

**GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL  
AND GWYNNS FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Gwynns Falls Elementary School serves 437 students in grades PreK-5 in the Panway, Parkway and Liberty Square neighborhoods, three of the nine affiliated community groups represented by the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council (GMCC).

The neighborhoods cluster around the newly refurbished Mondawmin Mall, with a major grocery store and the city's only Target. With a Metro station and numerous churches and small businesses nearby, Mondawmin is also a central transportation hub. The area is also becoming a center of higher education in Baltimore, with the recent expansion of Coppin State University and Baltimore City Community College's purchase of the 18-acre Bon Secours Liberty Village site. The GMCC implements the Healthy Neighborhoods program in Greater Mondawmin, where the sales price for a house on Healthy Neighborhoods target blocks rose 260 percent from 2000 to 2008, from \$44,900 to \$116,950, and 85 percent throughout the rest of the community.

Gwynns Falls Elementary School is a strong school academically, one that continues to get even stronger. Last year, 98 percent of students met or exceeded state standards in reading on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA), up from 93 percent the previous year; 94 percent made the state grade in mathematics, holding steady with the year before. In addition to high-achieving students, the school is home to an award-winning, nationally recognized jazz band that has performed up and down the East Coast. Several students have been selected to attend the Baltimore School for the Arts TWIGS program. Gwynns Falls created its own foundation to raise funds for its students to attend band camps and Echo Hill outdoor camp on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has a new media center and the only elementary citywide program for the hearing impaired.

Gwynns Falls Elementary School will use the Goldseker Foundation's Neighborhood-School Partnership award to add an after school program with one hour of academic enhancement and one hour of cultural enrichment activities.

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