

# West Friendship Elementary School

## PROFILE

2017-18

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Our vision is for every student to be inspired to learn and empowered to excel. We 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 our children, we offer 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 our students proudly demonstrate on a daily basis, creating a close community of learners. Our staff provides personal attention, encouragement, and consistent support, to foster perseverance and creative/critical thinking. We work to develop the stamina for deep thinking that successful students demonstrate when encountering challenges or an unfamiliar topic 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.

Our PTA is a collaborative partner, providing support for our school programs, academic/social goals and promoting health and wellness. Our 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.

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

Kaye M. Breon, Principal  
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

### 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):** 327

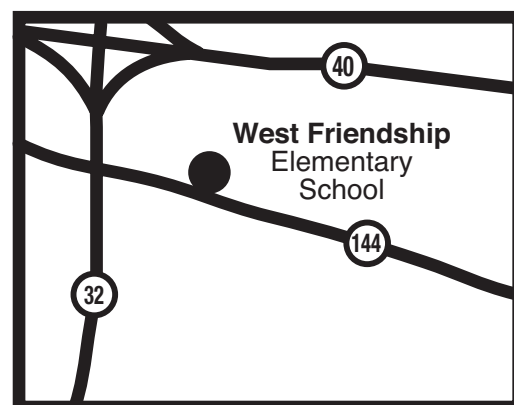
#### Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0%
Asian	22.3%
Black/African American	4.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3%
Hispanic/Latino	4.0%
White	63.0%
Two or more races	6.1%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	≤5.0%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.8%
Title I	0 or <10 students

**PTA members:** 195



## Achievement Data

### PARCC Assessment Performance Results – West Friendship ES

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	24.1%	19.4%	12.4%	15.7%	8.2%	6.2%
Level 4: Met expectations	50.6%	58.8%	52.4%	61.0%	61.6%	57.9%
Level 3: Approached expectations	16.7%	15.6%	26.9%	12.8%	20.1%	24.8%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	6.3%	5.6%	8.3%	5.8%	6.9%	9.0%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	<=5	<=5	<=5%	<=5	<=5	<=5%

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

## Special Programs

- Career Day
- Comprehensive PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- Family Fitness Night
- Family Reading and Math Nights
- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus and Advanced Chorus
- 4th and 5th Grade Percussion Ensembles
- 5th/2nd Grade Native Plant and Pollinator Unit
- Field Day
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Programs – Battle of the Book, Spelling Bee, Bumble Bee, Summer Reading Program
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Achievement in a Day
- Night of Excellence
- Peer Mentor Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- PTA After-school Enrichment Programs
- Schoolwide Community Outreach Programs
- Schoolwide Planting (Beautification) Day
- School Play
- Spirit Days
- STEM Day/Science Fair
- Student Leadership Team
- Tiger Cub Club – incoming kindergarten students
- TREC Recycling Challenge
- TV Morning News Broadcast
- Unheard Perspectives
- Walking Wednesday

### Educational Partnerships

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

## Accomplishments

### School

- PBIS Gold Recognition
- Healthy Howard Gold recognition
- MD Green School Certified
- Certified Monarch Waystation
- Community Outreach recognition

### Student/Staff

- 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"