

Colleen Burt- Principal



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Colleen Burt, and I am entering my 8th year as Principal of Elmhurst Elementary and my 18th year in Education. I moved here from Annapolis, MD in 1999 to transfer to East Carolina University and play soccer and I am an ECU Pirate for life! I currently hold a BSEd in Elementary Ed., an MSEd in Elementary Ed., a Masters in School Administration, and I am currently working on my Doctorate in Educational Leadership at ECU with anticipated graduation in May 2021.

I like to keep busy and my family helps me stay active. My husband Robert and I have 2 children, McKinsey, a rising freshman at JH Rose, and Aiden will be a rising 4th grader this year at Elmhurst. My children have and are attending Elmhurst so I always have the mindset of a parent and principal when making decisions. My goal is to always do what is best for our students and your children!

In my spare-time, when I am not working or studying, I enjoy playing soccer and cheering my children on in sports. I have a secret addiction to HGTV and have been known to spend a weekend or several months renovating spaces, which is why I have always tried to add value and beautify Elmhurst Elementary.

I like for us to set goals together for Elmhurst and many of you have supported me in achieving these goals for our school such as getting our gym in 2017. This year our goal is to ensure all students are provided the best learning experience possible, no matter what challenges and obstacles this current pandemic throws at us. We are Elmhurst Strong and we will get through this upcoming school year together. I am excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal to Elmhurst this year, Mrs. Arda Jones. Mrs. Jones and I look forward to working with our families and the community to make Elmhurst the best school in Pitt County. Our school motto is "*Together we can!*"

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Arda Jones- Assistant Principal

Hey Families!!! I'm thrilled to be the new Assistant Principal of Elmhurst. I'm a homegrown product of Pitt County Schools. I attended Pitt Community College for two years and then transferred to East Carolina University and obtained my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. I have worked in Pitt County Schools as a substitute teacher, a teacher assistant for a year, and later as a teacher for seven years. I have taught 2nd-4th grade. In May of this year, I graduated from East Carolina University with a Masters in School Administration and Curriculum and Instruction. In June, I had the pleasure of completing my internship as the Assistant Principal at Stokes School. I'm married and have 3 beautiful daughters ages 14, 7, and 3. One of my sweeties will also be joining Elmhurst this year as a 2nd grader.

I know that we don't know what the upcoming school year will look like but I am looking forward to working with our students, parents, and teachers to make sure that our students are prepared and successful for their futures. Please know that I am here to help support you in any way that I can.