

Mrs. Mary Dreyer Curry is the band teacher at Jeffers Hill Elementary School. She received her Bachelor of Music Education with honors from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where her primary instrument was euphonium and her minor instrument was piano. Mrs. Curry has more than 40 years experience in music education beginning as a band director and instrumental music teacher with the Washington, DC Archdiocesan Music Program in the 1970s. In 1989, she founded and directed the Laurel School of Music and, later, Kindermusik of Laurel until she sold the school in 2004. In 1999, she returned to full-time teaching as the vocal/general music teacher at St. Mary of the Mills elementary school in Laurel. She has been teaching in the Howard County Public School System since 2001, where she taught band, strings, and vocal music at Forest Ridge Elementary School until retiring in 2015. A year later, when she was asked if she would be interested in returning to teach band at Jeffers Hill, she jumped at the chance because she realized she missed teaching children music. Mrs. Curry has four grown children (all of whom attended Howard County schools before going to college) and lives in Columbia with her husband.