Guilford Elementary School has a very rich and long history. It began as a one room schoolhouse and was one of only four schools in the county for African American children. As the number of students attending grew, the school went from a single room house to a three room building. In the 1920s, the community pulled their money together to build a bigger school at the corner of Guilford and Mission Road. The school was staffed by all African American teachers, went through the 7th grade, and students would attend for only 7 months out of the year. In 1954, the school was moved to its present location and had eleven classrooms. In 1955, two other African American schools closed – Elkridge and Meadowridge – causing the need for an addition to the school to house all the new students. Around this time, the Supreme Court ordered public schools to begin integrating, but unfortunately, this did not happen for our school until ten years later in 1965. However, Guilford ES did become the first school in the county to integrate its staff in 1957.

Staff teach the students every day to show their Tiger Pride by being Respectful, taking Ownership of their actions, having a positive Attitude, being Responsible, and Showing empathy (ROARS). These qualities are a very important part of the students and staff, and they are what make us Guilford Strong!

At Guilford Elementary School, staff provide the students a solid foundation of academics, achievement, and social emotional learning. We believe that all children deserve to have a place that is safe, nurturing, and values the various cultures and backgrounds that each of the students and staff members brings to the school. Diversity is something that is celebrated every day. The relationships the school has with its families is the cornerstone to its success. The commitment the community puts in to ensuring the success of all students is one of the many things that makes this school great.

Updated December 2023
**Academic Achievement***

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**Special Programs**

- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- After School Program – Columbia Association
- Alternative Education Program
- Battle of the Books
- Black Student Achievement Academic Liaison
- Blessings in a Backpack Program
- Chorus
- Columbia Association Points Program
- Community Circles
- Concert Band/Orchestra Programs
- Cross-Age Buddies
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- ESOL
- Fall Fest/Fun Run
- Family Involvement Liaison
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Field Day Events
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Green School Initiative
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Elementary Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Howard County Spelling Bee
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Literacy Coach
- Maryland Meals For Achievement Breakfast Program
- Math Coach
- Math Interventionists
- Outdoor Classroom
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School
- PBIS Student Ambassadors
- PreK Program - Full Day
- Professional Development School: UMBC
- Reading Specialists
- Schoolwide Free Breakfast Program
- Schoolwide Green School Program
- Simulated Congressional Hearings
- STEM Fair
- Title 1 Schoolwide Program
- WGES TV Studio - Student Run Broadcast

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**Accomplishments**

- Maryland Green School Certified
- ECO Schools USA Green Flag Award 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Energy STAR Award 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Gold Ribbon, 2010–Present
- Unheard Perspectives Medalists: 2020: 3 Gold Medals 2019: 3 Gold Medals 2018: 3 Gold Medals

**Educational Partnerships, continued**

Howard County Food Bank, Community Action Council
Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
Howard County MultiService Center
Laurel Church of Christ
Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
National Center for Children and Families
New Hope Adventist Church
Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
TasteWise Kids
The Kindness Pantry
Union Church