

# West Friendship Elementary School

## PROFILE

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West Friendship Elementary School's vision is for every student to be inspired to learn and empowered to excel. Staff cultivate a learning community that prepares children to thrive in a dynamic world. To develop a love of learning and habit of academic excellence in all students, WFES offers an inspiring, engaging and supportive environment.

"I am respectful, I am responsible, I am ready to learn. I will always be a friend at West Friendship!" These are the ideals students proudly demonstrate on a daily basis, creating a close community of learners. WFES staff provides personal attention, encouragement, and consistent support, to foster perseverance and creative/critical thinking. Staff work to develop the stamina for deep thinking that successful students demonstrate when encountering challenges or unfamiliar topics, and facilitate questioning and risk-taking when learning. Students learn 21st-century research and information literacy skills that allow them to use technology and applications to evaluate, synthesize, and share information.

The WFES PTA is a collaborative partner, providing support for our school programs, academic/social goals and promoting health and wellness. Many parents volunteer, serve on committees and support initiatives such as cultural arts, parent education workshops, family fun nights, green school awareness, and several community drives.

WFES focuses on the whole child, take learning very seriously, and have lots of fun along the way. West Friendship is a great place to learn!

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1925

#### Additions/Renovations

1950 (A), 1962 (A), 1971 (R/A),  
1978 (R/A), 2004 (R), 2005 (R)

**School Capacity:** 414

**Total Enrollment (K-5):** 401

*Official count 9/30/18*

#### Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	22.0%
Black/African American	≤5.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	≤5.0%
White	65.1%
Two or more races	6.0%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	5.4%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.9%
Title I	0.0%

**PTA members:** 175

#### Administrators:

Kaye M. Breon, Principal

Brian Vanisko, Assistant Principal

#### Educational Partnerships

- Howard County Library, Glenwood Branch
- Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.
- Luna Day Spa
- Sports Clips, Turf Valley
- Turf Valley Resort
- West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department
- Howard County Conservancy

*Updated January 2019*

## Academic Achievement

### WFES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	73.4%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	76.8%

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

## Special Programs

- After School Programs provided by Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Art Club – Open Studio 4th/5th Grade
- Art at the Mall
- Career Day – 5th Grade
- Chess Club
- Community Circles
- Comprehensive PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Drum Club
- Family Fitness Night
- Family Reading and Math Nights
- 4th Grade Colonial Day
- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus and Advanced Chorus
- 4th and 5th Grade Percussion Ensembles
- 5th/2nd Grade Native Plant and Pollinator Unit
- 5th Simulated Congressional Hearings
- Field Day
- Girls on the Run – PTA
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Programs – Battle of the Book, Spelling Bee, Bumble Bee, Summer Reading Program
- Inclusive School Week
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Achievement in a Day
- Maker Space – Media
- Night of Excellence
- Peer Mentor Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- PTA After-school Enrichment Programs
- Restaurant Nights – PTA
- Schoolwide Community Outreach Programs
- Schoolwide Planting (Beautification) Day
- School Play – PTA
- Spring Festival – PTA
- Spirit Days
- STEM Day/Science Fair
- Student Leadership Team
- Tiger Cub Club – incoming kindergarten students
- Unheard Perspectives
- Walking Wednesday
- Yearbook

## Accomplishments

- PBIS Gold Recognition
- Healthy Howard Gold School
- MD Green School Certified
- Certified Monarch Waystation
- Community Outreach recognition
- The Council of Elders Celebration of Academic Achievement
- Participation in Howard County Library programs: Battle of Books, Spelling Bee, Bumble Bee
- Finalist for Howard County Library Summer Reading Club
- ExploraVision Competition
- Recognized for funds raised through Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart
- Participation in GT/Enrichment Band and Orchestra
- Participation in Howard County Children's Chorus
- Participation in Music Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Special Education – Staff honored by Techniques for Success as "Favorite Educators"