

# Ducketts Lane Elementary School

## PROFILE

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The tradition of excellence, creativity, and caring is in place at our school. We support the school system's mission of ensuring the academic success and social emotional well-being of all students in an inclusive and caring environment. At Ducketts Lane, we ensure access and equity for all students, deliver high quality rigorous instruction, and provide interventions and differentiated supports.

Collaborative team planning is a key factor in providing differentiated instruction for students. Ducketts Lane students are engaged, 21st century learners who strive daily to demonstrate their DLES best. Explicit lessons are taught throughout the year that highlight students' efforts and strengths.

The partnership between home and school allows us to meet the challenge of helping students achieve at high levels. Family involvement is encouraged through volunteering in the classroom, serving on the PTA, or attending functions such as Language Arts/Math Night, Movie Night, Book Fair, Ice Cream Socials or the PTA Spring/Fall family events. Students are excited to bring their family to school to enjoy special activities. The support of Ducketts Lane staff members makes these events even more meaningful for families.

As we continue to grow, our 100+ staff members instruct over 600 students who speak over 20 languages. We are proud of the progress of all of our students and the commitment to learning shown by staff and families.

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 2013

**School Capacity:** 694

**Total Enrollment (PreK-5):** 606  
*Official count 9/30/18*

#### Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	13.9%
Black/African American	37.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	20.6%
White	23.1%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	38.7%
Ltd. English Proficient	14.7%
Special Education	10.1%
Title I	0.0%

**PTA members:** 206

#### Administrators

Heidi Balter, Principal  
Courtney Madden, Assistant Principal

#### Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
- Chick-fil-A, Arundel Mills Circle
- Green Valley Marketplace
- Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
- Okinawan Karate Dojo

*Updated January 2019*

## Academic Achievement

### DLES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	40.9%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	42.6%

State accountability information for DLES can be accessed at <https://hcpssne.ws/dles-reportcd>

## Special Programs

- After School Program- HC Recreation and Parks
- After School Reading Intervention
- Alternative Education Program
- Artist in Residence Program
- Band - Grades 4 and 5
- Career Day
- Choirchime Ensemble - Grade 5
- Chorus - Grades 4 and 5
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- DreamBox Learning Online Math Program
- Enrichment Fair
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard HS and Long Reach HS Intern Partnership
- Jump Rope for Heart
- LEGO Robotics
- Orchestra - Grades 3, 4 and 5
- Parent Workshops
- Peer Helpers
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- Pre-Kindergarten
- PTA After-School Enrichment Programs
- PTA International Night
- PTA Reflections Program
- Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC)
- Readathon
- Reading Recovery
- Simulated Congressional Hearings – Fifth Grade
- Student Art Exhibits
- Telehealth Services
- Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students)

## Accomplishments

- Gold LEED Certified School
- 2016 Maryland Green School Award
- 2016–2018 PBIS Silver Award
- National Board Certified Orchestra Teacher
- Students' recognition for academic performance by The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- Student participation in the Howard County Children's Chorus
- 2017–18 Students' participation in Safe Racer Challenge
- 2017–18 Bronze medal winners in Unheard Perspectives Showcase
- 2018 Energy Star Award