

Bellows Spring Elementary School

PROFILE

2009-10

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Bellows Spring Elementary is proud of the collaborative learning relationships we nurture among our students, staff and community, and we seek to instill excellence in all that we do. We embrace the rich diversity of our school and the many cultures our students represent. We strongly believe that in order for our students to demonstrate academic excellence, we must first provide a school culture that nourishes and enriches our students. Our participation in the WatchDOGS program (the first school to participate in the state of Maryland!), our structure as a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) school, our PACE (Parents and Children learning English) program, and our parenting support program, as well as the commitment and caring of our staff, provide that environment.

Our staff's efforts focus on providing exemplary instruction and supports for our students. While the results of our mandated and school-based assessments point to the high level of success our students attain, the best indicator is to walk through our classrooms. Our students are engaged, active participants responding to rigorous instruction, and are having fun in the process of doing so. Instruction is differentiated, based upon the strengths and needs of the learners with an emphasis on helping each student continually expand their skills and their horizons.

A crucial component in the success of our school is the support of our PTA and our community. Our PTA works tirelessly to support the success of our students and the efforts of our staff. Our community responds generously with their time, talents, and treasures. This is a partnership we treasure and nourish.

Every morning, our students recite the school pledge, "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready ~ I am one of Bellows' Best!" This pledge embodies our expectations for our students, holding them to high expectations for behavior and learning while fostering independence and persistence in all that they do.

Jackie Klamerus, Principal
Ed Cosentino, Assistant Principal
Amy Mason, Intern

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 2003

Additions/Renovations: 2009 (A)

School Capacity: 662

This does not include additional capacity from 7 portable classrooms.

Total Enrollment (PreK-5): 824

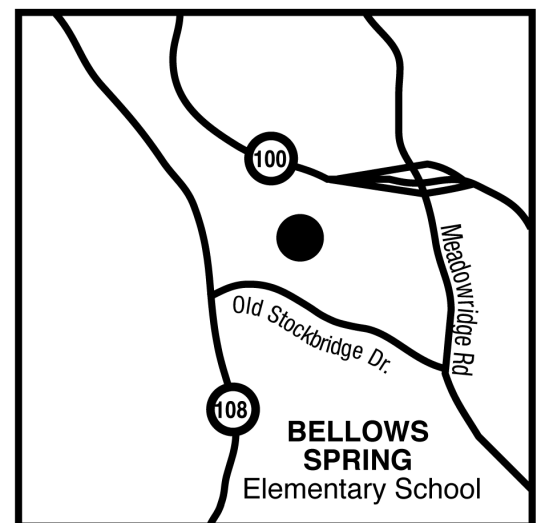
Ethnicity

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|------------------|-------|
| White | 47.6% |
| African American | 19.3% |
| Asian | 21.8% |
| Hispanic | 5.1% |
| Native American | 0.2% |
| Not Reported | 6.0% |

Students Receiving Special Services 2008-09

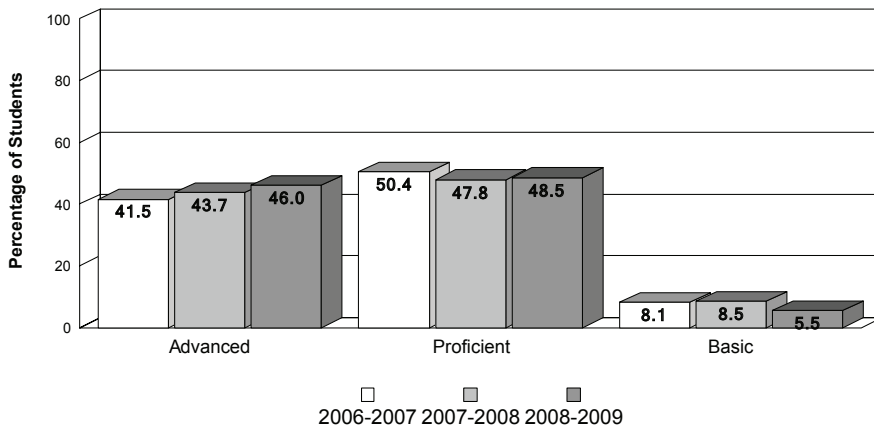
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| Title I | 0% |
| Ltd. English Proficient | 5.6% |
| Free/Reduced Lunch | 10.7% |
| Special Education | 10.7% |

PTA members: 325

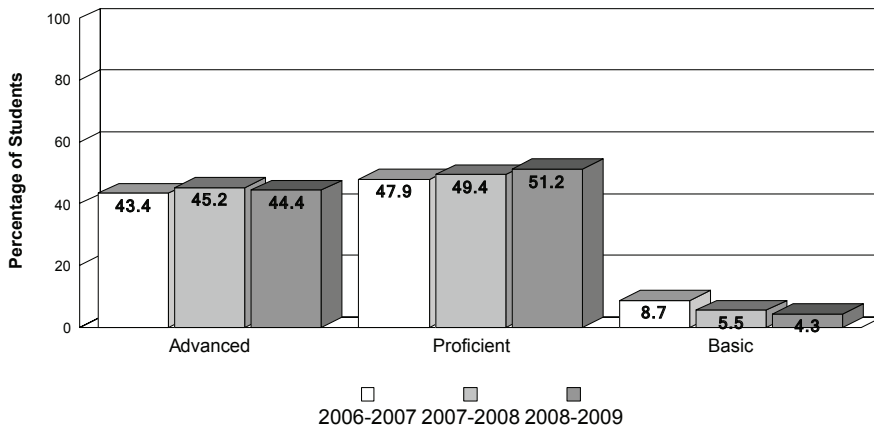


Achievement Data

Bellows Spring Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

| School Year | MSDE AYP Standards | | Howard Cty Standard | Bellows Spring ES | |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Reading | Mathematics | | Reading | Mathematics |
| 2006-2007 | 67.2 | 63.9 | 70.0 | 91.30 | 91.90 |
| 2007-2008 | 71.8 | 69.1 | 70.0 | 94.50 | 91.50 |
| 2008-2009 | 76.5 | 74.2 | 70.0 | 95.70 | 94.50 |

Our School Vision

Every classroom in Bellows Spring Elementary will be a place of excellence in teaching and learning. Our staff will demonstrate leadership, caring and respect in all that we think, say and do. Through collaboration and rigorous instruction, we will help all students reach their full potential and eliminate the achievement gap.

Accomplishments

- Consistently rated one of the Washington Post's Top 100 Elementary Schools
- Consistently recognized by MSDE for outstanding results on the MSA
- NAACP rating of "Excellent"
- Regional First Place winner in the MD/DC Stock Market Game
- Frequent First Place winner of the Math Olympiad
- PBIS Exemplar School
- Ben Carson Scholarship recipients
- Young Author Contest winners
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Band
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Chorus

Special Programs

- Regional Early Childhood Center
- WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) program
- PACE
- Professional Development School – Towson University
- Accelerated Reader
- Green School Initiative
- Annual International Night
- 5th Grade Economics Fair

Business Partners

- On Trak Transportation
- Eggspectations
- Red Robin, Columbia Crossing
- McDonalds, Snowden
- Domino's Pizza