

Last Thursday, Paris Elementary School was awarded a \$40,000 grant for the Early Childhood Healthy Living Initiative. Andrew Beckett, Director of the Bourbon County Health Department, presented the check to the Principal of Paris Elementary School, Thomas Reed. Also in attendance was Paris Superintendent, Ken Bicknell, Assistant Superintendent Patrice Thompson, and Paris Elementary School Counselor, Alison Johnson.

The Early Childhood Healthy Living Program is designed to create a climate where students are prepared for college/career readiness, and can develop socially and emotionally, as well as academically. In addition, the funds will also provide parent nights, physical and nutritional education, as well as substance abuse, tobacco and alcohol prevention curriculum.

“The Bourbon County Health Department and the Kentucky Department for Public Health are incredibly excited to support the Early Childhood Healthy Living Initiative at Paris Independent Schools. We realize as public health professionals that working to prevent adverse childhood experiences is a successfully proven way to prevent poor health outcomes down the road. We are happy that the school system and staff see health promotion as a way to make Paris a healthier place to learn, work, play, and grow!”, said Andrew Beckett, Director of the Bourbon County Health Department.