



## Retirement Celebration

With the conclusion of the current school year, Mrs. Jane Powell will retire from teaching after completing 31 years of service with ERCS. During her time with the school, she has taught a variety of subjects and overseen many extra events and activities including Outdoor Education, the Christmas Celebration, the Science Fair program as well as directing multiple music performances at the school and around the valley. As coordinator of the Science Fair program, students from the school have consistently earned top honors at the Local, District, and State levels. In addition, under Mrs. Powell's oversight, the school has received The Governor's Thomas Edison STEM Award for Excellence in Student Research and STEM Education for the last 10 years.



Mrs. Powell began her career with ERCS as a volunteer music teacher for New Covenant Academy in 1992 and progressed to working part-time for 3 years before being hired as a full-time teacher. While working for New Covenant (a K-8 school), Mrs. Powell was part of the original committee responsible for the establishment of Faith Community Christian High School, also serving as that school's treasurer for 10 years until the time of the merger between the two schools in 2010.

When asked to summarize her feelings, Mrs. Powell stated, "To have been a part of God growing the school from a couple of rooms housing a handful of students to a fully staffed, four building complex for PreK3 through 12 has been very gratifying. It is especially fulfilling to have previous students return as parents, entrusting us as partners to provide them with a Christian education for their children. In addition, having previous students so impacted by our school that their goal is to return to us as certified teachers, support staff, coaches, and event judges, affirms that God is continuing to build ERCS's future in the Ohio Valley."

As she finishes her teaching career, Mrs. Powell is looking forward to spending cherished time with family and friends.

Come help us celebrate with Mrs. Powell on Tuesday, May 9th at 3:15 pm in the Grand Concourse Cafe. Those planning to attend are asked to be mindful of the school's car pick-up line in the parking lots between 2:30-3:10pm.

### Teacher Position Available

We are currently taking applications for an Elementary teacher position for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested applicants must possess a bachelor's degree, and preferred, a teaching certificate. Contact the main office at 740-695-2005 for more information and to obtain an application.

### Faith Walk

Our goal this year is to raise \$45,000, and so far, we are at just over \$37,500. Please continue to collect donations to help us meet this goal before the end of the school year, which will earn our students 5 dress down days!

### Important Dates

- May 1-5 – Senior Class Mission Trip
- May 1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2 – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades Trip to The Wilds
- May 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grades Trip to Meadowcroft
- May 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Day
- May 9 – Mrs. Powell's Retirement Celebration
- May 11 -- Awards Grades 1 - 3 at 6 pm
- May 11 -- Awards Grades 4 - 6 at 7 pm
- May 12 – PK4 Picnic at the Park
- May 12 – HS Trip to Natural History Museum
- May 15 -- Awards Grades 9 - 12 at 10 am
- May 15 -- Awards Grades 7 - 8 at 6:30 pm
- May 15 – 8th Grade Graduation (after awards)
- May 16 -- Band/Choir Concert at 7 pm
- May 18-19 – HS Final Exams
- May 18 -- Kindergarten Graduation at 6:30 pm
- May 19 – Last Day of School
- May 20 -- Senior Graduation at 2 pm

Because of the Lord's great love we  
are not consumed, for his  
compassions never fail. They are  
new every morning; great is your  
faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23