



LORAIN CITY SCHOOLS

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Admiral King Families,

I hope that you and your scholars are enjoying the growth and accomplishments that come with the close of another academic year!

With an eye to the upcoming year, I am very excited to have the honor and privilege of being able to introduce myself to you as the Principal of Admiral King for the 2018-2019 school year. My name is Mrs. Lori Witt and this will be my twenty fourth year of service as an educator. In my tenure, I have been awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Education as well as two Master's Degree from Youngstown State University. I have over twenty years' experience in urban educational environments and have extensive experience advocating and implementing an Integrated Comprehensive Systems of Equity Service model. My educational belief is that education is a profession of service to families, youth and community which must be guided by heart, emotion, passion and compassion. I believe that **all** scholars will learn, that failure is not an option, and it is incumbent upon us as educators to make sure that this happens. In the upcoming year, we will plan strategically, openly and reflectively with all stakeholders to ensure that our scholars receive the highest quality of education possible.

I have the great pleasure of introducing to you our Dean of Academic Outcomes and Dean of Scholar and Family Engagement. This year, the three of us will work cooperatively to ensure that your scholar enjoys coming to school, families feel welcomed and heard and that every moment that your scholar spends in class that they are receiving instruction aligned to the Ohio Academic Standards.

Ms. Lindsey Swartz, Dean of Academic Outcomes at Admiral King Elementary, is very excited to be a part of the transformation of Lorain City Schools. Ms. Swartz grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and attended both Youngstown State University and the University of Akron where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Additionally, Ms. Swartz studied Spanish in Salamanca, Spain and went on to teach kindergarten and third grade in Phoenix, Arizona in a district consisting primarily of Spanish-speaking English Language Learners. Ms. Swartz then attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education where she received her Masters of Education in Educational Neuroscience with an intense focus on childhood trauma and its impact on neurodevelopment and cognitive science as it relates to learning and teaching. With a deep commitment to equity and excellence in urban education, Ms. Swartz is eager to begin her work with the staff, students, and community of Lorain to equip every child with the skills needed to reach his or her greatest potential. In her spare time Ms. Swartz enjoys hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing and spending time in the Cleveland Metro Parks with her dog.

Ms. Rebecca Sneed, Dean of Scholar and Family Encouragement at Admiral King Elementary, is currently finishing her twelfth year as an educator. This is her third year with Lorain City Schools as an Intervention Specialist. Before coming to Lorain, Ms. Sneed worked with children with Autism in a private setting for and as a general education teacher for a



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charter school in Cleveland. She was awarded her BAS in Early Childhood Education (PK-3) with a Reading Endorsement and her Master's as an Intervention Specialist from Baldwin Wallace College. She currently resides with her six year old daughter Marina and their two cats Callie and Peanut. In her spare time she enjoys reading, boating, spending time outside and exploring new areas around town with her daughter. Ms. Sneed is looking forward to working closely with the scholars and their families in this upcoming year and bringing the Lorain Promise to Admiral King!

Enjoy a restful and relaxing summer and we look forward to working with you in the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lori Witt
Principal

Ms. Lindsay Swartz
Dean of Academic Outcomes

Ms. Rebecca Sneed
Dean of Scholar and
Family Engagement



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Turnaround Principal & Dean Bios 2018-2019

ADMIRAL KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Turnaround Principal:

Lori Witt currently serves as the Director of Pupil Services for the Ashtabula Area City Schools. In her career, she has had the pleasure and honor of working as a Special Education Consultant with the Columbiana Educational Service Center as well as multiple positions within the Warren City Schools during her twenty year tenure. Ms. Witt attended Youngstown State University being awarded both a Master Degree in Education and Master Degree in Educational Administration. As a result of her demonstrated passion for social equity and refined experience with Universal Design for Learning, she was invited to contribute to the development of educational modules for pre-service teachers at Kent State University focusing on inclusive practices for all students. She is driven by her goal of ensuring that all scholars will achieve their personal success story. She is committed to developing and maintaining an educational environment that reflects high standards for all while ensuring that students, families and staff feel respected, cared for and an integral part of the educational team. On a personal note, Ms. Witt truly enjoys listening to all types of music and most recently attended a Pitbull concert.

Dean of Academics:

Lindsey Swartz grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and attended both Youngstown State University and the University of Akron where she received her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Additionally, Ms. Swartz studied Spanish in Salamanca, Spain. She went on to teach kindergarten and third grade in Phoenix, Arizona in a district consisting primarily of Spanish-speaking English Language Learners. Ms. Swartz then attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education where she received her Masters of Education in Educational Neuroscience with an intense focus on childhood trauma and its impact on neurodevelopment and cognitive science as it relates to learning and teaching. With a deep commitment to equity and excellence in urban education, Ms. Swartz is eager to begin her work with the staff, students, and community of Lorain. In her spare time Ms. Swartz enjoys hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing and spending time in the Cleveland Metro parks with her dog.

Dean of Scholar & Family Engagement:

Rebecca Sneed is currently finishing her 12th year as an educator. Rebecca is in her 3rd year working for Lorain City Schools as an Intervention Specialist. Before coming to Lorain, Rebecca worked with children with Autism in a private setting for 4 years and as a 2nd/3rd grade general education teacher for a Charter School in Cleveland. Rebecca got her BAS in Early Childhood Education (PK-3) with a Reading Endorsement and her Master's as an Intervention Specialist from Baldwin Wallace College. She currently lives with her 6 year old daughter Marina and their 2 cats Callie and Peanut. In her spare time she enjoys reading, boating, spending time outside and exploring new areas around town with her daughter.