



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.



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Familias de Admiral King,

¡Espero que usted y sus estudiantes estén disfrutando del crecimiento y los logros que vienen con el cierre de otro año académico!

Con miras al próximo año, estoy muy emocionada de tener el honor y el privilegio de poder presentarme ante usted como la Principal de la Escuela Admiral King para el año escolar 2018-2019. Mi nombre es la Sra. Lori Witt y este será mi vigésimo cuarto año de servicio como educadora. Durante mis labores, obtuve un Bachillerato en Educación y dos Maestrías de la Universidad de Youngstown State. Tengo más de veinte años de experiencia en educativos ambiental urbanos y tengo extensa experiencia apoyando e implementando el modelo integral comprensivo de equidad. Mi opinión educativa es que la educación es una profesión de servicio a las familias, los jóvenes y la comunidad, que debe guiarse por el corazón, la emoción, la pasión y la compasión. Creo que todos los estudiantes aprenderán que el fracaso no es una opción, y nos corresponde a nosotros como educadores asegurarnos de que esto ocurra. En este próximo año escolar, planificaremos de manera estratégica, abierta y reflexiva con todos aquellos interesados para garantizar que nuestros estudiantes reciban la mejor calidad de educación posible.

Tengo el gran placer de presentarles nuestra Decana de Estudios Académicos y la Decana de Estudiantes y Compromiso Familiar. Este año, nosotras trabajaremos cooperativamente para asegurar que su estudiante disfrute de venir a la escuela, las familias se sientan bienvenidas y escuchadas y que cada momento que su estudiante pasa en clase reciba instrucción alineada con los Estándares Académicos de Ohio.

La Sra. Lindsey Swartz, Decana de Estudios Académicos en la Escuela Elemental Admiral King, está muy emocionada de ser parte de la transformación de las Escuelas de la Ciudad de Lorain. La Sra. Swartz creció en Youngstown, Ohio, y asistió tanto a la Universidad de Youngstown State como a la Universidad de Akron, donde recibió su título de Bachillerato en Educación de la Primera Infancia. Además, la Sra. Swartz estudió español en Salamanca, España y pasó a enseñar kindergarten y tercer grado en Phoenix, Arizona, en un distrito que consiste principalmente en estudiantes de habla hispana que están aprendiendo inglés. La Sra. Swartz luego asistió a la Escuela de Graduados de Educación de Harvard donde recibió su Maestría en Educación en Neurociencia Educativa con un enfoque intenso en el trauma infantil y su impacto en el neurodesarrollo y la ciencia cognitiva en lo que respecta al aprendizaje y la enseñanza. Con un profundo compromiso con la equidad y la excelencia en la educación urbana, la Sra. Swartz está ansiosa por comenzar su trabajo con el personal, los estudiantes y la comunidad de Lorain para equipar a cada niño con las habilidades necesarias para alcanzar su mayor potencial. En su tiempo libre, a la Sra. Swartz le gusta ir de excursionismo, escalar rocas y pasar tiempo en los Parques Metro de Cleveland con su perro.

La Sra. Rebecca Sneed, Decana de Estudiantes y Compromiso Familiar en la Escuela Elemental Admiral King, actualmente está terminando su duodécimo año como educadora. Este es su tercer año con las Escuelas de la Ciudad



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de Lorain como Especialista de Intervención. Antes de venir a Lorain, la Sra. Sneed trabajó con niños con autismo en el sector privado como maestra de educación general para una escuela charter en Cleveland. Recibió su Bachillerato en Educación Infantil Temprana (PK-3) con un Endoso de Lectura y su maestría como Especialista en Intervención de Baldwin Wallace College. Actualmente reside con su hija de seis años Marina y sus dos gatos Callie y Peanut. En su tiempo libre le gusta leer, pasear en bote, pasar el tiempo afuera y explorar nuevas áreas de la ciudad con su hija. La Sra. Sneed espera deseosa trabajar de cerca con los estudiantes y sus familias en este próximo año y llevar La Promesa de Lorain al la Escuela Elemental Admiral King.

¡Disfrute de un verano tranquilo, relajante y esperamos trabajar con usted en el año escolar 2018-2019!

Sinceramente,

Mrs. Lori Witt
Principal

Ms. Lindsay Swartz
Decana de Estudios Académicos

Ms. Rebecca Sneed
Decana de Estudiantes y Compromiso Familiar

