

Our Newest School Will Be Grindstone Elementary

We'd like to thank all the "Naming Committee" members who spent much time and thought in coming up with a name for the new Berea elementary school to recommend to the Board of Education. On October 12, the Board approved the name "Grindstone Elementary" for the new facility.

The name, "Grindstone Elementary," will serve to connect the new elementary school with the heritage and traditions of the City of Berea, while using the imagery of a grindstone to inspire students to build a foundation for future success.

The original Berea grindstones were used to sharpen tools for farm, home, and industry. What better image for a school that brings children of diverse backgrounds together (as was the case with the original quarry workers) and helps them to identify, develop, and sharpen their own "tools" for success in the 21st Century?

Our mission as a school district is to help students achieve dreams they never imagined possible. We accomplish this mission by teaching, guiding, and helping each student to develop his or her own "toolbox" of skills, abilities, and knowledge; and then inspiring them to believe in themselves by continuing to sharpen, refine, and expand their toolboxes throughout their lives -- thus *equipping* them to achieve dreams they never imagined possible.