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Northern students show off VEX robots

Students at Northern Elementary School proudly display VEX robots they built for competition using problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Landacre named new principal for Great Crossing HS

By Renee Holmes
SCS Community Education Director

Jenna Landacre is the new principal of Great Crossing High School. Landacre has served as assistant principal at GCHS since 2022. She served as assistant principal at Bourbon County Middle School and dean of students at Bourbon County High School before beginning her tenure in Scott County. She taught physical education in Harrison County before moving into administration.

has nurtured, and the strong relationships she builds with both students and staff.

"Jenna Landacre embodies the spirit and vision of Great Crossing High School and her promotion to principal is a testament to her dedication and instructional leadership," stated Superintendent Billy Parker. "Her proven ability to foster a positive school culture and drive academic improvement through data-informed strategies makes her the ideal choice. We are confident that Great Crossing will continue to achieve exceptional results under her leadership."



Landacre

At Great Crossing, Landacre is a proven instructional leader. She has worked to implement a standardized school-wide grading system and data-driven testing protocols for the school's EL program. By analyzing data and targeting specific student needs, GCHS has celebrated measurable improvements across all academic areas. Landacre is already an important part of the GCHS team which focuses on school culture, building leadership capacity, and supporting staff and student morale while encouraging academic excellence.

Feedback from students, staff, parents, and community members on a recent community survey brought valuable insight to the principal selection committee. Stakeholders expressed their support for Landacre, the positive school culture she

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Landacre reflected on her new role, "I am deeply honored and truly humbled to be named the next principal of Great Crossing High School. To our students, staff, families, and the entire Warhawk Nation, I am excited to serve alongside you as we continue building on the strong foundation and success of this incredible school."

Landacre holds a Bachelor of Arts in health/physical education, a Master of Arts in teacher leadership, principal licensure, and superintendent certification, all from Asbury University. She and husband Josh have two children.

Jenna Landacre will officially begin in her new role on July 1, 2026 upon the retirement of Principal Joy Lusby.

Fifth-graders take the lead at Southern Elem.

By Jennifer Wagner
Teacher

Walk into a fifth grade classroom at Southern Elementary, and you will quickly notice something special. Our students are not just learners, they are leaders. As Zora Kidwell shared, "Leadership can happen at any time."

This year, our fifth graders have truly stepped into ownership of their classroom. Through our Leader in Me framework and daily classroom responsibilities, students are learning that leadership is not about being in charge, it is about serving others, modeling responsibility, and taking initiative.

When asked the question, "How do the 7 Leader in Me habits help our classroom?" Tripp Miles responded with, "The habits help our classroom by helping it be a better community."

Focusing on community and growing not only academically, but as a whole person has been a goal for this year's fifth graders.

Each morning, students lead our Morning Meeting. This includes a fun fact, joke, and guiding discussions using the Leader in Me lesson.

When asked about his role as Morning Meeting



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Southern student Chance Helmuth leads by example as he cares for Colonel Mustard, showing that leadership includes responsibility for even the smallest members of Jennifer Wagner's fifth grade classroom.

Master, Derick Williams stated, "I felt embarrassed...when I first got up to lead Morning Meeting. Eventually I got used to the schedule, started paying attention more, and got to become [Mrs. Wagner's] right-hand man."

At the opening of each reading class, the Learning Launcher begins the lesson by reviewing the

standard and learning targets. By discussing what we are learning and why it matters, students are becoming more aware of their goals and are more invested in their progress.

Kaylee Fields stated, "I think it is important to talk about the learning targets before the lesson so people will know what

we are talking about and so we can get a better understanding of what we are learning. It helps me feel more confident in my class because I feel like I'm in charge and that I can make a difference."

Leadership continues beyond academics. Students lead the class safely to specials, care for classroom pets, and take responsibility for keeping their environment organized and welcoming. These may seem like small tasks, but they build confidence, accountability, and pride.

"Taking care of Colonel Mustard makes me feel important," explained Chance Helmuth.

What has been most exciting to watch is the growth in our students' confidence. They speak more clearly, support one another, and solve problems together. They are practicing skills that will carry them far beyond fifth grade.

"Being a leader is like doing what is right even when no one is there and you have integrity," said Kidwell.

At Southern Elementary, we believe every child has leadership potential. In fifth grade, we are seeing that belief come to life each and every day.

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