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**SCHOOL MISSION:** Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

**CURRICULUM:** The teachers at Leawood follow the designated Columbus City Schools curriculum in all academic areas and unified arts classes. The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt framework is used throughout the building for Reading, Writing, and Word Work. Teachers implement Common Core Standards in reading, language arts, writing and math with a focus on 21st Century Learning as well as working with the CCS curriculum that has been revised to reflect the new educational road map. Our Intervention Team focuses on individualized and differentiated instruction for children in grades K-3 who need extra assistance. Teachers are extensively trained at the building level in reading and math instructional best practices. Leawood has an Instructional Coach in the building to ensure best practices are being implemented, data is being analyzed, and the instructional needs are being addressed. Our teachers plan together weekly to be certain that all children are receiving a quality education. In the 2014-15 school year we implemented a Blended Learning Framework in our third grade classes. As we move into the 2018-19 school year, all students in grades K-5 will continue to use the Blended Learning Rotation Model.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Leawood provides parent workshops throughout the school year to equip parents with tools to help their children achieve at the highest possible academic levels. We also have a strong tradition of PTO at Leawood. A group of parents and staff are invited to meet monthly to offer support to the students and staff at the school. A group of volunteers assists in our classrooms daily.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** Seven Baskets and Fifth Third Bank.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Our main focus for this school year is to develop Leawood Leaders in Learning through applying the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People principles as a school. Leawood works hard every year to give our students the right tools for success. Teachers offer after-school tutoring for achievement testing free of charge to all students K-5. We, as a staff, work to make every child feel included in their classrooms and in the school. Students are recognized often for their positive efforts and for being leaders. Our school motto is: Taking care of ourselves, each other, our school, and our community. Be an Empowered Leawood Lion!

**WHAT WE DO FOR FUN:** We sponsor an evening literacy and math night for families, movie nights, family dances, ice cream socials, family dinners, spirit days, awards assemblies, and other all-school activities throughout the year. We give quarterly awards for outstanding attendance, academics and leadership.

**ACTIVITIES:** We have an outstanding choir and instrumental music program. We have monthly Leadership meetings, where students work in the team of their choice; working towards becoming leaders in our school community. We have school lunchroom helpers and student council, which foster leadership among our upper-grade students.

**ABOUT OUR STAFF:** We are proud of our diverse staff, which works together to bring the finest quality of education to the community.

**UNIFORMS:** Blue, black or khaki pants, skirts, shorts or jumpers. White, blue yellow or pink collared shirts. Students may also wear Leawood t-shirts or polos. Additionally, students may wear Leawood sweatpants on their physical education day. Sturdy shoes which cover the toes are the expected footwear.

