Impact of the legislative session

State-level disinvestment in Kentucky’s most valuable resource – our students

State budget bills passed in this year’s legislative session, specifically House Bill (HB) 200 and HB 265, help keep schools open for our students – and we are thankful for that – but that is basically all they do. The Erlanger-Elsmere School District is doing all we can to continue the services we provide to our students. However, our district, like most other school districts across the state, will not be able to sustain against the increased disinvestment in our students should this trend continue with our legislature.

To manage for this next school year, we have eliminated positions in our school district and combined programs as much as possible. We are relieved to say that students and families will most likely not feel the impact of the cuts we have had to make this year. But if the trend of cutting education year after year continues with no new revenue, all students across our state will be negatively impacted for years to come. School districts will not be able to make these cuts year after year and expect that it will not impact our students.

HB 200 and HB 265 do not allow for new investments in the students of Kentucky. By approving these budget bills, the legislators and the governor substantially cut many school programs. And even though the per-pupil formula for funding (called SEEK) was increased by $19, the legislation cut the state funding for SEEK by more than $10 million, shifting the burden to local communities.

Other programs and resources cut by those in power in Frankfort include preschool, after-school tutoring (ESS), instructional materials such as textbooks, and professional development for teachers, just to name a few.

If we calculate for inflation, funding to meet Kentucky’s students’ academic and social-emotional needs is lower than that of 2008. Education is an investment in Kentucky and the future of our students. Our state must not continue to disinvest in our students. Kentucky must increase the education investments necessary to advance the progress and success of our students, beginning in early childhood through postsecondary education.

Kentucky’s students deserve high-quality teachers

The new state budget currently provides funding for the pension systems, which is critical for the state’s long-term financial stability. However, with the HB 151 requirement that new public school employees be placed in a hybrid retirement system, it will be more difficult to attract teachers to serve in Kentucky.

With all that has occurred we are very concerned that our best and brightest teachers will choose to teach in other states. Ninety percent of Kentucky’s children attend public schools. The children of our Commonwealth deserve the very best teachers and a world-class education. Kentucky’s children deserve nothing less.

Community and state impact

This legislative session was very concerning for our entire state. All public services, including public education, were at risk.

Bills that passed or were vetoed and overridden that were very important to school districts, communities, and all public employees were: HB 200 (the state budget bill); HB 265 (amendments to HB 200); HB 362 (phase-in provisions for CERS, which is the retirement system for school district classified employees, city employees, and county employees; and Senate Bill 151 (the wastewater bill that included pensions). HB 362 was needed for many cities, counties, and school districts. While HB 200 and HB 265 were not ideal, they were the best of imperfect options.

Why is this important?

High-quality public services that keep our communities safe and high-quality education for all children of Kentucky should be something all citizens and all elected officials want for our Commonwealth.

During the months and years ahead, we must all remember that our state constitution requires adequate and equitable educational state funding, so that our students can be successful in school and in life. A highly educated and skilled workforce helps promote the success of our entire state. We cannot have a highly educated and highly skilled workforce if our state continues to disinvest in our students from preschool through post-secondary education.

The Erlanger-Elsmere School District will continue to put our students first. We have worked really hard to ensure we are meeting their needs. Because of our prudence and thrift, we will be able to sustain our programs and services to our students through this state budget cycle over the next two years. Looking ahead as we maintain through this period, we are hopeful that the people of the Commonwealth will be heard, and that the next legislative session (and governor) will put the needs of our students first and find the revenue to invest in their future and the future of our entire state.

Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, Superintendent

Engage 
Spring 2018
Howell expansion nears completion

Construction is wrapping up on a 15,000-sq.-ft. expansion of Howell Elementary. A new three-story wing off the back of the school is scheduled for completion by early July so that the new spaces will be ready when students return in the fall.

The addition and renovation project adds 10 new learning spaces – eight traditional classrooms, an art classroom, and a music classroom – plus a guidance office and restrooms, and converts an existing area of the school to a computer classroom. The renovation also includes the addition of a sprinkler system to the entire school building to improve safety and bring the building up to current code standards.

Howell has experienced significant growth in recent years, prompting the expansion. The $5.2 million project is supported by bonds issued by the state for school construction projects.

Brooke Ramsey is a wonderful student who excels in the classroom. She is also an excellent athlete who exemplifies a strong work ethic and a love of learning and service to others.

For these qualities and more, Brooke was awarded the Student Leadership Award at the Northern Kentucky Education Council’s annual Excellence in Education celebration.

Brooke’s rigorous course load speaks to her incredible work ethic. She took mainly college classes during her senior year and, upon graduating from Lloyd, she will be three-fourths of the way through her first year of college – all while maintaining a 3.8 GPA!

Brooke has maintained academic excellence while being very involved in her school and her community, including student council, Junior Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. She is vice president of Lloyd’s Senior Class and has volunteered at numerous community events. She has assisted with elementary basketball camps and volunteered regularly at a local nursing home. Brooke was named “Most Versatile” by her fellow classmates because she wears so many hats.

“As Brooke has always been a model student whose kind spirit and compassion are evident in everything she does,” said Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, superintendent. “She is the type of person who desires to do her best. Her future is filled with hope and opportunity.”

What’s more, Brooke is a multitalented athlete who has served as a team leader in basketball, volleyball, and select soccer. She has received many recognitions in all three sports; Brooke’s coaches have nominated her for athletic honors including All-Tournament Teams, the Lady Juggernaut Basketball Award, and the Northern Kentucky Volleyball Association Division II Player of the Year.

Most importantly, Brooke is a kind person and a good friend.

“You can see so much about a person from the way they interact with their peers,” said Mrs. Jennifer Glass, Lloyd school counselor, who nominated Brooke for the award. “Brooke is always making people laugh, helping others in need, and just truly shining in everything she does. Brooke brings out the best in others, and I know she will continue to do so.”

Celebrating the CLASS OF 2018

As the school year draws to a close, we say congratulations and good luck to the members of the Senior Class who graduate from Lloyd Memorial High School this year, moving on to college or career.

Eighty members of the senior class impressively declared their intent to pursue higher education, career training or military service following graduation. See pages 8–9 for details on College Signing Day.

An especially meaningful component of this year’s ceremony is the presentation of the prestigious Lloyd Medal. The Medal is the school’s highest honor, and the recipient remains unknown until its presentation each year.

Check out the complete coverage of graduation, honors, and senior festivities in our August edition of Engage!
Students take the lead

It's not easy to talk about. But it can't be ignored. School shootings are all too often in the news and are a frequent topic of conversation in our nation's high schools. After a February 14 incident at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., took 17 lives, incredible student leaders began to speak up. They turned their grief into action, creating a movement — Never Again — that took the nation by storm.

Incredible students at Lloyd High School also took the lead. Seniors Tamera Gentry and Phillip Neidhardt and junior Morgan Mitchell each went to Principal Mike Key individually to express concerns and a desire to do something to be part of the #neveragain movement.

“Tamera said. “This is about all of us: our peers, ourselves, our teachers, our administrators. Everyone has a family to go home to. Everyone wants to be safe.”

Though the three weren’t in the same social circles before, Tamera, Phillip, and Morgan quickly found themselves working closely to plan a school-wide event as part of the National School Walkout, a 17-minute demonstration planned for March 14 — a month following the Stoneman Douglas tragedy.

More than 2,000 high schools nationwide committed to the movement. At Lloyd, students and school leaders struck a balance in their approach. Administrators let the students take the lead but were on hand to make sure the event was safe and engaging.

In just a few days, the trio rallied 23 student organizers to assist the effort, visited classrooms encompassing every student in the school, compiled talking points, solicited questions, and coordinated logistics with administrators and security personnel. They identified three key goals: to educate peers, to show support, and to build awareness.

“I've never been this passionate about something school-wise before,” Morgan said. “I didn't consider myself a leader before this, but I feel I can do it now. I won't tell myself I can't. Because I can. And I have. And I will.”

On the day of the event, student leaders led those peers — 252 students strong — in silence from the school cafeteria to their meeting place, Dietz Auditorium. The event then began with a five-minute period of silence in memory of lives lost. Throughout the 17 minutes, a bell rang every minute to mark one of the lives lost in Parkland.

“’I wanted to do something because I feel very strongly that things need to change,” Tamera said. “This is about all of us: our peers, ourselves, our teachers, our administrators. Everyone has a family to go home to. Everyone wants to be safe.”

While our safety protocols prevent us from sharing specific details about some of the measures we have in place, be assured that our school district is engaged in the latest conversations about student safety at the local, state, and national levels. We’re in constant consultation with local police and fire authorities to review our procedures and investigate new ideas. We tirelessly review best practices and consider how they can be employed in our schools.

Some specific things the district does to ensure student safety include:

- Comprehensive background checks for all employees
- Stringent visitor check-in policies in each school
- Secure doors at every building
- Annual safety training, including active-shooter drills
- School Resource Officers

Parents across our district send their children to our schools every day, and that's not a responsibility we take lightly. We are steadfastly committed to keeping them safe, whatever it takes.

Following the moments of silence, Phillip explained why they were gathered. Morgan talked about school safety. Tamera shared history about school shootings. From there, the floor was open for questions and comments. Students who weren’t comfortable speaking out had the opportunity to write things down. Committee members ran around with microphones to ensure every voice was heard.

“I think students were more engaged because it was a conversation,” Tamera said. “That really made the difference — that it was peers talking to peers. We had room to talk about our concerns and frustrations on our own.”

The student organizers and school administrators are committed to ensuring the issues surrounding the walk-in are not a “one-time thing.” The committees plan to meet regularly, engage with administrators, and continue to take steps in the right direction. “The morning after Parkland, Mr. Key came onto the announcements and said we were still safe at school,” Phillip explained. “That shouldn't have to be said. School should just be safe. We can start to change the world from where we are now. It starts here. One person at a time.”
College Signing Day
Celebrating seniors’ accomplishments and future endeavors

This year, 80 graduating seniors fulfilled the requirements for Signing Day – a new record for the extraordinary event.

To participate in College Signing Day, Lloyd seniors are required to complete five steps, each of which are essential to ensuring students accomplish the necessary requirements to enroll in college:

1. Attend senior seminar.
2. Attempt the ACT at least twice.
3. Visit at least one college campus.
4. Complete the FAFSA.
5. Be accepted to at least one college.

Under the excellent leadership of counselors Mrs. Jennifer Glass and Mrs. Jennifer Bird, Lloyd’s faculty and staff guide students every step of the way and help to demystify the college application experience – an important assist, considering 75% of signees are first-generation college students.

The whole student body was gathered in the gym to be part of the festivities, along with family members and college representatives. Erlanger Mayor Tyson Hermes kicked things off as the event’s honorary guest speaker. Then, students were introduced and presented with a t-shirt representing their college choice, which in some instances were presented by a representative of their chosen college.

Many high schools hold “Signing Day” festivities when athletes declare their college choice … at Lloyd Memorial High School, any member of the senior class can be part of the signing celebration.

College Signing Day, now in its fourth year, is a ceremonial event during which Lloyd seniors who have fulfilled a list of prescribed requirements publicly declare their college choice and celebrate with friends, family members, teachers, and classmates.

This year, 80 seniors signed with technical or community colleges.

59 seniors signed with four-year colleges or universities.

75% of signees are first-generation college students.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to the 2018 College Signing Day participants!

Apprenticeship
Ian Privett
Cincinnati State
TayZirah Toran
Eastern Kentucky University
Will Amburgey
Abigail Herald
Shawn Phillips
Ellie Robinson
Aelysia Shaw
Sean Wehrle
Carson Worley
Melanie Zumba
Gateway Community & Technical College
Paola Correa
Daembrion Cullins
Jamorrow Dawson
Derrick Highsmith Jr.
Brittany Howard
Zach Jones
Logan Jouett
Kat Kincer
Mason Martin
Andrew Peters
Hannah Puckett
Austin Reisenbeck
Owen Shelley
Skyler Vornberger
Morehead State University
Deja Bradley
Lindsey Webster
New York University
Julit Fall
Northern Kentucky University
Sierra Allen
Ashley Amazendes
Paige Bailey
Quenton Bose
Ashleigh Centers
Ethan Dickens
Azelin Gutierrez
Amber Haley
Alexa Herrmann
Sienna Housley
Jamal Neal
Phillip Neidhardt
Luis Oshon
Ashley Overstreet
Dianna Ross
Marissa Sassin
Maycee Searp
Mohamed Sidi Javar
Jacob Soult
Jordan Soult
Trent Tolliver
Addison Viox
Jerik Ward
School of Advertising Art
Kelly Tanner
Thomas More College
Emily Burghem
Kamren Crim
Anthony Deras
Kevin Deras
Sami Fancote
Jordan Fann
Emily Murphy
Alexis Partin
Brooke Ramsey
Daetria Rice
Annabell Scalf
Daphne Schauf
Brittany Williams
Jordan Yates
University of Cincinnati
Lillian Maldonado
University of Kentucky
Janki Patel
Omar Yero
Ehren York
University of Louisville
Leo Andress
Hailey Burk
Seth Christiansen
Chase Luken
Jessica Selm
U.S. Marine Corps
Jaydin Davis
Manuel Vinanzaza
Mason Watkins
U.S. National Guard
Tamera Gentry
Western Kentucky University
Jazmin Johnson
Evan Molitor
Preschool programs earn highest possible rating

The Early Learning Center at Lloyd High School and EES Preschool at Arnett have recently earned a STARS Level 5 rating, the highest possible rating under the new Kentucky All STARS Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System. Receiving the highest rating requires meeting standards of excellence in: classroom and instructional quality, family and community engagement, staff qualifications, leadership practice, and professional learning. Kentucky All STARS is Kentucky’s expanded five-star quality rating system serving all child care centers, Head Start programs, and public preschools that receive public funding. All STARS recognizes programs that have made a commitment to continuous quality improvement.

We are so proud!

Erlanger-Elsmere Early Learning Center at Lloyd
Space currently available in nationally accredited program

The Erlanger-Elsmere Early Learning Center is eager to greet your child! The center currently has availability in the following classrooms:
• 2-year-old classroom
• Pre-K classroom

The Erlanger-Elsmere Early Learning Center accepts state funding (CCAP) and charges no additional fees above the state co-pay. Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided daily. The center operates a 5-STAR, nationally accredited program available year-round, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Ms. Christin Smith, Director, 859.261.2181, csmith@childreninc.org

Tichenor students win award for sharing “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?”

Tichenor Middle School students Nicholas Deitsch, Patrina Mwamba, Melanie Ramirez, and Keller Wick were recently awarded a trophy for producing the video with the Most Outstanding Educational Value for Dream It Do It’s, “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?” video contest.

The contest is designed to improve the image of manufacturing as a career choice and to recruit more young people to vocational and technical schools that feed talent to the manufacturing industry. Teams of students are provided with video equipment and instructional materials and matched with local manufacturers. Each team has four months to create a short video profile of its partner company to answer the question, “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?” Entries are judged by an expert panel and public vote.

Tichenor – one of 15 schools participating from the Greater Cincinnati region – was paired with Celanese, a manufacturing company that makes plastic polymers. Students toured Celanese, interviewed employees from a variety of departments, and created a video profile about the business, career opportunities, and the fun fact that the average person encounters 120 Celanese polymer-based products every single day!

“Our students made so many real-world connections, and all of them said that they would now consider working in the manufacturing field,” said Mrs. Jennifer Dean, who coached Tichenor’s team. “The students were thrilled to receive recognition for their hard work!”
A focus on mindfulness

Miles pilots The Character Effect™

Take a few moments to feel how peaceful it is on this sunny morning.

Breathe through your nose like you are smelling a mug of hot chocolate.

Exhale through your mouth like you’re blowing off the steam.

Imagine a big fluffy cloud floating above you. See it come down gently beside you.

This spring, Miles Elementary was part of a pilot for The Character Effect™, a program that aims to improve a student’s self-control, increase his or her classroom participation, cultivate an atmosphere of respect for others, and boost self-acceptance.

Two teachers – Mrs. Tiffany Gildea (first grade) and Dr. Kim Asbrock (fifth grade) – along with Miles’ leadership team, met regularly with experts from Beech Acres Parenting Center and Children, Inc., who developed the program, for professional development and coaching. Mrs. Gildea and Dr. Asbrock then implemented strategies in their classrooms.

From The Character Effect toolkit, the teachers worked to organically implement various lessons for their students. By practicing strength spotting, students and teachers focus on the strengths they see in story characters, historical figures, and one another. Mindfulness is employed when students are encouraged to stop, take a breath, observe what is happening in their body and environment, and then proceed with their day.

Miles also progressed to a simple school-wide focus by hosting “Mindful Thursday.” Mrs. Katie Pilgram, school counselor, led the school in a mindfulness exercise during morning announcements.

“Classroom discussions have gone deeper and become richer,” Mrs. Pilgram said. “Many students are now able to verbalize to their teacher when they think they may need a to take a mindfulness break.”

At the core of The Character Effect is providing tools so schools can collectively develop a “growth mindset.” Studies have shown that students who embrace growth mindsets – the belief that they can learn more or become smarter if they work hard and persevere – may learn more, learn it more quickly, and view challenges and failures as opportunities to improve.

“We are excited to be a part of this pilot program and to see how the implementation positively benefits our students,” said Mr. Josh Jackson, principal at Miles Elementary.

What is a growth mindset?

A growth mindset promotes the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through hard work, good strategies, and a focus on effort.

Kids in the Capitol

Fifth-graders from Howell Elementary enjoyed an extended-day field trip learning about the place they call home when they traveled to Frankfort.

The trip included opportunities to visit a number of historic sites to learn about Kentucky and its rich history, including the Capitol Building and the Governor’s Mansion.

A stop at the old Capitol Building included more than a tour … students participated in a hands-on recreation of the law-making process, in the actual seats of the commonwealth’s former legislators! Other engaging stops included the Kentucky Historical Society, complete with interactive history exhibits, and the Salato Wildlife Education Center, where students observed and interacted with a variety of animals found throughout the state.

Lindeman Live!

features talented students and staff

Lindeman students had their talents on display during the school’s Lindeman Live! talent show. A highlight of the spring calendar at Lindeman for well over a decade, Lindeman Live! featured diverse acts, ranging from jokes and comedy to singing and dancing, piano playing, and beat boxing.

The event just provided proof for what Principal Angie Gabbard already knew…”Lindeman is full of amazing students and staff members!”

Did you miss it? No worries! The show is airing on cable – check local listings.

Arnett and Howell celebrate the arts

The end of the school year is a wonderful time to showcase student accomplishments in the arts. Arnett Elementary celebrated its annual Evening of the Arts event, including visual art, dance performances, and even a choral production. And Howellapalooza was a true extravaganza, highlighting a wide variety of student arts endeavors in Dietz Auditorium.

“Every student in every fine arts area throughout the school was represented,” said Mr. George Canfield, art teacher for both schools. “Students were able to exhibit their talents and showcase their work throughout the year to their friends and family.”
Healthy and strong!
Our whole-child approach

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools embrace a “whole-child” approach to learning. Beyond providing what students need in the classroom, the district is committed to offering everything children need to reduce barriers to learning. Top among these are health and nutrition, key ingredients for academic success.

HEALTH & DENTAL
Erlanger-Elsmere Schools and HealthPoint (a private, nonprofit, medical and dental practice) partner to offer school-based health and dental services to the district’s students. The clinics help minimize the impact student health and dental issues have on learning, and also provide a convenient care option for students and their families.

A nurse practitioner provided by HealthPoint Family Care staffs the medical clinic, and the services provided are similar to those you’d find at a pediatrician’s office – school physicals, sick visits, immunizations, simple lab tests, mental health referrals, and education on chronic illnesses.

The dental clinic is staffed with a dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant. Initial visits usually consist of a standard dental exam and often result in a treatment plan. Fillings, extractions, and other dental treatments are all completed on site.

Any student from any school in the district (or an under-school-aged sibling) is eligible for services. Students can be referred by a teacher, parent, or themselves. Parents complete a permission form prior to visits and are always contacted before any services are provided. Parents are welcome, but not required to be present.

The district and HealthPoint work hard to ensure these services are affordable for everyone. Contact the School-Based Health Center with any questions on fees that might occur for visits.

FOOD & NUTRITION
For children to learn and grow properly, a consistent diet of healthy food is essential. Erlanger-Elsmere School District is pleased to offer three nutritious meals every weekday at each of our schools. Meals feature an entrée, fruit or vegetable, and milk, and are offered completely free of charge to all of the district’s students. No free/reduced applications are required to receive the free meals.

Even during the summer, the cafeterias in the district’s schools are up and running. And the Erlanger-Elsmere Food Service Department even supplies food to other areas where children congregate.

Check out page 21 for a complete schedule of summer meal options!

Continually improving ...
Next month, food service staff district wide will participate in two days of hands-on culinary training, Healthy Cuisine for Kids, to improve the meals served next school year. The program is presented by the Institute of Child Nutrition.

Does your family need a little help securing food?
Please contact your child’s school

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Mrs. Tracy Molley
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Miles Elementary
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Tichenor Middle School
Mrs. Karen Hughes
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karen.hughes@erlanger.kyschools.us

Lloyd High School
Mrs. Maryann Moore
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maryann.moore@erlanger.kyschools.us

“We are continually making changes to improve the meals served to our students,” said Mrs. Jan Kushniroff, director of food services. “We serve more fruits and vegetables to try to improve student acceptance and enjoyment. We’re using more and more fresh fruits and veggies instead of canned. Our mission is to serve every student something they like and for them to enjoy what they eat in our cafeterias!”

Beyond the cafeteria ...
In addition to meals during the school day (and in the evening) many of the district’s students are eligible to bring home “Power Packs” of food for the weekend or school breaks, courtesy of the Freestore Foodbank.

The Freestore Foodbank also helps stock a food pantry at Tichenor Middle School for the district’s students and their families. The pantry is open for shopping on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Tichenor Youth Service Center.
What match is more natural than children and the library?

That’s exactly how the librarians at Kenton County Library and the educators at Erlanger-Elsmere Schools feel. The two entities — whose missions are so seamlessly aligned — collaborate regularly to support students in their pursuit of learning.

“We have the same basic goals: to make sure that children are learning as much as they possibly can and that they have the best chance at a great future,” said Ms. Lise Tewes, children’s services coordinator at the library’s Erlanger branch. “Education and reading are so intertwined that it makes perfect sense to partner together.”

The ways the library partners with the schools in the Erlanger-Elsmere district are almost too numerous to name. And the impact is certainly too significant to measure.

CLASSROOM VISITS
The library maintains pre-planned “programs on demand,” and teachers may also request programs on specific topics to dovetail with classroom activities. At the middle and high school levels, librarians visit classrooms to go over databases and research resources the library offers.

ME & MY SCHOOL
Librarians have been part of the “Me & My School” summer program for incoming kindergartners since its beginning, visiting weekly for special programs and library education.

KINDERGARTEN PACKS
Kindergartners across the county receive a welcome pack from the library, which includes information and a book to make sure families know about the variety of resources available ... and where to get more books!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING
Representatives from the library have been a staple at Tichenor since the school’s Boys and Girls Club afterschool program began. This spring, they guided students through the building of a LEGO robot. The library also contributes to afterschool activities at Howell and Arnett elementary schools.

SCHOOL STORY TIME
Every Friday afternoon, a librarian visits one of the school cafeterias to read to the kids participating in the district’s supper program, adding an academic component to nourish both bodies and minds!

SUMMER LUNCH
Library representatives visit schools during summer meal times with circulating books and reading program signups. The Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library is also a summer lunch location, serving about 1,000 lunches each month.

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
Ms. LeAnn Long, teen services librarian, works behind the scenes to help at Tichenor and Lloyd. She visits English Department meetings to discuss new popular books, and even helps advise district librarians on choosing titles based on library circulation statistics.

“I enjoy working with the wonderful staff who use and promote our services to benefit their students,” Ms. Long said. “Their inclusion of the library in programs and events allows us to use our resources to our fullest extent and gives them additional support.”

TICHENOR NIGHT
The library and Tichenor Middle School co-sponsor “Tichenor Night,” inviting students to the library for games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt to show what the library has to offer.

SPECTACULAR SCHOOL PROGRAMMING
The library secures an incredible amount of grant funding to offer amazing programs in the schools. In the past few years, Ms. Theresa Goedde, children’s librarian, has received grant funding from the Charles H. Dater Foundation to feature extraordinary programs, including a penguin encounter, the Frisch Marionettes, and sharks!

“These programs give opportunities to children who might not get out to the zoo or the aquarium, or to see a play in Cincinnati,” Ms. Goedde said. “They enjoy a science or arts experience right at school.”

Ms. Goedde also works with teachers on an individual basis to write and submit Learning Links grants from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to promote literacy. These grants for up to $1,000 are awarded to teachers to provide special classroom activities, supplies, or programs.

At the library...
The Kenton County Public Library is a phenomenal resource … not only for the children in Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, but also for every member of the community! Go to the library and be amazed by all it has to offer!

• Books, music, CDs, DVDs, and video games for checkout
• Special collection items for checkout, such as telescopes, magnetic tiles, and more
• Preschool and children’s toys
• A new STREAM center to promote science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math
• iPads with age-appropriate learning apps
• 10 black-and-white pages of printing per day – free of charge!
• Computers equipped with Internet access and Microsoft Office
• Programming and events for children of all ages... and adults, too!
Lloyd celebrates its exceptional athletes

This spring, Mayor Tyson Hermes declared Addison Viox and Jordan Yates Day in the City of Erlanger, recognizing the young ladies for their transformational leadership within the Lady Juggernaut Basketball Program and for being tremendous student-athletes at Lloyd.

Through hard work and determination, these seniors changed the program’s reputation by compiling a 67-50 record for their four-year careers, including a 20-10 record this year, the second-best in school history. They are the first-ever girls to graduate from Lloyd High School with a winning record, which included three winning seasons in a row.

On top of their basketball accomplishments, Addison and Jordan are excellent students, both carrying over a 3.0 GPA and taking multiple AP and college-level courses.

Athletic signings

Jordan Fann and Kamren Crim signed to continue their academic and athletic careers, committing to play football at Thomas More College.

Boys bowling goes to state

The Lloyd Boys Bowling Team had an incredible 2017–2018 season, qualifying for the state championship. The team received a rousing sendoff from the Lloyd Marching Band as they traveled to Louisville as the regional runner-up and #16 seed. They fell to #1 seed West Jessamine in the first round.

Grace Herrmann selected as Governor’s Scholar

Governor’s Scholars are drawn from across Kentucky and represent the diversity of the Commonwealth. The selection process for the program is highly competitive, with an application similar to that of prestigious colleges and universities. Grace’s academic achievements certainly qualify her for the honor – she is a member of both Lloyd’s Academic Team and the National Honor Society.

But her accomplishments go beyond the classroom – in fact, they go around the world! As a member of the Duke TIP program, Grace went on a two-week summer trip to Costa Rica with a group of other teens to learn and explore. The year before, she was one of four Kentucky teenagers awarded a prestigious Youth for Understanding USA scholarship and spent the summer studying in Japan. Participation in the school Energy Team, Regional Youth Leadership, and the Boone County Public Library’s book club, along with volunteer activities with the Boys & Girls Club and her church, round out Grace’s impressive resume.

Students selected as Governor’s Scholars attend the program (held this year at Morehead State University, Murray State University, and Northern Kentucky University) without charge. Scholars have the rare opportunity to experience college life, attending classes on a daily basis while expanding their horizons by forming close relationships with their peers from all 120 counties in the Commonwealth. Because of the rigorous application process and educational purpose, all students successfully completing the program have access to a plethora of scholarships from many Kentucky colleges simply due to their involvement in the program.

Grace has spent her academic career in Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, attending Lindeman, Miles, Tichenor, and Lloyd. Her sister, Alex, is a 7th grader at Tichenor, and her brother, Chris, is in the 4th grade at Miles. Her very proud parents are Carrie and Tim Hermann of Erlanger.
Summer in the Schools

Me and My School

Transitional summer programs for incoming kindergartners

To help our new kindergartner students prepare for the 2018-2019 school year, we offer summer programs for incoming kindergartners at each of the district’s elementary schools. This kindergarten readiness initiative is sponsored in part by a grant from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

Contact your school’s “Me and My School” coordinator for details:

- **Lindeman Elementary**
  - June 19 – July 19, 8:30 a.m. – 100 p.m., Tue. – Thu.
  - Krista Wainscott • 859.727.1188

- **Miles Elementary**
  - July 9 – Aug. 1, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mon. – Wed.
  - Tiffany Gruen • 859.727.2231

- **Arnett Elementary**
  - July 9 – Aug. 2, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mon. – Fri.
  - Loretta Simpson • 859.727.1489

- **Howell Elementary**
  - July 9 – Aug. 1, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mon. – Thu.
  - Jacki Alexander • 859.727.1108

Summer Tutoring & Enrichment Programs

Extended School Services’ summer tutoring program will be offered at each of the district’s schools. Please reach out to the contacts listed below for details.

- **Howell Elementary**
  - June 18 – July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - Dale Logue • 859.727.1108

- **Tichenor Middle School**
  - June 4 – 22
  - Mac Cooley • 859.727.2255

Programs, dates, and times to be determined at:

- **Arnett Elementary**
  - Amanda New • 859.727.1488

- **Lindeman Elementary**
  - Skye McMahan • 859.727.1188

- **Miles Elementary**
  - Josh Jackson • 859.727.2231

- **Lloyd Memorial High School**
  - Sandi Morris • 859.727.1555

21st Century Community Learning Centers

21st Century Community Learning Center programs will be held at Arnett, Howell, Lindeman, and Miles Elementary Schools by invitation only.

Programs run for free from June 18 – July 20. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Field trips included! A limited number of spots are available.

For families in need of before and after care, a pre/post camp option is offered from 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for $50/week. State childcare assistance accepted.

2018 YMCA Day Camp at Arnett

The YMCA Day Camp is a full-day program, running daily from June 4 – Aug. 10, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., for children ages 5 to 14. Breakfast and lunch provided. Field trips weekly! All included in the price.

- **Part-time weekly fee:** $105
- **Full-time weekly fee:** $145

State childcare assistance is accepted for any fees associated with YMCA summer camp programming.

Contact Rebecca Nooe • 859.334.650
rooe@cincincinnatymca.org

Activities at Tichenor

- **Boys & Girls Club** – Fun field trips, community involvement, computer animation, art, fitness activities, and much more will be offered at the Boys & Girls Club summer camp at Tichenor Middle School.
  - **Dates:** June 4 – July 5
  - **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - **Cost:** Free, but space is limited

Contact Kristyn Disibio • 859.628.5966

- **Camp Tichenor** – A day for welcoming new 6th grade students to Tichenor Middle School.
  - Tuesday, Aug. 7 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

6th Grade Parent Mixer – Meet other 6th grade parents.
  - Tuesday, Aug. 7 • 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Summer Meal Program

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools Food Service will once again offer a free summer meal program to any child 1-18 years old. The child does not need to be a student of the district, and there are no income requirements. Parents and guardians are welcome, too. Adult meals are available at a minimal cost. All food must be consumed in the school’s cafeteria.

Meals will be provided for summer program/activity participants at:

- **Howell, Lindeman, and Miles Elementary Schools**
  - June 18 – July 20
  - Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

- **Lloyd High School**
  - May 31 – Aug. 10
  - Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- **Kenton County Library, Erlanger Branch**
  - June 4 – July 27
  - Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- **Rainbow Park Petting Zoo**
  - June 28
  - Supper: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- **Touch A Truck @ Lloyd High School**
  - June 7
  - Supper: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Made possible in part by support from The Kentucky Association of Food Banks and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

Football Camp at Lloyd Memorial High School

For children entering grades 2-8
- **Dates:** June 11 – 13
- **Time:** 8:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** $25

Contact Eric Turner • 859.957.5408

Youth Volleyball Camp at Lloyd High School

For girls entering grades 3-8; all skill levels
- **Dates:** June 11 - 13
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- **Cost:** $30 (includes t-shirt)

Contact Heather Pfalz • 859.240.0535
pfalzfamily@outlook.com

Lloyd Youth Volleyball Clinics

For girls in grades 3-8
- **Dates:** 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** $15/clinic or 6 for $50

Contact Heather Pfalz • 859.240.0535
pfalzfamily@outlook.com

Future Juggernaut and Lady Juggernaut Basketball Camp

For boys and girls entering grades 2-8
- **Dates:** June 4 – 7
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **Cost:** $40

Contact Tyler Teke • 513.706.1285

Community Block Party!

Friday, Sept. 14
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In front of Lloyd and Tichenor

Fun, food, friends ... and more! 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 and programs, and more. The event will include an entire area devoted to Early Childhood Programs.

Interested in reserving a table for the event? Please email: maryann.moore@erlanger.kyschools.us

All Erlanger and Elsmere residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!
In the summertime ...

Plan to take part in the summer fun offered by THE CITY OF ERLANGER!

**Depot Days**
Tuesdays & Thursdays
June 5 – July 26
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Railroad Depot Park

**Touch A Truck**
Thursday, June 7
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Lloyd High School Parking Lot

**Movie Night**
Saturday, June 23
Saturday, August 4
9:00 p.m.
Railroad Depot Park

**Honey Hill Petting Zoo**
Thursday, June 28
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Rainbow Park

**Cincinnati Circus**
Thursday, July 5
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Railroad Depot Park

**Ponies in the Park**
Thursday, July 26
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Silverlake Park

**The Grateful Dads Concert**
Thursday, August 9
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Flagship Park

**Madcap Puppets**
Thursday, July 19
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Railroad Depot Park

**Shakespeare in the Park**
Thursday, August 23
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Flagship Park

**Swim Day!**
Splish, splash... it’s time to cool off!
Join in the fun at the City of Elsmere’s swim day at Florence Water Park.

**Thursday, July 26**
Tentative date
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
A limited number of free tickets will be made available to Elsmere residents on Monday, July 16, at 8:00 a.m. at the Elsmere City Building. Must show proof of residence. Each family limited to 2 adult and 4 child tickets.

**Police/Fire/Public Works Night**
**Wednesday, June 20**
6:00 p.m. | St. Henry Church
Come out for hot dogs and chips, and meet our public servants! Touch all of the cool trucks and cars and learn about how they help keep our community safe.

**Summer Movie Nights**
**Friday, June 8**
Paddington 2
**Friday, July 13**
Peter Rabbit
**Friday, August 10**
Spark
All movies will begin at 9:00 p.m. at New Park on Garvey Avenue. Popcorn and drinks are provided ... just bring your blanket or chair!

**Mr. Cowpie**
**Thursday, Sept. 13**
6:00 p.m. | Woodside Park
Feed the chickens, rabbits, and turtles while enjoying some awesome, fun-filled singing from Mr. Cowpie.

**Sir Pat-Trick**
**Thursday, Aug. 16**
6:00 p.m. | Rosella Porterfield Park
Come be amazed at an interactive magic show!

Events, dates, times, and locations are all subject to change.

Check our Facebook page for the latest information at facebook.com/erlangerkygov.

- twitter.com/erlangerkygov
- youtube.com/cityoferlanger

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Parks and Recreation Programs Summer 2018

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All events are free for Elsmere residents and guests! For park locations, visit www.cityofelsmere.com.
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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.

we like to hear from you!
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Bartlett Educational Center ... .859.342.2460
Erlanger-Elsmere Preschool ....859.342.2427 or 859.727.2009

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