

Newsletter

BUILDING SERVANT LEADERS

BRENDA COWAN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

WELCOME TO BRENDA COWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lieutenant Brenda Cowan was the first African-American female fire fighter in Lexington, Kentucky. She was a committed member of Engine 18 for her entire 12 year career. She radiated honor and pride

whenever firefighters were mentioned and from time to time, she would say,

"I'm an ordinary person doing an extraordinary job."

Through Brenda's death on February 13, 2004, she inspires warmth, kindness, and love for all. Her death has touched people from all walks of life in various parts of the community, the state and the nation.



Lt. Brenda Cowan

WORDS FROM WILLIAMS

BCE Family,

We are excited about the continued progress of our school! From construction to the naming process, the vision is truly coming to light! In the last few weeks, we visited Lincoln Performing Arts Elementary School, Cincinnati School for the Performing Arts and other high performing Elementary Schools in the surrounding area. We have enjoyed rich conversation with these schools and are bringing back great ideas that we know will make BCE the best and most engaging school for your children.

We are also concluding the first round of teacher interviews for BCE! After screening more than 200 teacher applicants, we are thankful for the talented and dedicated teachers showing interest in serving your children. These educators believe in the vision of BCE and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to provide a diverse educational experience for our students.

As we continue our research and the interview process, each interaction brings confirmation that our vision for Brenda Cowan Elementary is worthwhile and necessary for student engagement. Likewise, we take great pride in knowing that the name of our school reflects the values we wish to instill in our students.

At our school, students will be passionate, engaged and caring, as they develop into the best versions of themselves. We truly believe that Lt. Brenda Cowan exemplified those four characteristics. It is an honor to be able to celebrate her life and to be able to recognize all the men and women who put their lives on the line daily in service.

- Joshua A. Williams

THE NAMING COMMITTEE

Naming our school was no easy task! We would like to thank every community member who submitted one of the 132 different names for us to consider and everyone who reached out to share their perspective! Your input was valuable in our naming committee's research and consideration. Thank you to our Naming Committee members for their time and commitment to the process!



BUILDING UPDATES

Through the rain and snow, the construction team is working diligently to complete our beautiful building! From Richmond Road, you can catch a glimpse of their hard work!

We are excited about the progress!

- *Building is 51% complete
- * Brick is being laid
- * Roofing has started



COMMUNITY MATTERS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We would love to hear from you!

Join us at Crossroads Andover on 4128 Todds Road for monthly community forums. In these meetings, you will receive updates on construction, hiring, arts integration, community involvement, partnerships, after school programming and more! We will also have the opportunity to answer questions and share ideas for our school and community. **KIDS ARE WELCOME!** (See dates and times on Calendar)

To read the minutes from the February Community Meeting, visit:
bit.ly/BCEfebcommunity

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT



February brought our newest and youngest students to Brenda Cowan elementary! BCE Administrative Assistant Ben Runyun says,

"It was great to see all of the families at the first round of enrollment, and we hope to see even more in April!"

The next round of registration will be open from April 9 - 26th (details in Calendar).

For more information and a full list of registration requirements, visit: www.fcps.net/enrollment

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
5-8PM

MARCH 25

APRIL 23

MAY 21

Location for

Community Meetings &
Early Kindergarten Enrollment
Crossroads Andover
4128 Todds Rd, Lexington

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

APRIL
9-26

9am - 1pm

*APRIL 16
5pm - 7pm

SCHOOL COLORS

Please give your kids a chance to vote on our school colors!
Show your school spirit by voting at:

bit.ly/BCEspirit

MEET THE TEAM



LISA SMITH
FCPS Elementary Chief



MEGAN BARNES
Curriculum Coach



GRACE COTTAM
Media Library Specialist

FAMILY CORNER

AFTER SCHOOL SERVICES - YMCA

We are excited to be teaming with the YMCA to provide our families with an ON SITE after school program at Brenda Cowan Elementary! We welcome the YMCA to our school and look forward to the opportunities they will provide our students through recreational activities and continued arts education.

In addition to after school services, the YMCA will also provide snow day services and summer programs ON SITE at BCE! We will continue to share more details as our program develops, but we invite you and your kids to join us at the March Community Meeting to experience the YMCA programming first hand!

For more information, contact Jessica Berry:
jberry@ymcacky.org

GET INVOLVED

Do you have interest in serving on the future PTA for BCE?

Email Chris Medley, the 16th District PTA President for more information: president@16thdistrictpta.org



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