West Friendship Elementary School’s mission is for every student to be inspired to learn and empowered to excel. WFES offers an inspiring, engaging and supportive environment to cultivate a learning community that prepares children to thrive in a dynamic and diverse world.

“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 research and information literacy skills that allow them to use technology and applications to evaluate, synthesize, and share information. In addition to rigorous and engaging academic activities, students participate in daily social-emotional learning. This includes community building activities and class meetings.

The WFES PTA is a collaborative partner, providing support to school programs. Parents serve on committees and support cultural arts, parent education workshops, family fun nights, green school awareness, community drives, staff appreciation, and much more.

WFES is committed to ensuring the academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing school environment that embraces diversity.
Academic Achievement

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Accomplishments

- PBIS Recognition
- Healthy Howard Gold School
- Maryland 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 the Books, Spelling Bee, Bumble Bee
- Finalist for Howard County Library Summer Reading Club
- 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
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- Participation in Unheard Perspectives
- Special Education – Staff honored by Techniques for Success as “Favorite Educators"

Special Programs

- 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
- After School Programs provided by Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Art Exhibits
- Career Day – 5th Grade
- Chess Club
- Community Circles
- Comprehensive PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Drum Club
- Family Reading and Math Nights
- Field Day
- Girls on the Run – PTA
- Green School Clubs
- 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
- Maker Space – Media
- Night of Excellence
- Peer Mentor Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- PTA After-school Enrichment Programs
- Read-a-thon – school-wide
- Restaurant Nights – PTA
- School Play – PTA
- Schoolwide Community Outreach Programs
- Schoolwide Planting (Beautification) Day
- Spring Festival – PTA
- Spirit Days
- STEM Day/Science Fair
- Student Leadership Team
- Tiger Cub Club – incoming kindergarten students
- Trout in the Classroom
- Unheard Perspectives
- Walking Wednesday
- Yearbook

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