At Dayton Oaks Elementary School, we seek to foster a school community where students, staff, and families recognize and embrace the importance of relationships, reflective and inclusive practices, and results-driven decision making in order to promote success for all students. Academic excellence and the social-emotional well-being of our students and staff are valued, as we seek to sustain a culture in which everyone feels like they belong. Staff and families work together to create a nurturing and inspirational educational journey for all students.

The school is committed to increasing student achievement for all students, strengthening their literacy and math skills throughout the day in all classes. Technology also plays an important role enabling students to be 21st century learners. The 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 the shared values of Respect, Teamwork, Collaboration, and Communication to ensure that each student reaches their fullest potential.

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 a multitude of events, such as ice cream social, fall festival, community coat and book drives, cultural festival, movie night, bingo night, and other special activities throughout the year. Dayton Oaks Dolphins dive into learning every day!
## Academic Achievement

### DOES Performance on State Tests*

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## Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- Before and After School Care, Howard County Recreation & Parks
- Belonging Group
- Academic Night
- Cross Age Buddies
- Dolphin Day Activities
- Family Fit Night
- Field Day
- 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
- PTA Sponsored Cultural Fair
- Peer Mentors
- 5th Grade Ambassadors
- Primary Learner (PL) and Upper Learner (UL) Programs
- Professional Development School (PDS) – Towson University
- Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM Fair)
- Simulated Congressional Hearings Participants
- Spirit Days
- Student Support Team (SST)
- Young Author’s Contest

- Special Education Community Advisory Committee Staff Award, 2016–present
- Rube Goldberg Challenge Participants and Category Winners
- Battle of the Books Winners and Participants
- All County Band Students
- All County Chorus Students
- The Council of Elders Recognition for Academic Excellence
- Orchestra Dectet Regional Winners and Participants
- Howard County GT Orchestra and Band Participants
- Howard County GT Chorus Participants
- Annual HCPSS Art Exhibitions Participants
- Reflections Program Winners and Participants
- National Board Certified Teacher