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**Shaw VPA Elementary**

**5329 Columbia Avenue**

**St. Louis, Mo 63139**

**Dr. Lori Craig, Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you and your family are well and managing, during these challenging times we are currently facing. I am Donald Douglas the Family and Community Specialist (FCS) at Shaw VPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Elementary.

My goals for the year include increasing Parental Involvement, ensuring that our families are knowledgeable of Federal, State, District, and School policies, collaborating with community stakeholders to generate resources for our school, and providing resources to our families to ensure that our students can learn and thrive in a safe environment.

**Title I Information Meetings, Workshops, Monthly Parent Meetings, and PTO will take place in-person and virtual via Zoom or MIicrosoft Teams.**

Remember, education is an investment.  Research shows that students whose families are engaged in their child’s educational career perform better, both academically and socially. Parental engagement requires family participation in meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities within your child’s school.  Being involved also allows families to network, share ideas and thoughts and be included in the decision-making process.

This year will look a little differently, but we will get through it together and keep the lines of communication open.  Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have at (314) 776-5091 or via email.

Genuinely,

Donald Douglas

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