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### News Stories from Across Williamsburg County School District

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Interview of
Mrs. Jennifer Murray-Brown
Principal of Greeleyville Primary School



# Q: What should parents expect when their children attend your school this year?

A: Parents should expect their children to receive daily high-quality learning experiences tailored to meet their academic and social emotional needs. Additionally, parents can expect for their children to develop into independent learners, thinkers, and leaders.

# Q: What does a typical school day look like for you a principal?

A: A typical school day for me at Greeleyville Primary School will involve several opportunities to interact with both students and staff in and outside of the classroom. However, the majority of my time will be spent in classrooms observing instructional practices and student engagement. My goal is to ensure I support the daily efforts of all staff members, to achieve our school's goals and increase student achievement.

# Q: As an administrator what are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?

A: My greatest strengths as an administrator are transparent communication, collaborating and building relationships, multitasking, and effective decision making. My greatest weakness is finding a balance between my professional life and home life. My commitment to my students, parents, staff, community, and fulfillment of our school's goals sometimes causes me to push myself to the limit. As a mother of three small children, I must remember to have enough of me to give to them at the end of each workday as well as make time for myself.

# Q: How has the nationwide teacher shortage impacted your school?

A: Thankfully the nationwide teacher shortage has not impacted my school. I am pleased to say that Greeleyville Primary is fully staffed with certified, veteran teachers who are highly motivated and capable of meeting the challenges of teaching in today's world.

#### Q: How would you describe your relationship with your students?

A: I believe that my students know that I absolutely love and care for them. That's evident from the smiles, hugs, and gestures of appreciation I receive almost daily. Their needs and well-being are the number one factors I consider when making any decision.

# Q: If random students were interviewed from your school what do you think they will say about you as their principal?

A: Any student interviewed may allude to the fact that I am an empathetic and compassionate person who wears her professional heart on her sleeve. Some might mention my sense of humor and funny personality. Others may say that I have zero tolerance for anything that hinders the learning process.

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# Q: What's new at your school for this upcoming school year?

**A:** Other than the fact that we are now a primary school, my staff and I have decided to capitalize on the community support we received over the last year and resurrect our mentor and volunteer programs. Also, we have decided to launch our G.P.S. Enrichment Class to ensure that we meet the needs of our academically gifted students. This class is being taught by our school librarian, Mrs. Rhoda Coleman.

# Q: What's one thing that you want parents to know about you as the principal?

A: To my wonderful parents, thank you for continuing to trust us to educate your children. Your child's safety and well-being are my top priority, especially as we navigate through these unprecedented times. Please know that my door is always open for you to provide feedback on your child's educational experiences at Greeleyville Primary. As a former student of this great educational institution, I assure you that I will work tirelessly to guarantee that your children will receive the foundational support needed to become life-long learners and leaders. Your children are in great hands at the "Eagle's Nest," where students SOAR to success.

