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 family brings 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):** 475
  Official count 9/30/19
- **Ethnicity FY20**
  - American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
  - Asian 19.6%
  - Black/African American 28.2%
  - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
  - Hispanic/Latino 10.3%
  - White 33.3%
  - Two or more races 8.2%
- **Students Receiving Special Services FY19**
  - Free/Reduced Meals 21.5%
  - English Learners 6.7%
  - Special Education 10.3%
- **Administrators:**
  - Marti Bowen Miller, Principal
  - Kimberly Dillard, Assistant Principal
- **Educational Partnerships**
  - Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
  - Okinawan Karate Dojo
  - Roundhouse Krav Maga and Martial Arts
  - Smoothie King, McGaw Road
  - Subway, Centre Park Drive
  - TasteWise Kids
  - University of Maryland, Baltimore County

*Updated December 2019*
### Academic Achievement

#### THES Performance on State Tests

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### 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
- LEED Silver School (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

### Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- After School Program – Columbia Association
- Arts Integration School Instructional Model
- Before and After Care–Columbia Association
- Career Day (5th Grade)
- Community Circles
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- Family Reading Night
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented
- Girls on the Run Program
- Green School Initiative
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Chorus participation
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Peer Mentors
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- Professional Development School: UMBC
- PTA Sponsored 5K and Fun Run
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional Disabilities and Other Related Disorders
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spirit Days
- STEAM Day
- String-a-paloosa
- Student Council
- Talent Show
- Turkey Trot
- Yearbook

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