

As Principal of Candlewood ES, I take great pride in being an educator and leader, who will put forth the time and energy to ensure success for all students, and to work collaboratively to embrace an environment in which everyone thrives.

Personally, my husband Kraig and I have two wonderful adult children Connor and Kersten, who grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from MCPS schools. We are a close family and enjoy spending time together as well as supporting each other. A strong supporting family is important to me and this applies not only to my family at home, but to my school family. As an educator, I have always fostered an environment where we enjoy spending time together and supporting each other through a collaborative process. My goal as principal of Candlewood is to ensure that each and every student, parent, staff and community member feels and knows that they are an important part of the Candlewood community.

As I serve the Candlewood community, I am focused on building relationships, fostering a culture of respect, physical and social emotional safety, and academic success. This work requires open communication, collaboration, and trust.; by our continued focus on these values and skills we will continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment at Candlewood ES.

Together...we are Candlewood strong!

Carolynn Walsleben, Principal