

# Elizabeth's Early Learning Center

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TO:

EELC Teachers, Parents and Staff

FROM:

**EELC Board of Directors** 

ANNOUNCEMENT:

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The full Board of Directors and Selection Committee are excited to announce the new leadership structure for EELC. The original plan was to hire two director level positions: one which would focus on Operations and the other would focus on Education, Training and Compliance. After more research and multiple interviews, it became clear that the Center would be better served with a leadership structure that included an Executive Director, with support from full time Operations Coordinator and full time Curriculum Coordinator.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Pam Thomas has accepted the role of EELC Executive Director, with a start date of July 7, 2025.

Pam is a dedicated and results-driven educational leader with expertise in school administration, instructional coaching, early childhood education, literacy development and staff training. Pam has 27 years of experience in public education, most recently as Assistant Principal at Johnson Elementary School in Danville, VA.

Pam holds a Master's in School Leadership and Administration from Lynchburg College, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Averett University, and a BA degree in Early Childhood Education from Lynchburg College. Throughout her career, she has developed innovative curriculum initiatives to enhance hands-on learning experiences, increasing student engagement and achievement.

She is passionate about creating inclusive classrooms, Pam believes in the power of collaborative leadership and strives to cultivate a supportive community among her students, parents, colleagues, and community stakeholders.

Outside of the educational setting, Pam enjoys spending time with her husband Chris and their son Ben, a rising freshman at Virginia Tech.

#### **OPERATIONS COORDINATOR**

Angie McFadden's position as Office Manager has been rescoped to include more specific supportive duties for the Executive Director. Angie's role has been retitled as "Operations Coordinator". During Angie's 12 years at EELC, and particularly during the most recent months in which she has served as Interim Director, Angie has performed very well during a very challenging period, and we are excited to see her growth and reward her accordingly. Angie will assume her new role on July 7<sup>th</sup> also.

## **CURRICULUM COORDINATOR**

The Committee's talent search did not identify a candidate to serve as the **Curriculum Coordinator**. We plan to repost for that position immediately. As the new Executive Director, Pam will be involved in the recruitment efforts going forward. This position will be very "classroom focused", providing an additional resource to our teachers. Our goal is to have this position filled and in place prior to or early in the new school year.

### THANK YOU!

The Board expresses our sincere appreciation to all of our parents, teachers and staff for your support. An event is coming soon for an official meet and greet of Pam. In the meantime, you may see her around the Center and have an opportunity to say 'hi'.

