

LACE UP

“PRIDE” in your school is highly encouraged and I have witnessed “PRIDE” at the Middle and High School levels. Before I started teaching at Cleaveland, I traveled between schools and worked with other Physical Education Teachers for three years. What I observed during these three years was the lack of emphasis for “School PRIDE” at the elementary level. For example, when students were asked, “What is our school’s mascot or our schools colors?” most students did not know.

I came to Cleaveland wanting to change this perception. I want to help our students become excited about their school. I want them to know their mascot, the school colors, and be proud that they go to Cleaveland.

The **Lace Up** award is earned by one student from each class during each of the nine week grading period. Students vote as to who they believe has earned the award to represent their class. The “theme” **Lace Up** means that the chosen student has demonstrated school pride and character traits that a person would expect from a model citizen. Students are aware that I ask feedback from all teachers about who they believe has shown school spirit and character traits as discussed in P.E., classroom expectations; and other specialized areas. (It takes a village to mold a young mind). During P.E., each class is given the top three students that I saw exhibit outstanding “PRIDE”. Then the rest of the class will vote identifying the student who they believed earned the Lace Up award for the nine week period.

The student that earns the award, based on their classmates voting, receive: a pair blue shoe laces with paws on them, a badge that goes over the very first lace of the shoe that says Cleaveland Lace UP. The chosen student gets their face painted like a tiger by a professional face painter and will have their picture taken and finally- their picture placed on the Lace Up Billboard in the gym. This will be on display for the next 9 week grading period.