

# Burnt Mills Elementary School

At Burnt Mills Elementary School, we have high expectations for all students because every student matters!

## **Our Vision**

Our Vision is to provide every student with a sense of hope in a culturally relevant and challenging learning environment that fosters critical thinking, values diversity, and promotes self-awareness and healthy relationships.

## **Our Mission**

Our Mission is to prepare every student to be college and career ready by expecting the best from everyone, every day!

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Burnt Mills Elementary school is a dynamic learning environment, designed with the child in mind! We are a phenomenal school with small class sizes and highly qualified educators, who nurture the development of the whole child. Whether a student is in our English Academy or Spanish Immersion program, we strive to provide every student with a high quality instructional program that meets their academic and social-emotional needs. Our teachers work together to provide challenging and engaging lessons for students aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The innovative use of technology in the classroom allows students to participate in technology enriched learning activities that prepare them with the knowledge and skills to excel in college and chosen careers. We understand educating a child is a partnership between the home and school. We are dedicated to building open and honest relationships with families. At Burnt Mills Elementary, we strongly believe that each and every student matters and deserves optimal learning opportunities to thrive today and beyond.



**Together we are...**

**Building  
Motivating  
Excelling  
Striving**

## **BMES Highlights**

-  A highly-qualified teacher in every classroom
-  Prestigious Spanish Immersion Program, including full one-way language immersion in Grades K-5
-  One of the sites for Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB), a free afterschool program where Burnt Mills students engage in academic and enrichment programs four days a week.
-  Collaboration among all staff; Co-teaching model for English Language Learners
-  Intervention or Enrichment Programs to support high achievement for all students in Math and Reading
-  6+1 Writing Traits Program implemented school-wide to support great writing throughout all content areas
-  Opportunities for students join Chorus/Instrumental Music in Grades 4-5
-  Reduced class size for English Academy students in Grades K-2



***Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!***

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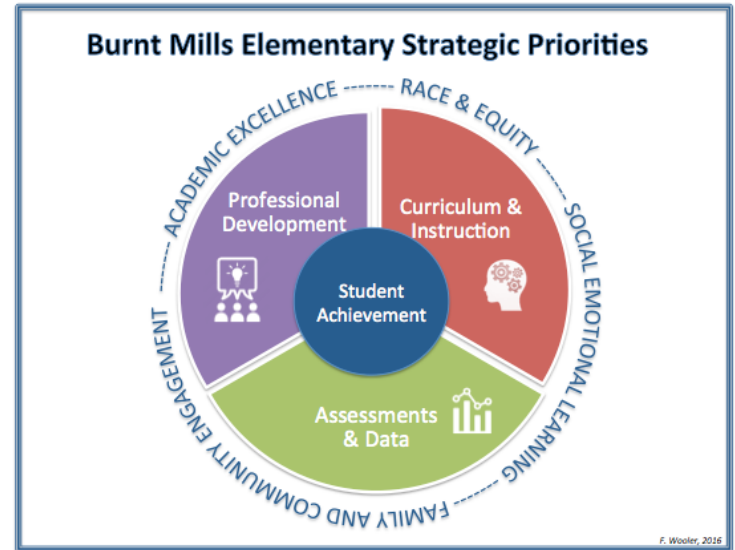
# At Burnt Mills ES, Every Student Matters!

## Character Counts:

Burnt Mills Elementary implements Character Counts® as our school-wide character and counseling program. We use the Six Pillars of the Character Counts Program to teach and promote excellent character. At Burnt Mills ES, we encourage all students and staff to demonstrate our Core Values.

<b>Trustworthiness</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Fairness</b>
<b>Caring</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>

Our wonderful school counselor teaches each classroom about our Six Pillars and supports the social-emotional health and well-being of our student body.



## Music & the Arts

All students in Grades Pre-K-5 have weekly instruction in Music, Art, and Physical Education. Students also visit our school Media Center each week where they can check out library books and also learn about Information Technology. In Grades 4 and 5, students have an additional opportunity to rehearse and perform as a part of our weekly Chorus and/or a weekly Instrumental Music program.



## Spanish Immersion at BMES

Burnt Mills Elementary is proud to be one of an elite set of MCPS schools who host a language immersion program. The goals of the program are to develop the abilities of students to understand, speak, read, and write in both English and Spanish. The Spanish Immersion Program follows the MCPS curriculum at all grade levels. In Kindergarten through third grade, Spanish immersion students receive instruction in *all subject areas* in Spanish. Fourth grade allows opportunities for Reading and Writing instruction in both languages. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students continue their Spanish Immersion program in Math, Science and Social Studies. All MCPS elementary school students are welcome to apply! Entry into the SI Program is by lottery. No Spanish skills are required when applying to grades K or 1. You can find more information at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/burntmillses> or [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/)

## After-School Activities:

Walking to the Beat Club      Language Classes through [Big Learning](#)      [Excel Beyond the Bell](#)  
On-site Private Before and After Care provided by Horizons Daycare