

# Thunder Hill Elementary School

## PROFILE

2017-18

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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 "Education with Heart!"

Marti Bowen Miller, Principal  
Keith West, Assistant Principal

### 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):** 544

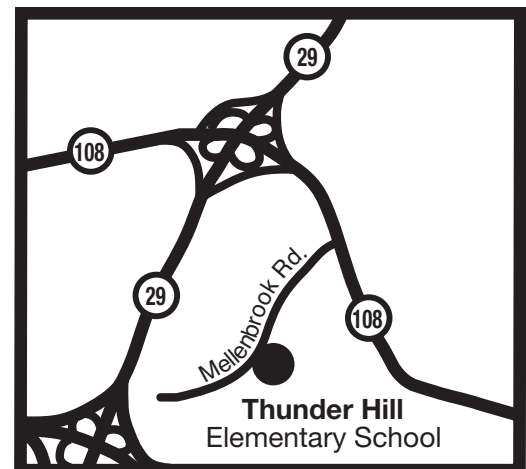
**Ethnicity**

American Indian/Alaskan	0.6%
Asian	19.7%
Black/African American	24.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.4%
Hispanic/Latino	8.5%
White	39.0%
Two or more races	7.4%

**Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17**

Free/Reduced Lunch	19.9%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	9.3%
Title I	0 or <10 students

**PTA members:** 308



## Achievement Data

### PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Thunder Hill ES

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	14.3%	11.7%	12.4%	7.2%	<=5	10.3%
Level 4: Met expectations	39.9%	41.6%	39.3%	52.4%	53.1%	42.5%
Level 3: Approached expectations	23.5%	26.6%	19.2%	20.5%	20.5%	22.7%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	13.3%	13.1%	19.2%	12.7%	11.4%	15.9%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	8.9%	6.9%	9.8%	7.2%	10.3%	8.6%

State accountability information can be accessed at [www.mdreportcard.org](http://www.mdreportcard.org).

## Accomplishments

- Recertified Green School – Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), 2014
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Gold Medal School, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Howard County Health Department Healthy Howard Gold Medal School, 2015
- LEED Silver School (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

## Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- After School Program – Columbia Association
- Artist in Residence Program
- Arts Integration School Instructional Model
- Battle of the Books
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- DreamBox Learning Online Math Program
- Family Fit Night
- Field Day
- Girls on the Run Program
- Green School Initiative
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Participants in Howard County Chorus
- Peer Mentors
- Professional Development School: UMBC
- PTA Sponsored 5K and Fun Run
- Regional Academic Life Skills Program
- Spelling Bee
- Stringapaloosa
- Student Council
- Talent Show
- Yearbook

### 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
- Vitality Concierge Services