

Thunder Hill Elementary School

PROFILE

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Thunder Hill Elementary School has provided a supportive and challenging educational environment for students since 1970. Our school community is diverse, and we value the qualities that each of our families bring to our school culture. The commitment of our dedicated staff and the tireless efforts of our parents have combined to create a school environment that encourages excellence and focuses on success for all students.

We continue to focus on initiatives and instructional practices that will excite and engage all of our students. We continue with the implementation of the College and Career Readiness Standards. We are working to provide the rigor necessary in our day-to-day instruction to allow students to reach their full potential. In addition, our students have many experiences with the integration of the arts into their daily instruction especially in combination with the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) areas. We bring all of these areas together with our annual STEAM Day. We continually strive to provide the structure and resources necessary to ensure that our students will be college or career ready with the foundations for future learning.

The school community at Thunder Hill is dedicated to ensuring the best educational experience for all students. We are "Thunder Hill Proud."

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): 526

Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	18.1%
Black/African American	27.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	8.0%
White	36.1%
Two or more races	9.5%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	18.1%
Ltd. English Proficient	6.0%
Special Education	9.0%
Title I	0.0%

PTA members: 308

Administrators:

Marti Bowen Miller, Principal
Keith West, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Abrakadoodle
- greeNEWit
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- MKD Kids
- Roundhouse Krav Maga & Martial Arts
- Smoothie King, Columbia
- Subway, Centre Park Drive

Updated January 2019

Academic Achievement

THES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	60.8%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	58.1%

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

Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- After School Program – Columbia Association
- Arts Integration School Instructional Model
- Battle of the Books
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- Family Reading Night
- Field Day
- Girls on the Run Program
- Green School Initiative
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Participants in Howard County Chorus
- Peer Mentors
- Professional Development School: UMBC
- PTA Sponsored 5K and Fun Run
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional Disabilities and Other Related Disorders
- Spelling Bee
- Stringapaloosa
- Student Council
- Talent Show
- Yearbook

Accomplishments

- Maryland Report Card 5 STAR School
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star Certification
- Recertified Green School – Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), 2014
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Gold Medal School, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- LEED Silver School (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)