

Bellows Spring Elementary School

PROFILE

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Bellows Spring Elementary School's vision is that every student is inspired to learn and empowered to excel. BSES is proud of the partnership between students, staff and community, as staff seek to ensure students are ready to compete in a global environment. BSES celebrates the school's rich diversity and the many cultures that students represent. Staff strongly believe that in order for students to demonstrate academic excellence, staff must first provide an environment that nourishes and enriches students. The staff provides personal attention, encouragement, and consistent support for students and rewards questioning and risk-taking when learning. Staff work to develop the stamina for deep thinking that successful students demonstrate when encountering challenges. They focus on building positive mindset and learning to try again if unsuccessful. Students know that learning is a process and they may not know it all – YET! BSES students are engaged, active participants responding to rigorous instruction, and are having fun in the process of doing so. Instruction is differentiated, based upon the strengths and needs of the learners with an emphasis on helping each student continually expand their skills and their horizons.

A crucial component in the success of BSES is the support of their PTA and community. The PTA works tirelessly to support the success of students and the efforts of staff. The BSES community responds generously with their time and talents. This is a partnership that is treasured.

Every morning, Bellows Spring students recite the school pledge, "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready. I am one of Bellows Best!" This embodies the school's high learning and behavior expectations for our students while fostering independence and persistence in all that they do. Bellows Spring Elementary is a great place to learn!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 2003

Additions/Renovations
2009 (A), 2011 (A, R)

School Capacity: 726
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 825
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	33.2%
Black/African American	31.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	9.8%
White	20.4%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	28.7%
English Learners	12.2%
Special Education	16.5%

Administrators:

Julie Schrufer, Principal
Melanie Krablin, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Bike HoCo
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- TasteWise Kids
- The Kindness Pantry
- Victory Martial Arts

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Academic Achievement

BSES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	67.2%	63.4%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	45.1%	45.9%
Percent Proficient Science	47.7%	36.4%

State accountability information can be accessed at <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- CAPA Tutoring program for students
- 4th and 5th grade Chorus
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Field Day
- Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Girls on the Run
- Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee
- Howard County Reading Council Young Author's Contest
- Howard County Recreation and Parks After School Activities
- Hour of Code (Program that shows students how to write computer code)
- HowGirlsCode Program
- Infants and Toddler Program
- International Night
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- PACE (Parents and Children in ESOL)
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Primary Learner
- Professional Development School – Towson University
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- The Walking School Bus, Walking Program
- Turkey Trot
- WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students)

Accomplishments

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Gold Award
- Healthy Howard Platinum Award
- Staff recognized by Maryland Governor for outstanding programs
- Ben Carson Scholarship recipients
- Young Author Contest winners
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Band
- Participants in HCPSS Honors Chorus
- Participants in HC Library System Bumble Bee and Spelling Bee
- Frequent winners in Math Olympiad
- Regional First Place winner in the MD/DC Stock Market Game

