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## Lakewood Elementary has new principal days before school starts

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Just days before the start of the school year, Lakewood Elementary School has named its next principal, in a position which starts immediately.

Lakewood Elementary School teacher and former assistant principal Angela Pike will serve as the school's leader.

"I'm truly honored to be asked to fill this role," Pike said in a news release from Hardin County Schools. "Lakewood is home to me. I've spent my entire career here. This principal's position is the only position for which I've ever applied. I've never even thought of teaching or serving as an administrator anywhere other than Lakewood. This school has my heart and soul."

Pike started her career at the former Lynnvale Elementary School teaching fourth grade. She then moved to Lakewood upon return from winter break after Lynnvale and Western Elementary School consolidated to form Lakewood.

After four years in the fourth-grade classroom, Pike served for two years as a literacy specialist and Title I coordinator and two years as the assistant principal at the school.

She took a break from education in 2010 after the birth of a child, the release said. Pike returned in 2017 as a STEM and writing lab teacher for kindergarten through fifth-grade students for two years before returning to the fourth-grade classroom.

“I have a passion for building strong relationships with parents, fellow staff, community members and especially students,” Pike said in the release. “We are on the same team. Helping the next generation grow and work collaboratively despite differences is extremely important.”

Pike is a graduate of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and Western Kentucky University. She earned a master’s degree and two principal certifications from WKU. She succeeds Shelee Clark, who is now the HCS director of education development and student support.

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