

Hello!

My name is Kara Odom, and I am the proud mother of a three-year-old son currently enrolled in the Pre-K at Heartland Elementary! While I was born in Manhattan, New York I was raised right here in Radcliff and am a graduate of North Hardin High School. My grandfather's military service and subsequent retirement at Fort Knox are what originally brought us to this area.

For the past 12 years, I have dedicated my career to healthcare as a phlebotomist. However, since my son began his educational journey, I have felt a strong calling to transition my focus toward the school system. I am eager to understand the inner workings of our schools and the essential components that ensure they run smoothly and effectively!

My mother always taught me that "knowledge is power," and I believe the best way to empower ourselves is through active involvement and research. Serving on the SBDM would allow me to gain valuable insights into our children's education and share that knowledge with other parents. Together, we can foster an environment where all of our children have the support they need to reach their full potential.

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Hello,

My name is Monica Graves, and I am Avery Grant's mother, who currently attends Heartland Elementary School. I am the Administrative Support Assistant in the U.S. Army Child and Youth Services at Devers Middle School and Teen Center on Fort Knox. At Devers I am mainly responsible for registering youth and their household and maintaining youth files and their medical records.

I have a Master of Science in Education from the University of Miami (FL) and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Louisville. I also graduated from John Hardin High School. My professional experience includes childcare, marketing, and administration within sports and youth service organizations from kindergarten to high school. Devers Middle School and Teen Center is a free after school, teen enrichment program for sixth through twelfth grade students. They also provide outreach for younger grade students within the community. Through my position at Devers, I am familiar with the partnership between Devers and Heartland Elementary and have seen the value of strong school/community collaboration. I would like to continue strengthening the partnership that positively supports students, families, and staff.

I am committed to student development and helping youth thrive to their fullest potential. I look forward to the opportunity to advocate for all students and families while serving on Heartland's SBDM council.