

**GARWYN OAKS NORTHWEST HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER  
AND CALVIN M. RODWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Calvin M. Rodwell Elementary School serves 310 students in grades PreK-5 in the Howard Park neighborhood of west Baltimore.

Howard Park is a collection of single-family Victorian, Tudor and rancher-style homes with a smaller number of duplexes and brick rowhouses. The community was designed with walking paths and tree-lined streets, and houses border Forest Park Golf Course and Powder Mill stream. The Garwyn Oaks Northwest Housing Resource Center administers the Healthy Neighborhoods program in Howard Park and neighboring communities Hanlon and Garwyn Oaks. Sales prices for houses on Healthy Neighborhoods target blocks in Howard Park more than tripled from 2000 to 2009, from \$63,200 to \$192,450. With this grant, the center will also strengthen the ties between these neighborhoods and one of the community's true gems, Calvin M. Rodwell Elementary School.

The principal at Calvin M. Rodwell, Sandra Adams, is a resident principal for New Leaders for New Schools, a national nonprofit that recruits, trains and supports outstanding school leaders for urban public school districts. And the students at Calvin M. Rodwell lay their own claim to "outstanding:" 88 percent met or exceeded state standards in reading on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA), and 94 percent made the state grade in mathematics, up 10 percentage points from the year before.

This Neighborhood-School Partnership will use its grant from the Goldseker Foundation to bring the award-winning WeatherBug science curriculum to the school. This program will help students develop skills in science, geography, math and technology using real-time weather maps. Calvin M. Rodwell will also become part of a national network of schools that use WeatherBug to track meteorological data and strengthen students' investigative and research skills in math and science—all while having fun.

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