

# Bellows Spring Elementary School

## PROFILE

2017-18

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Our vision is that every student is inspired to learn and empowered to excel. We are proud of the partnership between our students, staff and community as we seek to ensure our students are ready to compete in a global environment. We celebrate 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 an environment that nourishes and enriches them. Our staff provides personal attention, encouragement, and consistent support for our students and rewards questioning and risk-taking when learning. We work to develop the stamina for deep thinking that successful students demonstrate when encountering challenges. We focus on building positive mindset and learning to try again if unsuccessful. Students know that learning is a process and they may not know it all – YET! 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 and talents. This is a partnership we treasure.

Every morning, our students recite the school pledge, "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready. I am one of Bellows Best!" This embodies our high learning and behavior expectations for our students while fostering independence and persistence in all that they do. Bellows Spring Elementary is a great place to learn!

Carol Hahn, Principal  
D. Christy Conklin, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

Facility opened – 2003

Additions/Renovations: 2009 (A), 2011 (A, R)

School Capacity: 751  
*This does not include additional capacity from 5 portable classrooms.*

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 822

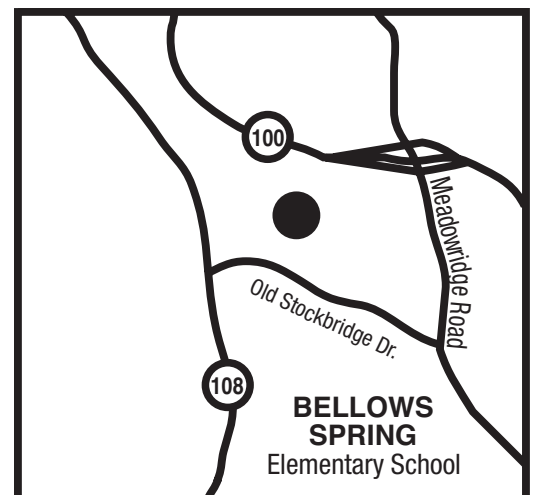
#### Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.4%
Asian	27.4%
Black/African American	24.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
Hispanic/Latino	12.2%
White	29.3%
Two or more races	6.0%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2016–17

Free/Reduced Lunch	14.9%
Ltd. English Proficient	10.3%
Special Education	14.3%
Title I	0 or <10 students

PTA members: 284



## Achievement Data

### PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Bellows Spring ES

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
<b>Level 5:</b> Exceeded expectations	19.0%	15.3%	14.4%	10.1%	10.8%	10.0%
<b>Level 4:</b> Met expectations	37.5%	44.3%	36.5%	52.2%	50.6%	44.4%
<b>Level 3:</b> Approached expectations	26.8%	22.9%	24.4%	25.4%	20.9%	24.4%
<b>Level 2:</b> Partially met expectations	11.3%	12.7%	17.9%	7.8%	12.0%	16.5%
<b>Level 1:</b> Did not meet expectations	5.4%	<=5	6.8%	<=5	5.7%	<=5%

State accountability information can be accessed at [www.mdreportcard.org](http://www.mdreportcard.org).

## Special Programs

- Infants and Toddler Program
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- PACE (Parents and Children in ESOL)
- WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students)
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)
- Professional Development School – Towson University
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Girls on the Run
- Chasing Cheetahs (running club for boys)
- American Red Cross Pint-Sized Heroes Program participants
- Annual International Night
- Hour of Code (Program that shows students how to write computer code)
- Recycling Team
- ESOL Family coffee
- 4th and 5th grade chorus
- After School PTA Sponsored Programs
- Turkey Trot
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program

## Accomplishments

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Gold Award
- Healthy Howard Platinum Award
- Staff recognized by Maryland Governor for outstanding programs
- Ben Carson Scholarship recipients
- Young Author Contest winners
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Band
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Chorus
- Participants in HC Library System Bumble Bee and Spelling Bee
- Frequent winners in Math Olympiad
- Regional First Place winner in the MD/DC Stock Market Game

### Business Partners

- Eggspectation
- Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
- Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Victory Martial Arts