At Dayton Oaks Elementary School, we are a school of F.I.S.H. – Friendship, Inclusion, Success and Happiness. Students, staff, and parents embrace this theme as they recognize and honor the many different ways in which everyone positively contributes to the school community. Academic excellence and social-emotional well-being of our staff and students are valued, as we seek to sustain a culture in which everyone belongs. Students engage in daily community circles and families enjoy a variety of events outside the school day.

The school is committed to increasing student achievement for all students, and ensuring our school environment is a positive place to learn. Students practice "Delightful Dolphin" behavior as they "DIVE" into learning by being Dependable, Involved and Organized, Very Respectful, and Effortful! The staff embraces meaningful teamwork and collaboration, monitoring data as they strive to assist each child to reach his/her fullest potential.

Students strengthen their literacy and math skills throughout the day in all classes and have the opportunity to use technology as they learn new concepts. Dayton Oaks has an active peer mentor and cross-age buddies program. Chorus, band, and orchestra provide students with an opportunity to excel creatively, while providing entertainment at various events. The PTA is an active partner with the school and hosts a recess walking program and a number of after-school activities, as well as cultural arts assemblies during the school day. Families come together to enjoy our annual ice cream social, Fall Festival, community coat and book drives, international night, movie night, bingo night, and other special activities throughout the year. Dayton Oaks Dolphins dive into learning every day!
**Academic Achievement**

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 due to the pandemic.

State accountability information can be accessed at [https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

**Special Programs**

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- Barnes and Noble Reading Night
- Before and After School Care by Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Dreambox Learning Online Math Program
- Family Fit Night
- First Lego League
- Girls on the Run
- Hour of Code
- Junior Achievement in a Day
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- PTA After-School Enrichment Programs
- PTA Cultural Arts Programs/Artist in Residence
- PTA Walking Program
- Peer Mentors
- Presentations from NASA & Maryland Historical Trust
- Primary Learner (PL) and Upper Learner (UL) Programs
- Professional Development School (PDS) – Towson University
- Regional Early Childhood Program
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM program)
- Student Support Team

**Accomplishments**

- Certified Maryland Green School, 2016–present
- Special Education Community Advisory Committee Staff Award, 2016–present
- Recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education Governor’s Citation for Special Education Team 2018
- Rube Goldberg Challenge Participants, 2011–present; Third Place Community Favorite, 2017
- Battle of the Books winners and participants
- Students chosen for All County Band
- Students chosen for All County Chorus
- Council of Elders Recognition for Academic Excellence