Dedicated staff, a caring community, engaged families

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools and the local community have been proudly collaborating all summer long to provide many student and community programs throughout Erlanger and Elsmere. Thanks to our dedicated staff and our invaluable partners, it has been a summer filled with learning, fun, and intentional positive transitions for students! It has also been a very busy summer with ongoing school facility updates, as you will notice at many schools in our district.

This issue of Engage includes some wonderful information about what has been going on this summer in the Erlanger-Elsmere School District as well as some important programs and events that will be provided by the cities of Erlanger and Elsmere and other community partners this fall and throughout the year. You will want to save the important dates of Back to School Programs and Family Nights at each school (located on page 4). A complete listing of students’ days off this school year is also included (see page 23).

Summer is quickly ending, and the 2019-20 school year will soon begin! The first day of school for students in kindergarten through grade 12 will be Wednesday, August 14. School starts promptly at 8:00 am at all schools. We thank our families and caregivers for their engagement in their children’s learning all year long and for entrusting us with the education of our wonderful students. We look forward to another magnificent school year focused on success for ALL students by helping them to work to fulfill their individual hopes and dreams for the future!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, Superintendent

Fill A Cruiser a huge success!

The Erlanger Police Department had a goal: to encourage the community to fill a police cruiser with donated school supplies during a six-hour time slot just before school began. Through the department’s careful planning and the community’s generous outpouring, they not only met their goal – they crushed it, filling three cruisers in just one afternoon!

Generous shoppers from Erlanger and beyond filled cruisers with pencils, crayons, glue, hand sanitizer, tissues, paper, folders, backpacks, and more. The valuable resources collected have already helped so many families in so many schools.

The Elsmere Police Department wants to know… RUOK?

The Elsmere Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of Are You Okay? (RUOK?) a service intended to increase independence for older adults, disabled persons, shut-ins who live alone, or anyone in Elsmere who desires to be checked on daily. Through RUOK?, a computer-automated telephone system will contact each subscriber once a day. This is a free service, offered only to residents of the City of Elsmere.

Applications for RUOK? are available at the Elsmere Police Department at 4501 Dixie Highway in Elsmere. As an added service, an officer can deliver applications to local residents and assist with completion. Call 859.342.7344 to schedule an appointment.
Mark your calendar!

Let’s get ready for the NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We’re eager to welcome students back for their first day of school on Wednesday, August 14.

Before that, each of the district’s schools will host back-to-school activities for students and their families to kick off the new year. Mark your calendar and plan to stop by!

**Arnett Elementary**
- **Kindergarten**
  - Wednesday, August 7
  - 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Grades 1-5**
  - Thursday, August 8
  - 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Howell Elementary**
- **New Students & Families**
  - Wednesday, August 7
  - 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Returning Students & Families**
  - Thursday, August 8
  - 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Lindeman Elementary**
- **Kindergarten**
  - Wednesday, August 7
  - 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Grades 1-5**
  - Thursday, August 8
  - 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Miles Elementary**
- **Kindergarten**
  - Wednesday, August 7
  - 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Grades 1-5**
  - Thursday, August 8
  - 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Lloyd High School**
- **Schedule Pick-Up**
  - Grades 9-12
  - Monday, August 5
  - 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- **Ninth Grade Orientation**
  - Tuesday, August 6
  - 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Ninth Grade Parent Night**
  - Monday, August 12
  - 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Tichenor Middle School**
- **Schedule Pick-Up**
  - Grades 6-8
  - Monday, August 5 & Tuesday, August 6
  - 12:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Camp Tichenor!**
  - Grade 6
  - Tuesday, August 6
  - 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **Sixth Grade Parent Night**
  - Tuesday, August 6
  - 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- **Parent Night/Open House**
  - Grades 10-12
  - Monday, August 12
  - 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Bartlett Educational Center**
- **Parent Night/Open House**
  - Grades 6-12
  - Thursday, August 8
  - 5:00–8:00 p.m.

**Join us at the Annual Community Block Party!**
- **Friday, September 27, 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 celebrate 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 infants to five years. Plus food, fun, activities, and more!

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

**Don’t forget your school supplies!**
Check out the complete list of school supplies needed for each school and grade online at: erlanger.kyschools.us

**Familiar faces... in new places!**

Mrs. Stefanie Stubblefield is assuming the position of principal at Bartlett Educational Center. Mrs. Stubblefield, who previously served as assistant principal at Bartlett, replaces Mr. Chris Klosinski, who is now the district’s director of special education. Mr. Klosinski takes over for Ms. Laura Hellmann, who retired at the end of the school year.

Ms. Donna Schulte is now preschool director, filling the position vacated by Ms. Darlene Hope upon her recent retirement. Ms. Schulte has served the district as a preschool consultant for the past several years.

Ms. Donna Schulte

A hearty hello to our new staff!

**CERTIFIED**
- Sallie Bargo, Teacher, Tichenor
- Erin Baumann, Teacher, Howell
- Ashley Cooke, Teacher, Miles
- Brandon Cooper, Teacher, Lloyd
- Alexander Dean, Teacher, Howell
- Jody Helton, Teacher, Lloyd
- Samantha Hundley, ESL Teacher, Arnett/Miles
- Madison Johns, Teacher, Howell
- Richard Lee Johnson, Teacher, Arnett
- Kimberly Rockwell, Teacher, Arnett
- Morgan Roell, Teacher, Lindeman

**CLASSIFIED**
- Julie Bosley, School Secretary, Lloyd
- Lori Dickman, Preschool Support & Transitions Coordinator, District
- Sarah Laflollette, Account Clerk, Central Office
- Jobi Roark, Library Media Clerk, Arnett
- Sam Volpenhein, Instructional Assistant, Arnett

Roberta Roemer, Teacher, Lloyd
McKinsey Schweitzer, Teacher, Arnett
Kyle Shoopman, Teacher, Lloyd
Brady Smith, Teacher, Bartlett
Karie Stein, Teacher, Tichenor
John Wilmhoff, Teacher, Lloyd
Amanda Young, Teacher, Arnett
Mr. Neaves awarded Golden Apple

Mr. Ryan Neaves, a teacher at Tichenor Middle School, recently received a 2019 Excellence in Education Golden Apple Award from the Northern Kentucky Education Council.

Mr. Neaves was nominated for his commitment to continuous professional growth and his profound effect on the lives of the children he teaches.

A teacher of eighth grade language arts and social studies and seventh and eighth grade broadcasting, Mr. Neaves combines traditional classroom practices with cutting-edge 21st century learning experiences in a completely paperless classroom. Through the broadcasting class he created, he empowers students to produce the Trojan News, a 10-minute student-made video news update that is shared weekly with the entire school. For this and other ventures, Mr. Neaves single-handedly created a green screen room using his own time and resources. In addition to his classroom leadership, Mr. Neaves is a leader among his colleagues, serving as a representative on the Site-Based Decision Making Council, a member of the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Committee, and English/Language Arts Department Chair. He organizes professional development for teachers and serves as the school’s IT expert. Beyond the classroom, Mr. Neaves was instrumental in rebuilding the cross country and track programs at both Tichenor and Lloyd.

Ms. Laura Hellmann named Administrator of the Year

Ms. Laura Hellmann, the district’s director of special education, was named 2019 Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children for her distinguished leadership and support of special education and gifted and talented programs in Kentucky.

Ms. Hellmann’s selection is the culmination of 31 years of service in education. She is described by her colleagues as being a teacher at heart who has embraced the power and impact of positive interpersonal relationships with the staff she mentors and develops, with the colleagues she educates and guides, and, most importantly, with the students and families she helps to overcome the cognitive, physical, and emotional obstacles that sometimes befall our children.

“We are so proud of Ms. Hellmann and all she does for students,” said Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, superintendent. “This is a tremendous and well-deserved honor.”

Dunhofts honored with Do Good Award

The district is delighted that John (JD) and Joanie Dunhoft were awarded the United Way of Greater Cincinnati’s Do Good Award for their service to Erlanger-Elsmere Schools and the surrounding community.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunhoft have been hands-on supporters of the school district in Erlanger and Elsmere – communities they love. They have spent much of their lives serving the community at a very deep level – determining needs and simultaneously fostering relationships to help ensure those needs are met.

Through the Erlanger Lions Club, the Dunhofts work tirelessly to advocate for children – fundraising to cover expenses for students who would not otherwise be able to afford team sports; securing goods and services to give students access to food, basic needs, and school supplies; and coordinating donations and drives to provide a joyful holiday season for neighbors in need.

“Working with JD and Joanie, you witness how they make everyone feel welcome, valuable, and a part of something bigger,” said Mrs. Maryann Moore, who serves as Lloyd’s Youth Service Center coordinator and nominated the Dunhofts for the award.

“They have been an incredible asset as mentors who teach commitment, community strength, and perseverance to our students by example. I am thankful for their dedication to our youth; they are a tremendous asset to our students and our community.”

4th Annual Chelsea Ryann Festival of Hope

Sunday, October 20
2:00–5:00 p.m.
Scheben Gymnasium, Lloyd High School

Enjoy an afternoon of fun for all ages – for a great cause. The Chelsea Ryann Festival of Hope raises money to support mental health and suicide prevention with affordable fun for the whole family – offering food, activities, games, and fun for a donation or nominal fee.

Organized by the Westwood family in honor their daughter Chelsea, who they lost to suicide when she was a student at Lloyd, the main message of the event is hope. A number of helpful resources will be available during the event, including representatives from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Sun Behavioral. All funds raised are donated back to Lloyd’s Youth Service Center in support of mental health.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! For more information, visit: chelsearyann.org
May 24 was a very special day for the members of the Class of 2019 and their families, as they celebrated Lloyd Memorial High School’s 91st annual commencement ceremony.

The evening included all of the hallmarks of such a remarkable rite of passage: an opportunity to reflect on their years in Erlanger-Elsmere Schools and a time to look forward to the unlimited possibilities that lie ahead.

Of the graduates, more than half have declared their commitment to continuing their education or pursuing a specific career. Many members of the graduating class will go on to college next year; 13 are attending technical or community colleges, one is attending trade school, and 58 are moving on to four-year colleges or universities. Of these students, 51 are the first generation in their family to attend college. In addition, seven students are enlisting in the military.

Members of the Class of 2019 who participated in graduation:

Erin Mackenzie Marie Allgeyer
Jayda Raechelle Allgeyer
Zachary Miklos Ambrus
Craig Alan Anderson
Karen Marie Baldwin
Jose Joseph Miller Ball
Riley Elizabeth Ball
Parker Alan Ballinger
Thomas Jeffrey Banta
Aaliyah Shaminir Baxter
Jayden Nevaeh Beach
Ethan Christopher Bedel
Heavenly Karesha Behanan
Garrett Thomas Berhiet
Christopher James Bernard
Rejeana Mae Bernard
Sarah Binkley
Allison Kay Bowen
Stephan Antonio Bowen
Kelly Taylor Bowling
Ronald Edward Brown
Frank DeWayne Buchanan, Jr.
Seth Robert Burns
Brianne Burrows
Maya Brynn Carroll
Alina Cemal
Kaitlyn Jane Centers
Dalton Nathaniel Childs
Georgia Cailyn Louise Cole
Cierra Nichole Collins
Ariana Charnae Conrad
Aviana Marnae Conrad
Keyontae Cowart
Nathan Douglas Crabtree
Laura Elizabeth Crawford
Kaylee Noelle Cunningham
Emory Davis
Kai Tanner Dowdy
Alexander Wesley Dowell
Anabel Cliff Dowling
Quintin Elijah Edmonds
Makayla Lee Eggleston
Sabrina Lynn Fancote
Luke Kenneth Fields
Jacob Floyd
Ayana Renee Foley
Madalyn Marie Ford
Adam Mckinley Freeman
Noah Michael Gabbard
Ethan Gabriel Hamilton Garrett
Maxwell Joseph Gausepohl
Mackenzie Lyn Gentry
Bianna Rae Gibson
Annette Marie Gonzales Borrero
Jacqueline Sophia Gredig
Anthony Sean Hall
Denver Allan Jarrett Harper
John Harris
Jack Joseph Hellmann
Hannah Grace Herrmann
Kaylee Brianna Hill
Elijah Jakob Holtman
Ivan Daniel Hunt
Darian RM Jackson
Willow Ann Jackson
Christopher Joseph Januszka
Destinee Kaylee-mae Johnson
Tanner J. Kemen
Kaitlynn Kidd
Hannah Cristlein Kinman
Shauna Autumn Jay Kitts
Alexiana Taylor Kuechler
Allen Jyrell LaBordeaux Stowers
James Leonard Lamb
McKenzie Miracle-Rae Lane
Alexander Nolan Lang
Taylor Olivvia Marie Lang
Brendan Tyler Keith Larison
Jessica Rene Layton
Cayynn Ann Lee
Jenna Rayn Lee
Matthew Connor Louden
Nathaniel James Louis
Madison Emily Lunsford
Thierno Ly
Jacob Tyler Madden
Shyanna Rose Marksberry
Sidney Joseph Markwell
Travon Amire Mason
Miranda Kathleen Massmann
Devion Deshawn McCledon
Marcus Alexander McKinley
India Monet McRae
Alexandra Isabel Mejia
Victor Ramirez Mendez
August Edward Meyer
Morgan Abigail Mitchell
Elisa Montoya
Matthew Adam Mosley
Carlos Enrique Chavez Muñoz
Aubry Paige Murray
Kayvon J. Murray
Kirsten Paige Niceley
Arianna Melissa Offutt
Adan Gabriel Pagán
Jordan Elaine Palladino
Devin Clayton Partin
Jonna Kay Parton
Cain Evan Peel
A-Jay Oliver Pelep
Dominique Amore Persley
Allison Michaela Pompilio
Johnson
Andrew Joseph Privett
Aziza Adel Quraqa
Vladimir Ramirez
Austin Michael Ranshaw
Aidan Marcus Rauf
Sara Elizabeth Reid
John Anthony Sailors
Molina Tonya Sanchez
Alexander Paul Sand
Alexander Lyle Schwartz
Jared Christopher Sears
Exodus Renee Shorter
Elizabeth Lynn Sims
Austin Tre Smith
Charles Cade Smith
Jacob Duane Smith
Deante Stowers
Natalie Elisabel Sumba Vinanzaca
Riley Jackson Suttles
Jordan E. Taylor
Christopher Richard Andrew Thiel
Zachary Ray Thomas
Michael Shane Town
Gabriel Anthony Trudeau
Bradley Jackson Turner
Emily Katlyn Turner
Diamond Lorene Vance
Quenton Patrick Walker
Joshua W. Webster
Alexis Paige Whittamore
Casey Dawn Williams
Ja’Nae Samone Williams
Jonathan Tyler Williams
Jourdin Michelle Woodward
KeAndra Malik Young

Lloyd Class of 2019

Class Officers

PRESIDENT
Miranda Kathleen Massmann
VICE-PRESIDENT
Jayden Nevaeh Beach
TREASURER
Riley Elizabeth Ball
SECRETARY
Shauna Autumn Jay Kitts

CLASS MOTTO
There is no script.
Live your life. Soak it all in.
—Dick Costello

CLASS SONG
“I Found a Way” by Drake Bell
(Drake & Josh Theme Song)

CLASS COLORS
Navy Blue and Vegas Gold

Best wishes, graduates!
A summer of learning, friends, and fun!

It may have been summer, but our schools did not take a break! Each school in our district served as a community hub this summer: to provide childcare, promote learning, and prepare students for the upcoming year... all, of course, while enjoying lots of summer fun!

Opening a time capsule

At Arnett Elementary, construction on campus revealed a time capsule sealed when the building was constructed in 1967. Mrs. Amanda New, Arnett’s current principal, and Mr. David Palmore, one of Arnett’s former principals, opened the time capsule, which revealed newspapers, documents, and other fun artifacts from more than 50 years ago! Mrs. New plans to share the contents with students and collect additional materials to put back in the capsule this fall before re-sealing it for future generations to discover.

Getting ready for kindergarten

Each elementary school in the district held camps to help prepare incoming kindergartners for school. At Lindeman, participants in Kindergarten Camp learned through play, made new friends, practiced following a routine, and more! At Arnett, students preparing for kindergarten through Me and My School learned about simple machines – what they are, where to find them, and how they work!

Engaging, learning, having fun!

Students at each elementary school participated in hands-on learning, explored their creativity, and embarked on fun adventures this summer through 21st Century Learning summer programs offered in partnership with the R.C. Durr YMCA. Students created art, sharpened their skills with STEM activities, and embarked on fun field trips including a visit to the Kentucky Science Center.

Promoting STEM learning

In the month of June, Tichenor Middle School continued its commitment to STEM learning with three distinct but interesting camps: Robotics Camp, Dissecting Life Camp, and Makers Camp.

During Robotics Camp, students deconstructed old computer towers and re-purposed the parts to make new robots, teaching students to solder electronic circuit boards and introducing them to coding in order to program robots.

At the Dissecting Life camp, students were introduced to various organisms and had the opportunity to dissect something new each day, from frogs to other creatures.

And at Makers Camp, participants learned how to work with some of the new technology in the school’s MakerSpace, including a 3D printer, poster printer, and various other equipment.

A delicious and nutritious summer!

The Erlanger-Elsmere Food Service department hit the road once again this summer, delivering meals and snacks to children throughout the community. The outreach continued with wonderful partnerships with the City of Erlanger, Kenton County Library, Erlanger Baptist Church, and the YMCA. All in all, the Food Service department served approximately 23,000 meals/snacks this summer!

Staying active... all summer long

Students from Lloyd’s volleyball and football teams represented the school at the regional All-Star Games. India McRae and Kylie Hager represented Lloyd in the St. Elizabeth Healthcare All-Star Volleyball Game.

Anthony Hall, Jonathan Williams, Travon Mason, Ajay Pelep, and Bradley Turner played for the West in the St. Elizabeth Healthcare/NKFCA East-West All-Star Football Game.

Lloyd student Maddie Neary took 3rd Place in the Freshman High Jump National Championship.

And the next generation of Juggernauts had fun while developing their athletic skills at volleyball, basketball, baseball, and football camps!
Bartlett celebrates the graduates of 2018-2019

At Bartlett Educational Center, the staff meets students where they are to help them get where they need to be. Much of the time, the goal is a high school diploma. But true to Bartlett’s alternative approach, the school’s students graduate on their own timetable, on a rolling basis throughout the school year. During the 2018-2019 school year, Bartlett celebrated the successful completion of high school for 14 hardworking students.

Congratulations to these remarkable graduates!

- Alvaro Aguirre
- Seth Bruns
- Brian Chandler
- Rayshon Crim
- Gabrielle Gibson
- Evey Gregory
- John Harris
- Mckenzie Lane
- Jada Prince
- Logan Rogers
- Timothy Whiteside
- Alexis Whittamore
- Maleek Williams
- Mckenzie Wilson

Erlanger-Elsmere School District’s Bartlett Educational Center provides an alternative learning environment for middle and high school students who need additional support to progress in school. Bartlett offers personalized learning programs that allow students to work at their own pace. Family engagement is encouraged, and every effort is made to help students receive their high school diploma and become positive and productive members of the community in which they live.

“What I love most about Bartlett would have to be the staff. They are incredibly helpful and caring – even on their worst days and ours. They give their all to their students. And they make school fun. Because of the staff pushing me to do my best and encouraging me to finish, I was able to graduate more than a year early.”

After talking with Mr. Kimberlin, my counselor, about options for college, I decided to pursue cosmetology. I’ve always been drawn to cosmetology because I like dyeing hair – my own, and friends and family. So, for the time being, I’m working at McDonald’s full time to save up as much money as possible. I hope to attend a cosmetology school in the near future and make coloring hair a job and not just a hobby. Then I will be able to go to school part time while working to fulfill my dream of becoming a cosmetologist.”

- Evey Gregory

“I was amazed by Bartlett’s loving staff, and how understanding they were. I loved that, when I had an issue, they worked hard to help me out. I remember one of my assignments was to write a list of things I liked about myself, to help motivate me. And it did. Bartlett not only helped me graduate, it also helped me recover my sense of self and appreciate myself for who I am. Now that I’ve graduated, I will be going to Gateway and then on to NKU where I plan to major in neurosurgery.”

- Mckenzie Lane

Lloyd, Bartlett students complete Gateway transportation program

Students from Lloyd High School and Bartlett Education Center recently graduated from the first class of the Gateway Transportation Construction Certificate Program, a new opportunity that prepares students for successful entry into the transportation construction field.

Developed in partnership with Gateway Community and Technical College, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the University of Kentucky, the 96-hour program exposes participants to various areas of the transportation industry and provides students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to enter the transportation construction field. Program participants took classes ranging from flagger training, commercial driver licensing, and first aid to business enterprise, traffic management, asphalt and concrete construction, and more. Students earned certifications that can be used immediately in the workforce.

This inaugural program had 20 participants, including high school students and young adults – six of whom were from Bartlett and Lloyd.

In his remarks during the graduation, Gateway President Dr. Fernando Figueroa praised the students and their schools, referring to Lloyd as “one of the most innovative high schools in Northern Kentucky” for providing this opportunity for its students.

Congratulations to these program graduates: Christ Aguilar and Ajay Pelp from Lloyd; Alvaro Aguirre, Brian Chandler, Tim Whiteside, and Maleek Williams from Bartlett.

Students gain job skills while lending a hand

Students from Lloyd High School teamed up with the City of Erlanger to gain “Work Skills Training” at the City Building this school year. The training program gave student participants the opportunity to visit the city building for an hour each week to perform various custodial duties under the guidance of Mr. Ralph Sydnor, who coordinates facilities services for the city.

Students learned a variety of job skills, from taking direction to paying attention to details and working as a team – all very valuable skills to take into the workforce.

Thanks to the City of Erlanger and Mr. Sydnor for making this program a terrific success!
Checkmate!

Fourth and fifth graders learn benefits of playing chess

Fourth and fifth graders at Lindeman Elementary and third, fourth, and fifth graders at Miles Elementary have recently enjoyed participating in Chess Club with Officer Joel Shepherd, resource officer for both schools. Officer Shepherd has taught them not only the game’s rules and strategies, but also the connection its problem-solving skills bring to everyday life.

Chess Club meets weekly at each school, and students look forward to their chance to play and learn.

“Learning the game of chess helps students with patience, spatial reasoning, impulse control, and learning to work through issues by creating strategies,” Officer Shepherd said. “It also helps them to understand that their plans may change, and they need to change their strategy as they work through the problem. It is a wonderful way to build relationships with students while helping them to appreciate a classic game that challenges them and helps them grow.”

To finish off the year, both schools had individual tournaments that ended with school champions. The Lindeman champion, Braxton Miles, then played against the Miles champion, Gavin Fleckinger, in the first annual Chess Championship. In a close game, Braxton Miles won the championship trophy for Lindeman.

What are benefits of playing chess?

There are so many benefits to playing chess – it’s a great lifelong game for elementary students to learn! Some of the positive effects of playing chess include:

- Fosters relationships
- Teaches sportsmanship
- Improves focus
- Nurtures creativity
- Builds confidence
- Develops problem-solving skills
- Demonstrates consequences of actions
- Teaches calm under pressure

Learning is magical

Tichenor students immerse themselves in the world of Harry Potter

When Mr. Ryan Neaves’ eighth-grade English/Language Arts class at Tichenor Middle School read “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” by J.K. Rowling to wrap up the school year, he wanted to find a way to bring the magical story to life while delving deeper into the book’s themes.

So, he turned Tichenor into a mini Hogwarts castle – the school of witchcraft and wizardry attended by many of the story’s main characters.

After the students read a set of chapters, they participated in activities related to their contents. To start, Mr. Neaves organized a classroom sorting ceremony during which students were sorted into their Hogwarts house just as in the story – Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Slytherin, or Hufflepuff – while enjoying “butterbeer,” a frothy, cream soda-type drink and Harry Potter staple. To really garner enthusiasm, Mr. Neaves even dressed as Albus Dumbledore, Hogwarts’ mystical headmaster.

Once within these houses, students worked together to complete challenges, solve clues, and work through riddles to earn house points in a competition to win the House Cup. Along the way, students gained additional points by displaying positive behavior, scoring well on an exam, or even achievement in after-school activities. Teachers and administrators willingly jumped in and gave or removed house points to participating students. On any given day, students and teachers were dressed in house colors or wearing gear to show house pride.

At the end of the day, Slytherin took home the House Cup with some key points gained through Tichenor’s honors night celebration.

“This experience showed how wonderful Tichenor is,” Mr. Neaves said. “Students were genuinely excited about learning in and out of the classroom, and everyone got to see sides of each other that they likely would not have otherwise. Even non-competing students were supportive, and there was a huge sense of camaraderie throughout the school. This was probably the most rewarding teaching unit of my career… what a great way to spread the joy of reading.”

Special thanks to Mrs. Tracy Molley, Family Resource Center coordinator, who purchased the trophies for the very special championship. At Miles, Ms. Tiffany Gruen coordinated donations of chess sets for the club.
Arnett staff presents at statewide Behavior Institute

Mrs. Amanda New, principal at Arnett Elementary, and Mrs. Naomi Colliver, school counselor, represented the school district as presenters at this summer’s Behavior Institute presented by the Kentucky Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders. The institute featured sessions on a wide variety of behavioral health topics, ranging from emotional regulation and mental health to school safety, autism, and more.

Mrs. New and Mrs. Colliver presented two sessions highlighting Arnett’s approach to integrating positive behavior systems and trauma-responsive strategies.

In their first session, they partnered with Mrs. Jo Craven, a PBIS consultant, to share how Arnett implements a trauma-informed care framework to meet the needs of all learners and to provide workable strategies other educators could immediately integrate into their school setting.

For their second session, Mrs. New and Mrs. Colliver reviewed ideas for including proactive social-emotional learning into the school setting, including self awareness, self management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. They discussed simple strategies to connect academic and behavior improvements with social and emotional health in front of an engaged crowd, which included Dr. Damien Sweeney, Program Coordinator for School Counseling for the Kentucky Department of Education.

“It was an honor to meet and network with so many educators from all over Kentucky, and especially to present in front of Dr. Sweeney,” Mrs. New said. “We are truly learning and growing every day!”

Mentors make a difference at Lindeman

Each and every day this past school year, Lloyd seniors Sara Reid and Alex Sand visited Lindeman Elementary after completing their own school day, serving as mentors to the elementary school students.

This mentorship took many forms. Under the guidance of Lindeman’s own counselor, Mrs. Kathy Koerner, Sara and Alex would meet with three different kids each day, just joining them where they were and helping them with whatever they needed. Sometimes this took the form of assistance with school work, other times social skills or counseling strategies. No matter what they did, they provided a stable, solid presence and served as exemplary role models to the students they encountered.

Both Sara and Alex have been most welcome additions to the Lindeman team this year by both students and faculty alike, willing to take initiative and put in hours of hard work to make a difference.

“They came with a positive outlook and willingness and to do just about anything we asked of them,” said Mrs. Angela Gabbard, Lindeman’s principal. “Alex has shown patience, persistence, and a willingness to make a difference with some of our most challenging students. He has provided structure and consistency and also has been a safe, nurturing support for our students. And Sara is a natural! She was born to work in a school and has been a perfect fit.”

“When they are not at school, both students and staff members notice,” Mrs. Gabbard added. “They have built strong, meaningful relationships with students and adults. We are going to miss them terribly and know that great things are to come in their future.”

The warm feelings and long-term benefits, it seems, are mutual.

“I initially wanted to go to Lindeman because I have always loved kids, and it seemed like a cool opportunity,” Sara said. “If only I knew how important that place would become to me so quickly! I loved every second of my time there. Every staff member I worked with was so amazing and so loving. All of the kids loved us, and we grew very close to many of them. Because of this opportunity, I have decided that my future will be in elementary education.”

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At the end of every school year, we say goodbye to the district’s retirees – a number of whom have spent a significant portion of their careers in Erlanger-Elsmere Schools. This year, we bid a fond farewell to a remarkable group of seven dedicated staff members, representing 128 years of service.

Karen Gillis
Hired as Instructional Assistant at Arnett Elementary for the 1996-97 school year, Mrs. Gillis became School Secretary at Lloyd High School in 1997 and remained in the position for an impressive 22 years.

Laura Hellmann
Ms. Hellmann worked in the school district for 29 years – beginning as an LD teacher at Lindeman Elementary upon her hiring in 1985. She became Special Education Administrator in 1998, and was named Director of Special Education in 2003. Ms. Hellmann was recently recognized as the 2019 Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children for her distinguished leadership and support of special education and gifted and talented programs in Kentucky. Read more on page 6.

Darlene Hope
Ms. Hope joined Erlanger-Elsmere Schools as assistant director of special education/preschool director in 2007, having worked in school districts across Northern Kentucky. She retires with 28 years of service in our region.

Terry Moffitt
Hired in 2004 as Speech/Language Therapist, Ms. Moffitt worked for the school district for nearly 15 years.

Diana O’Toole
Mrs. O’Toole has been ensuring the health and wellness of the district’s students since 2013, when she was hired as the Wellness Alliance Project Coordinator.

Amy Pack
Hired as a teacher at Miles for the 1990-91 school year, Mrs. Pack worked at Miles for 29 years.

Diane Rumer
Mrs. Rumer worked as a nurse in the school district beginning in August 2005.

Adam Hartke is forging a path in the Big Apple... for himself and for the transportation network that serves the 15.3 million people who call the New York City area home.

Since 2013, Adam has worked for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Bridges & Tunnels division – the largest tolling agency in the United States – where he spends his days designing ways to better move traffic and collect the tolls that fund mass transit.

Adam got his first taste of life in New York after graduating from Lloyd, when he moved from the suburbs of Northern Kentucky to the middle of the Bronx for college. The significant transition went even better than expected. Adam had always loved everything about cities, and it didn’t take long for New York to feel like home. But, upon graduating from Fordham University with a political science degree during the economic downturn in 2009, Adam returned home to Greater Cincinnati, not quite sure of his next step.

His return coincided with the beginnings of an urban renaissance, and he soon reunited with two of his teachers from Lloyd, Mr. Mac Cooley and Mr. Jerry Gels, who were developing a company to provide walking tours in several of the region's historic neighborhoods. It was while he was working as a guide for American Legacy Tours that it all clicked for Adam – he could deploy his passion for cities in a professional capacity – and so he did, beginning with a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati. He parlayed that degree into his current position, and today he’s immersed in projects ranging from working with navigation apps like Waze to improve traffic information to the roll-out of congestion pricing, which will charge drivers who enter into the most congested parts of Manhattan.

Both Adam’s work and his community involvement can be traced back to his roots in the Bluegrass. While at Lloyd, Adam served as the first student representative to the Board of Education, a role that is reflected in his position on a local community board that provides input to city agencies based on community feedback.

"A lot of great opportunities were presented to me in the school district,” Adam said. “I really tried to take advantage of them, and I guess they sort of set things in motion as to where I am today.”

Adam was married in Manhattan this past spring; he and his wife, Sarah, spend their time exploring the city. Bicycling is his bailiwick, and, ever engaged in his employer’s mission, Adam rides a bike at least one way to work each day.
Have some fun this fall in the City of Erlanger!

The Dixie Farmers Market
Thursdays through October 31
2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Erlanger Baptist Parking Lot

Citizens Police Academy
September 5–November 14
6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Erlanger Police Department

Free Yoga Mondays
September 9 • September 16
September 23 • September 30
6:00 p.m. | Flagship Park

Summer Sendoff
Saturday, September 19
2:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Silverlake Park

Art in the Park
Sunday, September 21
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Misty Creek Park

Take a Hike
Saturday, September 29
2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Doe Run Lake on Bullock Pen Road

Halloween Carnival & Movie
The Nightmare Before Christmas
Saturday, October 19
5:30 p.m. Carnival
7:00 p.m. Movie
Railroad Depot Park

Chelsea Ryann’s Festival of Hope
Sunday, October 20
2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Lloyd High School

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon
Tuesday, November 12
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | City Building

Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 1
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Railroad Depot Park

Holiday Train Display
Friday, December 6
1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
City Building
Saturday, December 7
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Building
Sunday, December 8
12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
City Building

What’s new in the City of Elsmere

Calling teen drivers!
The Elsmere Police Department is seeking teen drivers to participate in teenSMART, a program that focuses on crash reduction among teenagers by targeting the six leading causes that account for more than 90% of all car crashes. The program includes simulations and exercises that help new drivers anticipate dangerous situations, develop decision-making skills, become aware of their surroundings, and expect the unexpected. teenSMART graduates have 30% fewer crashes with less severe outcomes.

Participants must:
- Be an Elsmere resident
- Have a driver’s license or permit
- Have a parent/guardian willing to help with parent-teen driving activities

To participate in this free crash reduction course, contact the Elsmere Police Department at 859.342.7344, Option 3. Seating is limited, and the course will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Stop the Bleed kits to add layer of safety to Elsmere schools
Students in the City of Elsmere will be entering their classrooms with an added layer of safety this school year, thanks to Stop the Bleed kits provided by the Elsmere Fire District and Elsmere Professional Firefighters Union.

The kits follow the protocol identified by BleedingControl.org, a national program that aims to provide education, training, and supplies to treat massive bleeding from any cause, but particularly from an active shooter or explosive event. It operates under the premise that, as the general public learns and performs CPR, so should everyday citizens learn proper bleeding control techniques and have access to necessary materials. Years of research and review of past experiences indicate that more immediate aid for blood loss leads to lives being saved.

The Elsmere Fire District is generously installing a kit in and providing training for each classroom at Arnett and Howell elementaries and St. Henry School. When complete, the schools will be the first in Northern Kentucky to have such thorough access to these lifesaving materials.

“We’re really taking a proactive approach with these kits,” said Assistant Chief Robby Samuel. “If something were to happen in one of our schools, it will allow bystanders to do something to help and could even save a life. We hope to inspire other departments to follow our lead.”
Updates from the School Nutrition Department…

Everything you need to know for the 2019-2020 school year!

Celebrating birthdays
The School Nutrition Department is here to help your student celebrate their birthday with their classmates! In a continued effort to keep all of our students safe, all birthday snacks and treats must be purchased through the School Nutrition Department. Classmates then enjoy a treat in the cafeteria during their lunch period.

How to order birthday treats:
Families may purchase personalized birthday certificates with cash or check at least 48 hours before a birthday celebration in the school cafeteria. Three types of certificates are available for purchase: ice cream, bagged snack, or fresh-baked chocolate chip cookie. Orders must be paid by the day of the occasion to avoid cancellation or delay.

Coming soon: A non-food birthday treat bag option! Stay tuned!

Your child’s menu – at your fingertips!
Did you know you can access your child’s school menu from your smartphone? Meal Viewer To Go does just that – displaying the menu for the entire month for multiple schools. It also provides important allergy and nutrition information. Search for it in Google’s Play or Apple’s App Store.

Free meals for all students
All students in the Erlanger-Elsmere School District will continue to benefit from the Community Eligibility Provision program during the 2019-2020 school year. This program provides breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost, and also covers lunches needed for field trips.

In addition, all of the district’s students will continue to have the option of participating in the After-School Supper Program, available at each school from 3:00–3:30 p.m. Like breakfast and lunch, the dinner program is absolutely free.

Be on the lookout for more details during the first weeks of school!

Healthy lifestyle
The School Nutrition Department will continue to provide our students with whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and lower sodium options to help build healthy lifestyle habits. The department will highlight a fruit or vegetable each week, and students will be invited to try the new selection and learn how it benefits their bodies.

A very special thank you to Niceley’s Appliances for donating frisbees to be used as trays during our special outings!

LLOYD FOOTBALL

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2019-2020 Erlanger-Elsmere School Calendar

Please regularly review the dates on our district website at www.erlanger.kyschools.us as some dates are subject to change based on weather or other circumstances. The district will also notify families of changes.

Lloyd Memorial High School
All Class Reunion and Hall of Fame Ceremony
Hosted by the Lloyd Memorial High School Alumni Association
Sunday, September 22 | 1:00 p.m.
Lloyd Commons, Lloyd Memorial High School

Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For more information, please visit www.lloydalumni.org or contact Stacy Crowell Fisher, ’89 at stacyefisher@yahoo.com.
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our vision
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; we like to hear from you
Central Office ............. 859.727.2009
Lloyd Memorial High School . . 859.727.1555
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
Erlanger-Elsmere Preschool . 859.342.2427 or 859.727.2009

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Sarah Shackelford, Board Chair
John Christiansen • Robin Cooper • Tom Luken • Jeffrey Miller
The Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Central Office, 500 Graves Avenue, Erlanger.

central office administrators
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Chris Klosinski, Dir. of Special Education • Shawn Neace, Dir. of Pupil Personnel
Laura Deters, Chief Information Officer • Lisa Goetz, Finance Director
Matt Engel, Supervisor of Instruction • Donna Schulte, Preschool Director

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