



USD 497 News Release

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Superintendent Announcement: Building Principal Named for 26-27 School Year



Superintendent Dr. Jeanice Kerr Swift announces Meg Clark as Principal of Woodlawn Elementary for the 26-27 school year. Clark has been serving as an assistant principal in Topeka Public Schools for the last two years.

Dr. Swift shares, “We are delighted to name Mrs. Meg Clark as principal, Woodlawn Elementary; Meg brings the experience, commitment, and a driving, enthusiastic focus to ensure a culture of belonging for all. Her natural approach to see and celebrate the gifts of students, staff, school, and community make her a winning match to move forward as principal leader at Woodlawn.” Much gratitude to the many teachers, staff and community members who took time to give input during the selection and serve on interview committees during a robust principal selection process.

Clark has 9 years of elementary teaching experience between Great Bend, Olathe, Concordia, and Lawrence Public Schools. She previously taught 4th grade at Quail Run Elementary, and also served as a curriculum and instruction coach at Broken Arrow Elementary.

“I am truly honored and beyond excited to join the Riverhawk community as the next principal of Woodlawn Elementary. I cannot wait to get to know our students, staff, and families and begin building strong partnerships together. I look forward to supporting a school culture where every student feels connected, encouraged, and empowered to succeed. Let’s soar together — Go Riverhawks!” said Clark.

Clark received her bachelor of science in elementary education degree from Fort Hays State; and masters of science educational administration from Emporia State University.



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