

# Veterans Elementary School

## PROFILE

2017-18

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Veterans Elementary School opened in August, 2007. The goal of our school program is to support the county's Learning and Leading with Equity initiative. Our school mascot is the eagle and the school colors are red, white, and blue. Our School Improvement Team determines the focus of our school program based on relevant data. Our PTA is active and provides many additional programs and services to our students. Parent volunteers assist staff in a number of different ways to help ensure success for every student.

We are very proud of our diverse student population. We have one of the largest ESOL populations in Howard County. We are also proud of the extensive extracurricular programs offered to our students. VES has one of the largest elementary band and orchestra programs in the county. The staff is committed to providing many learning opportunities for children. The staff creates an environment that encourages in all students a high self-esteem, development of effective and creative problem-solving skills and a challenge to reach their fullest potential.

Veterans Elementary School is Howard County's 39th elementary school. This school and its vibrant community are creating an inclusive educational environment where all students can learn and be successful. We are proud of our students that SOAR everyday.

Robert Bruce, Principal  
Katie Carter, Assistant Principal  
Melisha Martin, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 2007

**School Capacity:** 799  
*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)*

**Total Enrollment (PreK-5):** 930

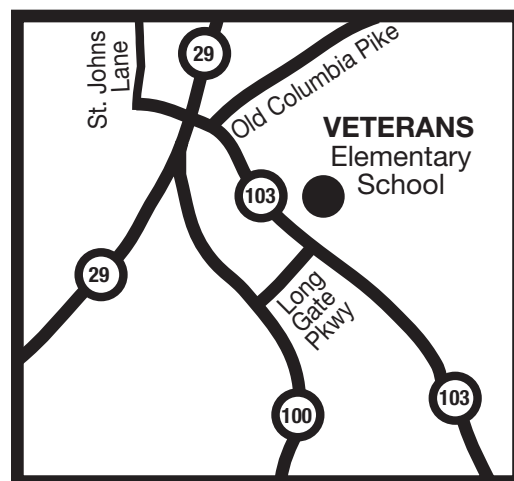
#### Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.1%
Asian	51.1%
Black/African American	12.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.8%
Hispanic/Latino	6.1%
White	26.7%
Two or more races	2.6%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	21.5%
Ltd. English Proficient	11.3%
Special Education	10.4%
Title I	0 or <10 students

**PTA members:** 467



## Achievement Data

### PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Veterans Elementary

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
<b>Level 5:</b> Exceeded expectations	17.9%	15.6%	12.4%	6.5%	<=5	8.4%
<b>Level 4:</b> Met expectations	45.5%	48.9%	43.5%	53.0%	52.1%	47.7%
<b>Level 3:</b> Approached expectations	22.3%	22.4%	23.9%	20.8%	25.6%	25.2%
<b>Level 2:</b> Partially met expectations	10.2%	10.0%	14.6%	15.0%	11.1%	12.2%
<b>Level 1:</b> Did not meet expectations	<=5	<=5	5.5%	<=5	6.4%	6.5%

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

## Accomplishments

- Math Olympiad Highest Team Achievement – 2012, 2013
- Carson Scholarship Winners 2011, 2013, 2014
- PBIS Gold Award Recognition, 2010–17
- National Network of Partnership Schools – Johns Hopkins University
- Professional Development School, Early Childhood – Towson University
- Battle of the Books 2016 – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
- Battle of the Books 2017 – Third Place

## Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills Program
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Green School Initiative
- PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Reading Recovery – one-on-one reading intervention program for first graders
- Regional Early Childhood Program
- Terrapin Institute Diamondback Rescue Program
- Veterans Academy Scholars Program

### Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Greater Howard County Pearls
- Bethel Baptist Church
- Brunswick Zone Normandy
- Howard County Library, Miller Branch
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Yingling-Ridgely Post 7472
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- YMCA of Central Maryland, Dancel Family Center