



Charlesmont Elementary School named Maryland Blue Ribbon School

The Maryland State Department of Education announced today that Charlesmont Elementary School is one of the six schools throughout the state to be named 2013 Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools. Only two elementary schools in the entire state received this recognition; the other school was Chadwick Elementary, also a Baltimore County school.

This achievement is a result of the partnership between students who come to school to learn, great teachers and principals, involved parents who support the school and the children, a strong academic program. High academic achievement is our goal for every student in our school.

Charlesmont Elementary School has also been a high achiever on the Maryland School Assessments, with more than 97.5 percent of students scoring proficient or advanced in reading and 98.7 percent in mathematics. Monthly parent involvement activities promote collaborative learning at the school, and membership in the Alliance for Healthy Schools program encourages healthy habits and positive decision-making.

Academic enrichment and acceleration take place through the 100 Book Challenge Reading, Research Lab Writing, FasttMath/Fraction Nation online Math, STEM Fair yearly competitions, and the afterschool Overachievers Program. Support from the Friends of Fort McHenry/War of 1812 Maryland Bicentennial Commission and the Southeast Foundation for the Arts Program connects students to local historical institutions and cultural arts events. At Charlesmont Elementary School, 65 percent of the students are from economically disadvantaged families.

Blue Ribbon School designation is a state and national program that recognizes schools that meet rigorous standards developed by the Maryland State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be rewarded with a pizza party; the school has received a banner and plaque to recognize the outstanding achievement. In addition, Charlesmont will also receive a new whiteboard and a mural for our wall. The state government will honor the six schools during a red carpet event.

Now that Charlesmont has been named a Maryland Blue Ribbon School, the school is a candidate for national Blue Ribbon designation. Team Charlesmont – students, parents, teachers, PTA, staff, administrators, and community – make all the difference.

CONGRATULATIONS!!