

Thunder Hill Elementary School

PROFILE

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Thunder Hill Elementary School aims to achieve academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student by celebrating diversity, setting high expectations and ensuring equitable access and opportunities for all learners. Thunder Hill is a diverse learning community of students, staff and families committed to our SOAR rules: **Show kindness...Others included...Always respectful...and Responsible.**

Through frequent communications, our staff builds strong family and community relationships, which contribute greatly to our students' success. Thunder Hill is deeply enriched by the level of community involvement, including our fantastic Thunder Hill PTA, which supports academic and social goals for all stakeholders.

We believe collaborative team planning is instrumental in providing differentiated instruction for our students. THES staff differentiate instruction and closely monitor student progress to ensure that all students are on the path for college and career readiness. Our Reading and Math Support Teachers assist with planning, as well as help our teachers implement lessons that incorporate the latest instructional strategies.

The Thunder Hill school community is dedicated to ensuring the best educational experience for all students. #WeSOARtogether.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1970

Additions/Renovations

1987 (R), 1988 (A), 1989 (R), 2007 (R/A), 2012 (R/A)

School Capacity: 509

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 3 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 454

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	16.5%
Black/African American	33.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	18.5%
White	22.5%
Two or more races	8.8%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	42.3%
English Learners	9.6%
Special Education	12.6%

Administrators:

Sonia Hurd, Principal

Kimberly Dillard, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Blessings in a Backpack
- Howard Community College, Arts and Humanities Division
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County Sheriff's Office
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Pizzaman
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County

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Academic Achievement

THES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	42.5%	52.9%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	31.1%	36.8%
Percent Proficient Science	34.3%	38.8%

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

Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Intervention Summer School Program
- Before and After Care-Columbia Association
- Community Circles
- Family Reading/Math Night
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Green School Initiative
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Chorus participation
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Math Tutoring Program
- Memory Book
- Oakland Mills Food Pantry
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- PTA Sponsored 5K and Fun Run
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Recycling Team
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional Disabilities and Other Related Disorders
- School Based Mental Health
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spirit Days
- String-a-palooza
- Turkey Trot
- After School Clubs(King Club, Queens Court, Academic Enrichment, STEP)

Accomplishments

- Youth Engagement Grant- Howard County Executive Office
- Maryland Report Card 4 STAR School
- Green School – Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE)
- LEED Silver School (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
- Council of Elders Recognition for Academic Excellence
- National Board Certified Teachers