



Larkmoor Elementary School

(Grades: PK-5)

Chantelle Lewis, Turnaround Principal

Celina Bigio, Dean of Scholars

Mary Adamo, Dean of Academics

School Year 2018-2019

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“A PLACE WHERE WE ARE COMMITTED TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!”

The 5 A's for Success at Larkmoor Elementary School: Academics+ Attendance+ Attitude+ Activities= Action

Welcome Back Larkmoor Community!

June 2018

Greetings Larkmoor Community:

Welcome Back! I am incredibly excited to begin our sixth year at Larkmoor School! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs. During the 2018-19 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our proven foundation of good work, honored traditions, and continued **academic excellence!**

This school year, we have two new additions to our highly qualified professional staff. Please welcome our deans, Celina Bigio (Dean of Scholars) and Mary Adamo (Dean of Academics). I have attached a copy of all administrators' bios to this letter. Our Larkmoor Staff, is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities in all five facets of our Larkmoor program -- **Academics+ Attendance+ Attitude+ Activities = Action!**

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your young Titans during his/her elementary school years.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Larkmoor. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Again, we welcome you to Larkmoor School and to our wonderful learning community . . . **A Place Where We are Committed to Academic Excellence!** It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an **AWESOME** new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Respectfully,

Chantelle Lewis



Turnaround Principal & Dean Bios 2018-2019

LARKMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Turnaround Principal:

Chantelle C. Lewis has been a public servant for 20 years. In 2006, she was appointed to serve on the Ohio Department of Education Financial Planning and Supervision Committee. As an advocate for educational reform, Chantelle was elected as the Vice President of East Cleveland City Schools in 2007. In the 11th Congressional District, Chantelle was selected as an alternate delegate for former President Barack Obama in the 2008 Democratic National Convention. As an educator, Chantelle taught and served as an administrator in Cleveland Municipal School District and Lorain City School District. In 2015, under her leadership Larkmoor School received the Ohio Department of Education Momentum Award, which recognizes schools for exceeding student growth for the year. Chantelle graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She has obtained two Masters Degrees in Education, before the age of 30 and has three licensures in education.

In addition to being an active political member, Chantelle is also a member and former officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was published in the Who's Who among America's Teachers, Who's Who in Black Cleveland and Cambridge Who's Who among Executives and Professionals. Additionally, Chantelle C. Lewis is a proud mother of Cydney.

Dean of Academics:

Mary Adamo will be the Dean of Academic Outcomes for Larkmoor Elementary School next year. She has been in education for 22 years and received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from John Carroll University. She also received two Master's degrees from Cleveland State University-One in Curriculum and Instruction and one in Administration. She began her career with the Cleveland Schools as a middle school math teacher before going into administration, first as a Curriculum Specialist and then as an Assistant Principal. As an administrator in Cleveland she was able to help her staff achieve some of the highest student growth in the network. For the last two years she has been the Assistant Principal at General Johnnie Wilson Middle School here in Lorain. She is a firm believer that every scholar is able to achieve success. She believes in setting high academic standards to help achieve that success and in creating an environment where parents play a critical role in their scholar's success.

Dean of Scholar & Family Engagement:

Celina Bigio is a proud alumni of Lorain City Schools, graduating from Southview High School in 1994. Ms. Bigio has 19 years of experience in education, serving 17 years as an English as a Second Language teacher and 2 years in administration. Ms. Bigio is a graduate of Ashland University (Ashland, Ohio) and Cleveland State University (Cleveland, Ohio). Ms. Bigio began her teaching career with Lorain City Schools, followed by teaching with Orange County Schools (Orlando, Florida) and with Westlake City Schools (Westlake, Ohio). Through her experiences in both urban and suburban districts, she was exposed to excellent districts, as rated by the state, and given leadership roles within those districts. Through these experiences, her main goal was to return to Lorain City Schools and help make a difference in her community. On a personal note, Celina is the mother of one daughter, Isabella. In her free time, she enjoys reading and spending quality time with her family.