Thunder Hill Elementary School aims to achieve academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student by celebrating diversity, setting high expectations and ensuring equitable access and opportunities for all learners. Thunder Hill is a diverse learning community of students, staff and families committed to our SOAR rules: **Show kindness…** **Others included…** **Always respectful…** and **Responsible.**

Through frequent communications, our staff builds strong family and community relationships, which contribute greatly to our students’ success. Thunder Hill is deeply enriched by the level of community involvement, including our fantastic Thunder Hill PTA, which supports academic and social goals for all stakeholders.

As part of the Howard County Education Association’s Restorative Justice Cohort, THES works in collaboration with and receives support from the Restorative Justice Partnership to implement whole-school restorative justice and establish an implementation process for other schools throughout the school system. Restorative Justice is an indigenous philosophy that emphasizes building relationships. At HCPSS, this philosophy is used as a school climate and culture shift that includes intentional community building with staff, families and students; creating a safe space for difficult conversations, and supporting students’ healthy social and emotional development.

The Thunder Hill school community is dedicated to ensuring the best educational experience for all students. #WeSOARtogether.

**Fast Facts**

**Facility opened:** 1970

**Additions/Renovations**
- 1987 (R), 1988 (A), 1989 (R), 2007 (R/A), 2012 (R/A)

**School Capacity:** 509

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 3 portable classrooms.)

**Total Enrollment (K–5):** 472

Official count 9/30/22

**Ethnicity FY23**
- American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
- Asian 14.8%
- Black/African American 39.4%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
- Hispanic/Latino 15.7%
- White 22.5%
- Two or more races 7.2%

**Students Receiving Special Services FY22**
- Free/Reduced Meals 33.1%
- English Learners 11.0%
- Special Education 11.2%

**Administrators:**
- Sonia Hurd, Principal
- Kimberly Dillard, Assistant Principal

**Educational Partnerships**
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County Sheriff’s Office
- Howard County Local Children’s Board
- BrightMinds
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Oakland Mills Food Pantry
- The ARC of Maryland
- Restorative Justice Partnership
- Thrive
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County

*Updated December 2022*
Academic Achievement

### THES Performance on State Tests*

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 or FY21 due to the pandemic. 2022 state assessment results have delayed reporting due to the standard setting process.

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

Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Intervention Summer School Program
- Before and After Care-Columbia Association
- Career Day (5th Grade)
- Community Circles
- Family Reading Night
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Green School Initiative
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Chorus participation
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Math Tutoring Program
- Memory Book
- Oakland Mills Food Pantry
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- PTA Sponsored 5K and Fun Run
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Recycling Team
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional Disabilities and Other Related Disorders
- Restorative Justice (program made possible through an Howard County Education Association grant from the National Education Association)
- School Based Mental Health
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spirit Days
- String-a-palooza
- Turkey Trot
- After School Clubs(King Club, Queens Court, Academic Enrichment, STEP)

Accomplishments

- Maryland Report Card 4 STAR School
- Green School – Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE)
- LEED Silver School (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
- Council of Elders Recognition for Academic Excellence
- National Board Certified Teachers