

# Jeffers Hill Elementary School

## PROFILE

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Jeffers Hill is located in the heart of Columbia in the Village of Oakland Mills and has been in existence over 44 years. It is our mission to prepare our students through dynamic opportunities in an effort allow all students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Jeffers Hill students are eager to enter the building each morning and former students and staff proudly return to visit. As our school population grows and changes, we renew our commitment to making Jeffers Hill a place where significant relationships are formed and everyone feels part of an "intimate and collaborative learning community." The warm and welcoming atmosphere greets visitors and encourages parent/community participation in all aspects of the school.

Our teaching staff is committed to providing exemplary instruction and supports for all students through the implementation of Maryland State Common Core Standards. Student success is measured in many ways. One of the best indicators is to walk through JHES classrooms, where students are engaged, are active participants in rigorous instruction, AND enjoy the process. Staff members regularly engage in collaborative planning and data analysis in order to develop high quality instruction. Staff participate in professional learning that is student-centered and designed to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.

Our PTA works tirelessly to support the success of our students and the efforts of our staff. Our community responds generously with their time, talents and treasures to energetically support school initiatives and efforts. The PTA also supports and enhances the school's learning environment by sponsoring many activities, such as the Cultural Arts and After School Enrichment programs. Staff and community volunteer their time after school to support many events including STEM Events, Parent Workshops, Girls On the Run, MESA and Family Engagement Activities/Events. We also celebrate our partnership with the Howard County Chapter of the Links, Inc through their support of the Can You Imagine Me? Program and MESA. We treasure all of our partnerships!

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1974

#### Additions/Renovations

1999 (R)

**School Capacity:** 421

*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)*

**Total Enrollment (PreK–5):** 403

*Official count 9/30/18*

#### Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	12.4%
Black/African American	38.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	20.4%
White	20.1%
Two or more races	8.2%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	31.4%
Ltd. English Proficient	9.9%
Special Education	6.6%
Title I	0.0%

**PTA members:** 75

#### Administrators:

Maisha Strong, Principal  
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

#### Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- AAA Safety Program
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Camp Attaway
- Gail's Violin Shop, Inc.
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- PNC Bank, Elkridge Branch
- Schoolhouse Theater Arts, Inc.
- Smoothie King, Columbia
- Towson University – Professional Development School (PDS)

*Updated January 2019*

## Academic Achievement

### JHES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	34.9%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	46.7%

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

## Special Programs

- MESA Program
- Can You Imagine Me?
- Classroom Focused Improvement Process (CFIP)
- Family Fitness Nights
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Reading and Math Support Teachers
- Young Author's Contest (Grades 2–5)
- Reading Recovery Program – Grade 1
- Green School Initiative
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Restorative Justice through Community Circles
- Safety Patrol
- GT Art Club
- Spelling Bee (Grades 4–5)
- Bumble Bee (Grades 1–3)

## Accomplishments

- MESA Days State Competition, 2016, 2017
- PBIS Gold Maryland Banner Award, 2008–present
- MESA Days State Competition, 2016, 2017
- Battle of the Books Awards, 2015–17
- Young Authors County Award and State Finalists, 2017
- JHES Participant in HCPSS County Spelling Bee, 2017
- Jump Rope for Heart – Raised over \$11,000, 2017
- Math Olympiad Winner, 2016
- GT Orchestra Participant, 2016