

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools

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Welcome to *engage!*

Our ***engage*** e-newsletter shines a spotlight on the latest educational news and feature stories pertaining to our schools, students, teachers, and administrators. We hope you enjoy!



Below please find open house updates and several other changes to the email sent Thursday, August 3. Thank you!

We're eager to welcome students for their first day of school on Thursday, August 17.

welcome.

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Monday - Friday
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All of the district's schools will hold open houses for students and their families to coincide with the beginning of the new school year! We hope to see you there!

No
Arnett Elementary

Kindergarten Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5 Back-to-School Night
Thursday, August 10, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Howell Elementary

Kindergarten Back-to-School Night
Thursday, August 10, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Note additional opportunity to visit!
Grades 1-5 Back-to-School Night
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Lindeman Elementary

Kindergarten Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5 Back-to-School Night
Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Miles Elementary

Kindergarten Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5 Back-to-School Night
Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tichenor Middle School

6th Grade Camp
Tuesday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

6th Grade Parent Mixer
Tuesday, August 8, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Open House
Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Lloyd High School

Open House

Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Please note updated times!

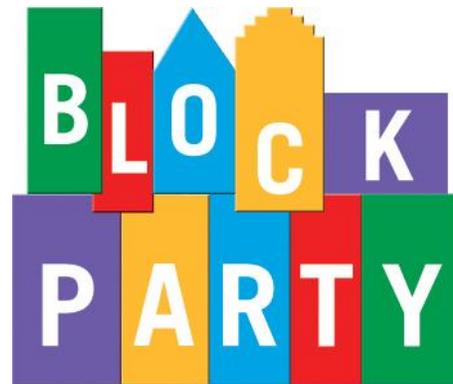


2017-2018 Erlanger-Elsmere School Calendar

The most current district calendar is the one that is consistently updated on the district website. Keep track of important dates, holidays, and more here:

<http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/Content2/distcalendar>

So much fun... **The Annual Community**



**Friday, September 8
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

In front of Lloyd and Tichenor

Mark your calendar now for this not-to-be-missed event to kick off the start of the new school year!

All Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will be represented, along with camps, clubs, sports, local businesses, organizations, events, programs, and more. The event will include an entire area devoted to Early Childhood Programs connecting families to information related to early childhood supports for families with children from infant to five years. Plus food, fun, activities, and more!

All Erlanger and Elsmere residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

If you are interested in reserving a table for the event, please email karen.hughes@erlanger.kyschools.us.

Don't forget your school supplies!



Check out the complete list of school supplies needed for each grade and school online at <http://www.erlanger.kyschools.us/Content2/142>



What's cooking in the district's cafeterias?

Breakfast, lunch offered free-of-charge

Erlanger- Elsmere Schools will once again participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program which provides breakfast and lunch to all students in the district free of charge each day. No free/ reduced applications are required to receive the free meals.

In addition, free supper meals will be available at all Erlanger- Elsmere school cafeterias this school year from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

For these meals, and for all food served by the district, the food service team will be preparing more food items using whole food ingredients instead of canned and frozen items.

New regulations for our youngest learners

New federal regulations pertaining to portion size of food and food groups for students under 5 years (Headstart/Preschool students) will be introduced by October 1. These regulations will limit the amount of juice, sugar, and carbs consumed by these age groups.

What a summer!

The district's Food Service Department served more than 24,000 this summer - including breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and snacks as part of the district's Summer Meal Program. Meals were served at various sites throughout the district, including: Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Public Library, Erlanger Baptist Church, Railroad Depot Park, Arnett Elementary, Lindeman Elementary, Howell Elementary, Miles Elementary, Lloyd High School, and Rainbow Park.

New procedures for birthday celebrations

Food Service is introducing a new birthday treat program which will allow parents and guardians to purchase treat certificates for their child's class. Instead of ordering specific items, the child celebrating their birthday will distribute a certificate to each classmate, allowing them to select their ice cream or snack treat in the cafeteria by giving the certificate to the cashier.

Beginning this year, all birthday treats must be ordered from the Food Service Department; new federal regulations do not permit food items to be given to students from outside vendors/stores in an effort to protect students with food allergies and diabetes from receiving a treat that may cause medical issues.

If you have any questions regarding any of the meal programs being offered this year by the Erlanger-Elsmere Independent School District, please call the Food Service Office at 859.342.4690 or the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education at 859.727.2009.

New faces, new places

As we welcome the new school year, we welcome new faculty and staff to Erlanger-Elsmere Schools. And, we are happy to announce new roles for some of our wonderful team members.

New places...

Mr. Bill Pilgram is now the district's Athletic Director.

The role will take Mr. Pilgram back to Lloyd, where he served as a PE teacher for 13 years before becoming Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Tichenor Middle School. As the district's Athletic Director, Mr. Pilgram will serve student-athletes in grades 6-12.

Mr. Darrel Cammack is taking over as Assistant Principal at Tichenor.

Mr. Cammack spent his first 16 years teaching at Tichenor prior to the past six years as teacher and then Assistant Principal at Bartlett. In his new role, he is looking forward to supporting students, teachers, and parents in making their experiences at TMS positive and productive.

Ms. Stefanie Stubblefield is taking on the role of Assistant Principal at Bartlett.

Mrs. Stubblefield is looking forward to working with the students, staff, and parents at Bartlett. Beginning her 12th year in education, Mrs. Stubblefield most recently taught 4th grade for three years at Howell Elementary.

Ms. Erika Ludwig is a new Assistant Principal at Lloyd.

For the past six years, Ms. Ludwig taught 11th grade English and sponsored the junior class at Lloyd High School. Now, as assistant principal, her focus will be on our 10th-12th graders and the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

Mr. Sam Volpenhein is Lloyd's new Boys Basketball Coach.

Mr. Volpenhein has previously coached the Freshman and JV teams and assisted Mr. Mike Key with the varsity basketball team. Mr. Volpenhein will continue teaching math at Lloyd in addition to his coaching responsibilities.

Mrs. Laura Deters is the district's Chief Information Officer.

Mrs. Deters takes over for Mr. Bryan Sweasy, who retired after originating the role. Mrs. Deters came to the school district in 2009, and in 2012 she joined the technology team as a technician.

Ms. Tiffany Gruen is now the district's Elementary Instructional Coach.

Ms. Gruen previously taught at Howell Elementary. In her new role, she is looking forward to working with teachers and district leaders to bring new, evidence-based practices into our classrooms.

New faces...

We're pleased to have added even more new staff members since we first compiled our lists!

Certified

Erin Blair, Art Teacher, Tichenor
Jessica Bauer, Teacher, Arnett
Michelle Cravens, Guidance Counselor, Arnett
Daniel Dempsey, LBD Teacher, District
Zackery Fisher, PE Teacher, Tichenor
Brandon Garvey, Teacher, Howell
Kris Gordon, Teacher, Tichenor
Dustin Hager, Science Teacher, Tichenor
Joshua Hamilton, Teacher, Lindeman
Natalie Hargett, Teacher, Arnett
Adam Heidrich, Social Studies Teacher, Tichenor
Lauren Jane, English Teacher, Lloyd
Emma Lawson, Teacher, Howell
Anna Muennich, Teacher, Lloyd
Lindsay Nottingham, Teacher, Howell
Brandy Percy, Teacher, Arnett
Shelby Ryle, Teacher, Arnett
Evelyn Schmalzl, Teacher, Arnett
Kelsey Short, Teacher, Arnett
Amy Spradling, Music Teacher, Lindeman / Miles
Dianne Tuminello, Teacher, Miles
Michele Van Sickle, Music Teacher, Arnett / Howell
Cynthia Waden, Instructional Coach, District
Megan Wegford, Teacher, Howell
Dana Winkler, Visually Impairment Teacher, District

Classified

Julie Bosley, Clerical Assistant, Tichenor
Tiffany Clark, Food Service
Shannon Gibbons, Food Service
Shanice Highsmith, Transportation
Christina Jeffery, Food Service
Kristi Niceley, Instructional Assistant, Miles
Chelsea Owens, Instructional Assistant, ELC
Melissa Perkins, Clerical Assistant, Howell
Lohri Pinkham, Food Service
Claire Wainscott, Lindeman
Vickie Zitt, Food Service





Under construction!

Our district has been hard at work this summer, improving the facilities where our students learn. Construction is well underway on the new 10-classroom addition at Howell Elementary. On Lloyd High School's campus, the portion of the building housing the Early Learning Center and the Library got a new roof.



Miles recognized for model program

Miles Elementary was honored at a recognition ceremony at the American School Counselor Association's annual conference this summer for its achievement as a "Recognized ASCA Model Program" (RAMP) for school counseling. Only 650 schools nationwide have achieved RAMP Designation. Mr. Josh Jackson, principal; Mrs. Katie Pilgram, counselor; and Mr. Craig Dollins, social worker traveled to Denver on behalf of Miles Elementary to accept the award.



New grant supports healthy living

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools have been awarded funding in the amount of \$80,000 from the Kentucky Department of Public Health as part of the Early Childhood Healthy Living Initiative. These funds will increase collaboration and community involvement to support work to prevent alcohol, tobacco and drug use, starting as early as preschool and kindergarten. The funding will support prevention of substance abuse in all grades up to Grade 4 by addressing beliefs, risk factors, and related problems of substance use.

"It is critical that we meet this challenge early, while children are still forming their ideas and beliefs about making healthy choices regarding substance use and medication issues," said Mrs. Mary Burch, RN, District Health Coordinator for Erlanger-Elsmere Schools.



Tichenor students place in national taekwondo competition

How did they spend their summer vacation? Three Tichenor Middle School students certainly didn't sit around. Instead, they achieved remarkable results in a national taekwondo competition!

Victoria Deitsch (6th grade), Christopher Bradford (7th grade), and Nicholas Deitsch (8 grade) each competed in and won gold medals in state competitions in Ohio and Michigan (Christopher won gold in forms and silver in sparring, and Nicholas and Victoria won gold in forms). These achievements qualified them to compete in the National Taekwondo Competition held in early July in Detroit.

As a result of the national competition, Christopher is ranked 7th in the nation for forms (green belt division/12-14 year olds) and 2nd in the nation for sparring (green belt fly weight division/12-14 year olds). Nicholas is ranked 4th in the nation for forms (yellow belt division/12-14 year olds) and Victoria is ranked 5th in the nation for forms (yellow belt division/10-11 year olds).

To achieve these remarkable results, Christopher, Nicholas, and Victoria practice up to six days a week. In addition to learning taekwondo, they gain wonderful values including perseverance, courtesy, self control, indomitable spirit, integrity.

These three students attend Legacy Taekwondo, which also provided instruction to kids participating in Tichenor's Boys and Girls Club 21st Century Learning Center this summer. The school's Master Elder teaches students not only taekwondo but also teaches self defense and speaks out against bullying.



ENCOURAGING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

KCA works to reduce substance abuse through education

The Kenton County Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse (KCA) mission is to empower communities to reduce and prevent substance abuse among youth, in an effort to eventually reduce substance abuse among adults. To fulfill this mission, every month approximately 25 coalition members attend a meeting to learn about prevention and to build relationships throughout the community.

A key function of the Alliance is ensuring educators across all Kenton County schools are very involved in substance abuse prevention projects. One successful program that will continue this school year is the "Silhouettes Project" which gives 9th grade students the opportunity to write a 100-word essay with the writing prompt... "I choose to remain drug free because..." Coalition members then review essays and choose six with strong prevention messages to be featured on vinyl banners and displayed in schools and other community business.

Another impactful program is *Metamorphosis Project: Choices for a Beautiful Future*. This project began to engage children and prevent any use of illicit substance. Last year, ten groups within seven locations throughout Kenton County participated in lessons that paralleled life in the garden with the life of a child, including development of the monarch butterfly..

"Encouraging healthy choices along with healthy behaviors are crucial to living a substance free lifestyle," said Diana O'Toole, KCA Coordinator. "KCA is making plans to continue building community relationships and implement programs that will prevent substance abuse of youth throughout Kenton County."

For more information, reach out to Ms. O'Toole:
diana.otoole@erlanger.kyschools.us



Upcoming Events in the City of Erlanger

Thursday, August 24

7:00 p.m. | Flagship Park
Shakespeare in the Park by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
Bring blankets and chairs

Sunday, September 17

1:00pm | Railroad Depot Park
Erlanger Historical Society Heritage Day

Saturday, October 14

5:30 p.m.: Pre-Movie Fun!
7:00 p.m.: Movie: Hocus Pocus
Railroad Depot Park
Bring blankets and chairs
Presented by City of Erlanger and Republic Services

Saturday, December 2

7:00 pm | Railroad Depot Park
City Tree Lighting

Visit the new City of Erlanger website at www.erlangerky.gov!



Elsmere selected by NKY Catalytic Fund

In a partnership with The Center for Great Neighborhoods, the Northern Kentucky Catalytic Fund has selected the City of Elsmere as a 2017 participating community. The Northern Kentucky Catalytic Fund is dedicated to providing the financial assistance and technical expertise needed to build healthy, strong and vibrant communities through community development projects.

Being selected as a participating community will give Elsmere residents the opportunity to participate in the MY NKY Nano Grant program to support an artistic or creative effort to strengthen the community with the goal of bringing Northern Kentuckians together, building a sense of community, celebrating our differences and fostering community pride.

Any individual who is a resident, student or works in the city at least 15 hours/week is eligible to apply for a Nano Grant of up to \$250.00 for creative place-making projects or activities. Applications are open until August 31, 2017. To apply, or for more information, visit www.thecatalyticfund.org.



In the news...

Collaborative effort to provide logistics training
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NKY high school students watch surgery at St. Elizabeth
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Our Vision:

The Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will provide essential opportunities for all students to reach their greatest potential.

Our Mission:

It is the mission of the Erlanger- Elsmere Schools to embrace and attend to the individual needs of our students, regardless of the obstacles.

Call us. We like to hear from you.

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Tichenor Middle School.....	(859) 727-2255
Arnett Elementary.....	(859) 727-1488
Howell Elementary.....	(859) 727-1108
Lindeman Elementary.....	(859) 727-1188
Miles Elementary.....	(859) 727-2231
Bartlett Educational Center.....	(859) 342-2460
Preschool at Arnett.....	(859) 342-2427