
- School Supply List
  - [Drew](#)
  - [Drew: SCB Program](#)

### *Special Notes:*

- Drew will host Sneak Peak on **August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** to view our school and meet our staff. Additionally, teacher assignments will be released at this time.
- Drew will post our transportation information on our main website when it becomes available.
- Drew will now be offering free breakfast and lunch to all members of our school community. There will be no FARMS applications for this school year.