

Born Learning Trail opens at elementary school

The Born Learning Trail behind William Wells Brown Elementary – the first of its kind in Central Kentucky – encourages children to learn through fun and meaningful activities in their everyday lives.

Ten signs posted along the sidewalk – from the street corner toward the community center entrance at the rear of the school – provide interactive tips for families and caregivers. Along the way, kids can explore nearby flowers and trees, practice hopscotch, learn silly songs or tell stories. The simple activities can help a child develop problem-solving, critical-thinking and reading skills.

“‘Born Learning’ is all about how we can make our daily activities a learning opportunity,” said district Superintendent Stu Silberman, who spoke at the April 21 ribbon-cutting ceremony. “The schools need you. Our children need you to be able to move forward,” he told the small crowd huddled on the corner of East Sixth Street and Nelson Avenue.

Preschoolers bundled up against blustery winds to be the first kids to try out the new trail. On their way back inside, the kids paused at several stations, practicing their ABC’s and hopping on multicolored circles painted on the sidewalk.

“With all the momentum of the (new) school and housing, people are ready to embrace it,” said Principal Yvonne Peace. “The trail is one more piece to the puzzle.”