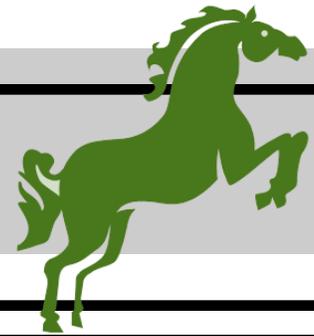




# Sandalwood Elementary

900 Marlyn Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! During the 2013-2014 school year, Sandalwood Elementary School was identified as a Title I Reward School. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) recognized Sandalwood Elementary School as a Reward School based on the results of the school's Maryland State Assessment (MSA) data. In an effort to assist you in understanding the Reward School identification, the following information is provided below:

During the 2013-2014 school year, Sandalwood Elementary School implemented the following strategies to further improve student achievement:

- A shared vision that creates a culture of learning and high expectations for students and staff;
- Character Education that provides an environment where students feel respected and where their voices will be heard;
- Rigorous, student centered instruction that addresses the needs of all students; and
- Professional development that addresses teacher needs and allows them to grow as professionals.

Additional information regarding Reward Schools is available on the Baltimore County Public Schools' Web site at <http://www.bcps.org/offices/titleone/> or you may contact the Office of Title I at (410) 887-3487.

## What does the Reward School identification mean?

Reward Schools are identified in two categories:

1. Title I schools that have been the **highest performing** on the MSA, or
2. Title I schools that have shown the **highest amount of progress** over a period of time on the MSA.

## In what category has Sandalwood Elementary School been identified?

Sandalwood Elementary School has been identified as a **Distinguished, Highest Progress Title I Reward School.**

This accomplishment reflects the hard work of both staff and students.

## What does it mean to be a Distinguished, Highest Performing Title I Reward School?

Sandalwood Elementary School demonstrated the highest amount of **progress** over a period of time as measured on the MSA.

## What can parents do to continue supporting Sandalwood Elementary School?

Your support is a very important part to Sandalwood Elementary School. The following are ways that you can support Sandalwood Elementary School:

- Participate in the education of your child
- Participate in parent education activities (parent/teacher conferences, etc.)

- Communicate regularly with the school with your interests and/or concerns
- Share your talents with our school
- Offer suggestions for success
- Continue to partner with our school for the good of all students

A list of parent support services is available on the district's Web site: <http://www.bcps.org/parents/>.

Sincerely,  
*Mr. Phillip Byers*  
Principal