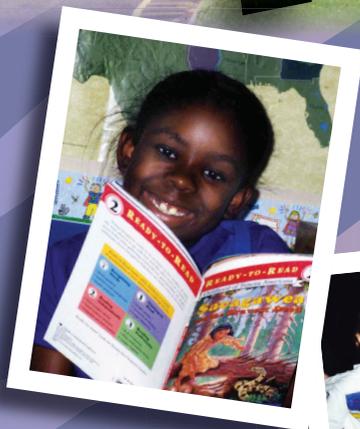


# Trunnell

## Elementary School



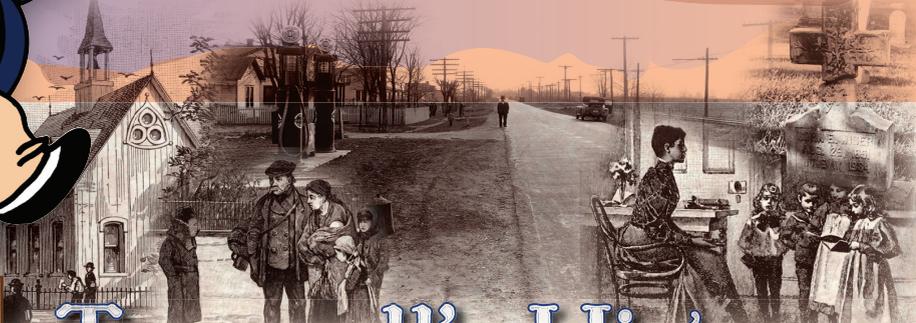
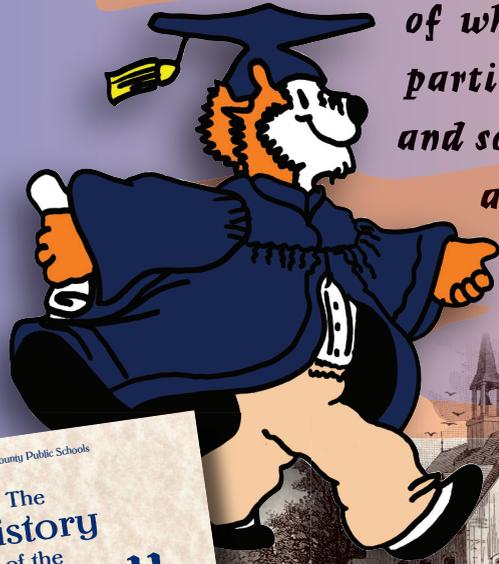
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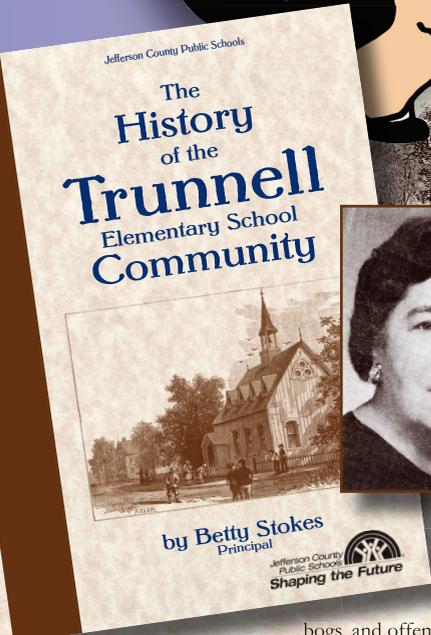


## Our Mission

**We** aim to encourage your child to reach the highest level of which he or she is capable in all subjects, particularly in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. We aim to create a caring attitude toward others and a confident and responsible approach toward the world in which we live.



## Trunnell's History



Bertha Trunnell

**T**runnell's neighborhood was settled by French and German Catholics who, in 1851, built St. Andrew Church from rough stone that was hand-quarried from the hill where it stood. It was one of the first churches in Jefferson County. The St. Andrew Church was a haven of worship for French and German settlers for 57 years. In 1908, a dispute arose over whether the church was to be of French or German character. This dispute caused the church to be abandoned. There still remains a parish cemetery where the St. Andrew Church once stood.

The Trunnell area was once thought of as the unhealthiest region of Jefferson County, due to plagues, malaria, and other diseases. The area contained swamps, peat

bogs, and offensive vapors. All of these gradually disappeared, and certain tracts were drained around 1825 to make the ground tillable. Farming on a large scale became a prosperous occupation and was the main employment for nearly everyone.

Before Trunnell, there was a huge farm with a big hill where the school stands today. The farm was first owned by Charles LeHigh (a German immigrant). Mr. LeHigh changed his name to Wisner after settling in Louisville, because he was a "wiser" man. The farm was willed to his son, Clem Wisner, at Charles's death. The farm remained in the Wisner family for 150 years.

The Wisners raised fruits and vegetables. Every year they harvested baskets and baskets of beans and strawberries. They had a few horses and a family cow for milk. The area was very

rural. There were no major roads nearby.

The farm was so big that many folks called this area Wisner Valley. In the late 1960s, the Jefferson County Board of Education bought the property from Clem Wisner and contracted to have two schools built. The schools constructed on the campus were Doss High School and Trunnell Elementary School.

The main road available to farmers and their horses and mules in the mid-19th century was the Louisville & Nashville Turnpike, now known as Dixie Highway. Dixie Highway also was once called Salt River Pike and Valley Pike and for many years was a toll road. Around 1825, the stage line was running on the Pike. Before the railroad, Louisville markets were nearly a day's journey by wagon.

The earliest road in Louisville was River Road, but possibly the second road built in Louisville was Manslick Road. This road was the connecting link between Louisville and the salt works at Mann's Lick, located near what is now Fairdale. The salt-making business was the earliest industry in Kentucky, and Manslick Road was vital to the health of that industry. Manslick Road, from Palatka Road to Dixie Highway was renamed

St. Andrews Church Road in the early 1930s.

Trunnell Elementary School, located at 7609 St. Andrews Church Road, was completed in 1967. It cost \$1,043,773 to build. The first principal was Thomas Frazier.

There was no Kindergarten Program when the school first opened, but there was a sixth grade. School hours the first years were 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Lunches cost 30 cents a day. A week's lunch ticket cost \$1.50. Students used lockers in the halls. The student body voted to make the school mascot a tiger because Trunnell started with a T.

The Dedication Ceremony took place on October 19, 1967, in the school's all-purpose room. Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Richard VanHoose attended. The American Legion presented the principal, Mr. Frazier, with a flag.

A PTA was organized immediately. Trunnell's PTA held their first Fall Festival in 1970.

In the late 1960s, the Jefferson County Board of Education needed to build a new high school and a new elementary school in southern Jefferson County because the student population was increasing. They

chose to name the elementary school after Bertha Trunnell to honor her for her years of dedicated service to educate children.

Bertha Trunnell was born in Bullitt County, Kentucky, on February 13, 1897. She attended Bullitt County schools. In 1916, she graduated from Shepherdsville High School. Miss Trunnell taught in Bullitt County schools from 1917 to 1924. In 1927, she started teaching at Auburndale Elementary School. She taught during school months and attended Western Kentucky State Normal School in the summers, until she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931. She continued to teach and learn, and in 1949 she received her Master of Education degree from the University of Louisville. In 1945, she was selected to be the principal at Auburndale Elementary School.

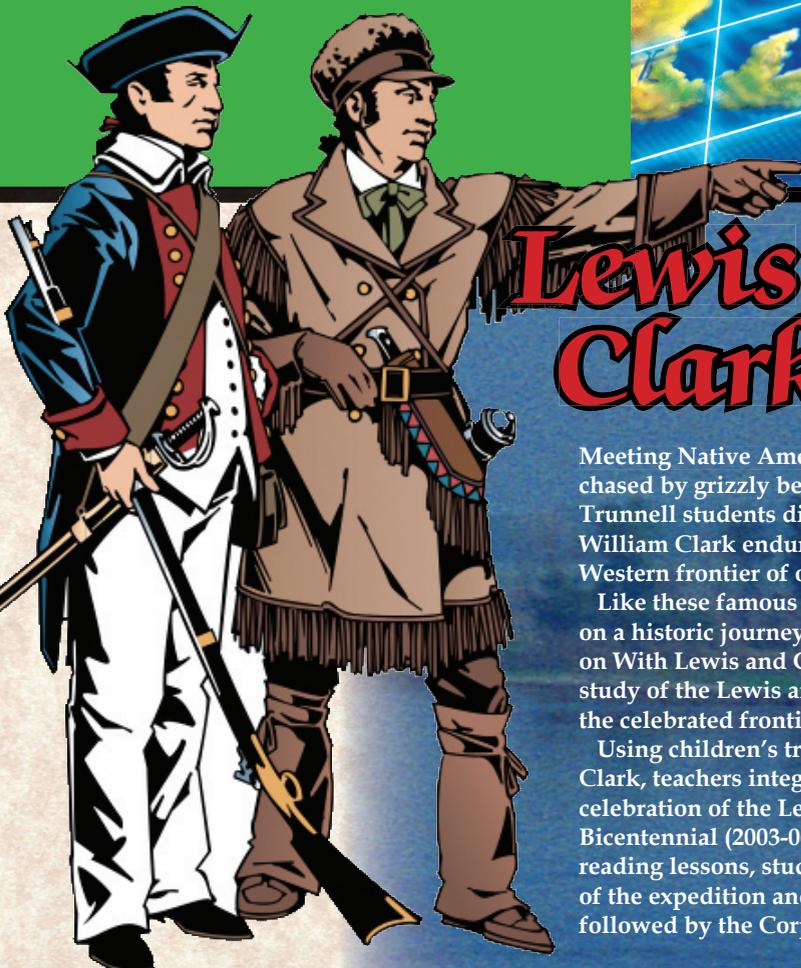
Kenwood Elementary School was completed and ready for students in 1955. Miss Trunnell was sent to Kenwood to be their first principal. She stayed at Kenwood until her retirement in 1967. Miss Trunnell was greatly respected and admired. With the naming of the elementary school Trunnell was honored for her lifelong dedication to the education profession. She devoted her entire life to teaching.

# Academic Excellence

Trunnell Elementary is firmly committed to creating a **Discovery Zone** for student growth and academic achievement. Students regularly participate in physical education, computer lab, arts and humanities lab, and library classes. All students attend all the special area offerings. Trunnell also provides supplemental instruction to further meet the needs of students. Awards, recognitions, and the development of critical-thinking skills foster students' self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

# Technology

Trunnell's Macintosh lab takes a **byte** out of the future at Trunnell. Our computer program provides students with an opportunity to improve basic skills and encourages creativity using graphics and writing programs to prepare students to work in a world of technology. Trunnell's Web site features student work, learning links, and ways to communicate with teachers. Students learn how to make spreadsheets and how to use databases, word-processing software, digital cameras, and the Internet.

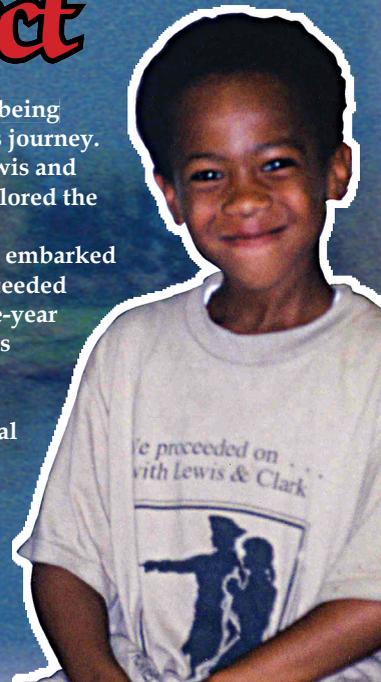


## Lewis and Clark Project

Meeting Native Americans hunting buffalo and being chased by grizzly bears make for an adventurous journey. Trunnell students discover what Meriwether Lewis and William Clark endured 200 years ago as they explored the Western frontier of our country.

Like these famous explorers, our students have embarked on a historic journey of their own called We Proceeded on With Lewis and Clark. This schoolwide, three-year study of the Lewis and Clark Expedition parallels the celebrated frontier excursion.

Using children's trade books about Lewis and Clark, teachers integrate reading with the national celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Bicentennial (2003-06). In addition to these reading lessons, students are creating timelines of the expedition and are mapping the route followed by the Corps of Discovery.



# Patches

“Patches promote basic skills mastery at Trunnell Elementary”  
1995 Homeroom Connections



## Trunnell's Academic Patches

Tied to the concept that educators and students must demonstrate mastery of basic skills, Academic Patches are awarded to students after each report card. This project, unique to Trunnell, began in 1993. The patches, similar to Scout merit badges, can be ironed onto sashes, which the children wear to school on Fridays. Some children

have earned so many of these tangible awards that we call them our “double sashers.” This recognition program encourages students to learn by publicly acknowledging their accomplishments and provides visible proof to parents that their child is learning the basics.



# Arts

## Arts and Humanities Lab

Music is **in tune** with our children at Trunnell. Instruction provides for enrichment and enjoyment as students sing and play rhythm instruments. Each year, our students have the opportunity to participate in class performances and in our annual talent show. Our students also learn “art-a-facts” that will give them a well-rounded education and will help them meet state curriculum requirements. Each year the children submit creations in the hope that their artwork will be selected for our school yearbook.



# Trunnell

## Beyond the Doors



### Fifth-Grade Promotion

In the June 16, 2001, issue of Louisville's newspaper, *The Courier-Journal*, columnist Linda Raymond highlighted Trunnell in her "Forum" article about fifth-grade promotion programs. "At Trunnell, each student stood tall beside a podium on a stage while the audience listened to a listing of his or her accomplishments. (Everyone had accomplishments.) Then, before another name was called, the child shook a series of adult hands and got a hug and a whispered message from the school principal. I left thinking Trunnell had graduated an entire class of children who felt like winners."



### Parent Involvement and PTA Projects

Trunnell encourages community members and parents to visit and to become active in our school. This past year, more than 200 parents and other community persons volunteered in school activities. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) won a 1995 Service Award from the district for financially supporting the Academic Patches project. PTA projects include:

- Student Orientation each August
- Book Fairs
- School Pictures and Class Pictures
- School Yearbook
- Fall Festival
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Family Dance each February
- Talent Show
- Field Day
- Academic Patches
- Awards for Awards Day



### Quality of Instruction and Leadership

A variety of programs on the campus exist to meet the diverse needs of Trunnell students. These include:

- Library/Media Center with Full-Time Certified Librarian
- Spanish classes
- Artists-in-Residence
- Community Scholars
- Family Resource Center
- Extended School Services (ESS) Program
- Published Community History

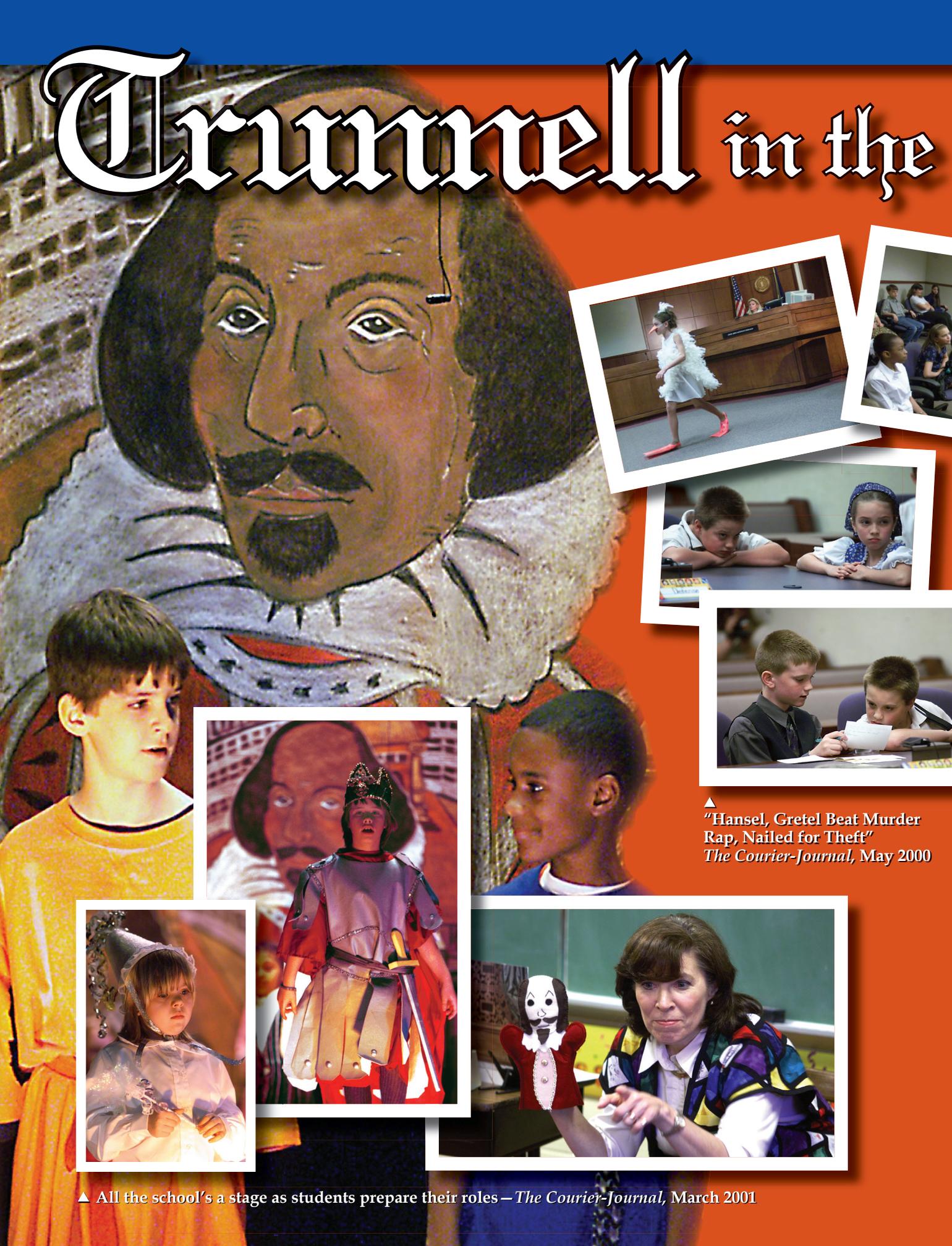
- Arts and Humanities Lab
- Computer Lab
- Writing Block (Schoolwide, Every Morning)
- Prekindergarten Program – Full Day
- Kindergarten Program – Full Day
- Computer Lab
- Physical Education



### Discipline and the Learning Climate

Trunnell's philosophy is that each day provides a fresh start. In accordance with that idea, every student starts each day with an A in conduct. Trunnell promotes a positive learning environment and always receives 100 percent on parents' surveys for safety. Trunnell's School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council continually makes updates in the current policy and adheres to the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*. Discipline referrals always are mailed home to parents. Suspensions are a last resort after all other options (in-school disciplinary actions and detentions) have been exhausted.

# Tammell in the



▲ "Hansel, Gretel Beat Murder Rap, Nailed for Theft"  
*The Courier-Journal*, May 2000



▲ All the school's a stage as students prepare their roles — *The Courier-Journal*, March 2001

# News

## Feature articles in the local newspaper and district publications



◆ "Students tune in state history through old-time 'radio show'"  
◆ *The Courier-Journal*, March 2002



### Trunnell in the News

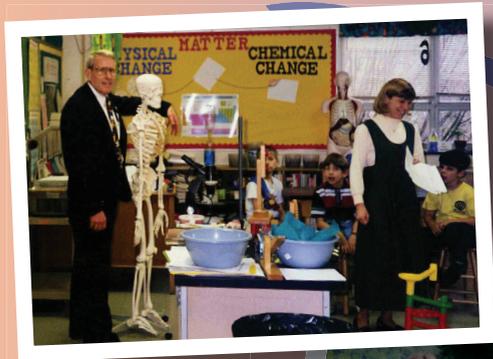
- 1994 *The Courier-Journal*, "Neighborhood" section – "Meriting Honors"
- 1995 *The Courier-Journal*, "Neighborhood" section – "Trunnell Students Dig up the Facts . . ."
- 1995 *Homeroom Connections*, a district publication – "Patches Promote Basic Skills"
- 1998 *Homeroom Connections*, a district publication – "Trunnell's Ballerina . . ."
- 2000 *The Courier-Journal*, "Metro" section – "Hansel, Gretal 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*, "Neighborhood" section – "Students Tune in State History . . ."
- 2003 *The Courier-Journal*, "The Best of 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*, a Kentucky Department of Education publication – "Students Proceed to . . ."

## Guidance

Guidance at Trunnell Elementary **plants the seed** that helps our children acquire self-esteem and grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Many ongoing programs reward students throughout the year and enable them to develop into happy, well-adjusted young people. We have a full-time guidance counselor and a full-time Family Resource Center coordinator.

## Library/Media Center

The Trunnell Library/Media Center keeps our children **in the know**. It is designed to provide students, staff, and the community with access to materials in a variety of formats. Most importantly, students and staff members share a sense of pride and feel at home using our library. Accelerated Reader (a computerized reading comprehension program) is promoted in every classroom by our principal, technology teacher, and librarian.



## Trunnell's Grants and Awards

- 1994 Connie Award for use of artists in the school
- 1995 Schoolhouse Award for development of the Academic Patches Project
- 1995 Service Award from the 15th District PTA for supporting the Academic Patches Project
- 1997 \$10,000 in Grants – Family Resource Center Grant, Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) Assessments Rewards
- 1997 Kentucky Historical Society Grant – Betty Stokes
- 1997 Neighborly, Inviting Center of Education (N.I.C.E.) Award from the 15th District PTA
- 2001 \$52,000 Reading Grant – Betty Stokes
- 2002 Kentucky Arts Council Grant – Betty Stokes, CATS Assessments Rewards
- 2003 N.I.C.E. Award from the 15th District PTA (renewed)

## Trunnell Facilities

Trunnell stays at maximum enrollment. The following improvements have been made to the school over the past 12 years:

- 1993 School Garden
- 1994 Lawn Display Sign
- 1995 Remodeled Library
- 1995 Four Classroom Additions (school enrollment more than doubled since 1991)
- 1996 Remodeled Computer Lab
- 1996 Computer Stations in Every Classroom
- 1997 New Playground Equipment
- 1998 New Roof
- 1999 Picnic Tables and Trees
- 2000 Remodeled School Kitchen, Awnings, and New Cafeteria Tables
- 2001 School/Community History Published
- 2002 Internet Access
- 2003 New Driveway and New Heating and Air Conditioning System
- 2004 Building Completely Repainted, Murals and Artwork Throughout the Building, School Aquariums and Primary Carpets, Matching Furniture in Each Classroom, School Archives in the Hallways

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