



Jefferson County Public Schools

# Trunnell Elementary School

## Celebrating 15 Years of Progress!

### 1991

### Before...



#### Major Growth in the School

- More than doubled the student enrollment. Six classrooms that were empty in 1990 are now used as homerooms.
- Four additional classrooms were built in 1995.
- Improved attendance
- Continuous improvement on CTBS and CATS assessments

#### New Traditions

- Student Pledge every morning
- Student Recognition Nights
- Dedication Rocking Chairs as memorials to retirees
- Family Sweetheart Dance
- School Yearbook
- School archives in the hallways and library
- Proclamations from the principal
- Philosophy of "Everyday is a fresh start."
- Thematic Field Days
- Student Orientation Day and *Student/Parent Handbook*
- Tiger mascot costume and tiger in the lobby
- *Trunnell Time* telecast schoolwide daily

#### Remodeling and Improvements

- Remodeled the school library with all new furniture, carpet, KIVA, puppet stage, murals, computer stations, and curtains
- Remodeled the computer lab with new circular tables, the Internet, and in-classroom telephones
- Remodeled the lobby with a school mascot tiger, parent-friendly directional signs, furniture, banners, an aquarium, and displays of community history
- Improved the campus with a garden, playground equipment, shade trees, picnic tables, a sound system, a lawn sign, and new asphalt
  - Improved the stage with new draw curtains, a new black backdrop curtain, a new sound system, twinkle lights, a talent show backdrop, and hanging stars
- Remodeled the cafeteria with murals, awnings, and new lunch tables
- Improved the teachers' lounge with new furniture, aquariums, a refrigerator, and a microwave
- Classrooms have new matching furniture in each room, Big Book carts for the Primary Program, wall cubbies, computer stations, and classroom telephones.
- Elevator added in 1996

#### Trunnell Creations

- School Mission Statement
- Community Scholars
- Unique Academic Patches Project
- Full-time special-area classes in physical education, arts and humanities, technology, and library
- Printing of the history of the Trunnell community
- Two teacher workrooms (one for Primary and one for Intermediate)

#### Schoolwide Curriculum Projects

- Celebrating the 21st Century (2000)
- Shakespeare (2001)
- Proceeding on With Lewis and Clark Project (2003-06)

#### Successful Schoolwide Projects

- Schoolwide discipline plan
- Daily Writing Block
- Block scheduling for common planning time
- Rigby Reading and Math Investigations (two district initiatives)
- Accelerated Reader Program

#### Addition of Color

- Murals in the staircases, library, and cafeteria
- Puppet stage for teaching drama
- Full-scale backdrop for the Talent Show
- Pencil artwork to frame each classroom door
- Banners to advertise the Fall Festival, Family Dance, PTA membership, and Talent Show

#### Addition of Family Activities

- Family concerts
- Family Sweetheart Dance
- Family Fitness Nights
- Family camping
- Sleepovers in the school
- Family Art Nights
- Family Nights at IMAX
- Mother/Daughter Nights

#### Grants Won

- 1993—\$4,000 Kentucky Historical Society Grant—Betty Stokes
- 1994—AEGON Grant (\$2,000) and Rotary Club Grant (\$500)—various teachers
- 1994—KDE Grant (\$75,000/renewed each year) for Family Resource Center
- 1997—\$10,000 in grants (various teachers)
- 1999—\$18,000 KDE Commonwealth School Improvement Grant—Betty Stokes
- 2001—\$54,000 KDE Early Incentive Reading Grant—Betty Stokes
- 2002—\$3,000 Kentucky Arts Council Grant—Betty Stokes
- 2002—AEGON Grant (\$3,000) for "CARBO Reading"—Betty Stokes
- 2003—National Geographic Grant (\$4,000) for "The Lewis and Clark Project"—Betty Stokes

#### News Media Coverage

- 1994—*The Courier-Journal*, "Neighborhoods" section—"Meriting Honors"
- 1995—*The Courier-Journal*, "Neighborhoods" section—"Trunnell Students Dig up the Facts ..."
- 1995—Homeroom Connection, a district publication—"Patches Promote Basic Skills"
- 1998—Homeroom Connection, a district publication—"Trunnell's Ballerina ..."
- 2000—*The Courier-Journal*, "Metro" section—"Hansel, Gretel Beat Murder Rap"
- 2001—*The Courier-Journal*, "Forum" column—"Fifth Grade 'Graduation'"
- 2001—*The Courier-Journal*, "Metro" section—"All the School's a Stage ..."
- 2001—*The Courier-Journal*, "Metro" Section—"The Bard Inspires Students to write"
- 2002—*The Courier-Journal*, "Neighborhoods" section—"Students Tune in State History ..."
- 2003—*The Courier-Journal*, "The Best" column—"Sea' Sets Sail Into Lewis Clark History"
- 2003—*Parent Connection*, a district publication—"Trunnell elementary Focuses on Lewis ..."
- 2003—*The Courier-Journal*, "Metro" section—"Trunnell Students Hit Trail of Famed American"
- 2003—*The Courier-Journal*, "A Lewis and Clark addendum"—"Students Get Taste of Historic Journey ..."
- 2003—*Kentucky Teacher*—"Students Proceed to ..."

#### Awards

- 1993—Connie Award for use of artists in the school
- 1995—Recognition from National School Boards Association for Academic Patches Project
- 1995—JCTA Schoolhouse Award for development of Academic Patches Project
- 1995—Service Award from 15th District PTA for supporting Academic Patches Project
- 1996—CATS Rewards
- 1998—N.I.C.E. Award from 15th District PTA
- 2002—CATS Rewards
- 2003—N.I.C.E. Award from 15th District PTA (renewed)
- 2004—CATS Rewards

### 2005 Today...

