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Harford County Public Schools Raise Over \$215,000 for American Heart Association
Students from 10 Schools Raised Money for the American Heart Association

Schools across Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) have demonstrated remarkable success in recent fundraising efforts for the American Heart Association. With more than \$215,000 raised from 10 participating schools, students and families showed exceptional commitment to supporting a good cause in our community and contributing to the vital work of the American Heart Association.

Schools participating in the campaign included Churchville Elementary School, Darlington Elementary School, Emmorton Elementary School, Hickory Elementary School, Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School, Joppatowne Elementary School, Old Post Road Elementary School, Red Pump Elementary School, Fallston Middle School and Fallston High School.

While all ten schools did a tremendous job raising money for the American Heart Association, three schools reached impressive milestones.

Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School set a new county record and was the #1 school in Maryland, and the Eastern States Region for money raised with a total of \$74,742. The campaign also saw 541 families join the Kid's Heart Challenge online and more than 200 families learned Hand-Only CPR and the warning signs of a stroke through Finn's Mission.

Hickory Elementary School raised more than \$35,500 this year, bringing their all-time fundraising total to more than \$504,000! This year nearly 400 families took part in the Kid's Heart Challenge online, and more than 150 families participated in Finn's Mission.

Fallston Middle School also saw their all-time fundraising total exceed \$500,000, with the school community raising more than \$40,000 this year. That brings their all-time fundraising total to more than \$506,000. Additionally, nearly 1,000 families took part in the Kid's Heart Challenge online with 470 students learning Hands-Only CPR.

"I'm so proud to partner with these schools every year for Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge," said Kate Poole, Senior Development Director, School Engagement for the American Heart Association. "Together we're molding resilient, compassionate hearts for a brighter future, and nurturing a wave of healthy empowered leaders. The support we receive will lead to longer, healthier lives and advance health and hope for everyone, everywhere."

"I am immensely proud of our students' dedication to raising money for the American Heart Association, and for supporting our community's health," said Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson. "Their efforts will directly benefit families impacted by heart disease and stroke. By taking the time to learn the early warning signs of stroke, and how to perform Hands-Only CPR, these students have

set themselves up to potentially save a life one day, and their efforts to learn these important tools makes our community a safer place for all.”

For more information about the American Heart Association, and the Kid’s Heart Challenge, visit the [American Heart Association’s website](#).

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