

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools

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Ten great and innovative things you might not know about Erlanger-Elsmere Schools

The Erlanger-Elsmere School District embraces our mission of educating and nurturing students in partnership with their families and their community. Our children, our students become our responsibility as soon as they enter our schools.

In the past few years, we have begun to accept that responsibility of partnership in educating children of all ages, one through twenty-one. We have also become extremely innovative in how we provide high-quality, personalized instruction and services to students based on their individual needs. What the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools do today to help our students succeed in school and in life is quite different from the traditional education many of us experienced.

In order to equip our students to become **college and career ready** and achieve their hopes and dreams, our school district provides many **unique services, programs, and resources** to our students. *If you visit our schools today, you may be surprised at all of the things that are happening!*

- 1 The optimum size of our schools allows us to often have more **manageable class sizes, build positive relationships** with our students and families, and provide much more **individualized instruction** that builds on the **talents, interests, hopes and dreams** of our students.
- 2 We provide **numerous accelerated opportunities for learning** at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. We provide **dual college credit, Advanced Placement courses, and career exploration and awareness resources and programs, and gifted and talented services**. Students have the opportunity to leave high school with up to thirty-eight hours of college credit at little to no cost to their parents.
- 3 **Extra-curricular programs and the arts** are all important to **our students** and we work to ensure our schools have programs that will be of interest in the areas of visual and performing arts as well sports, clubs, band, chorus, drums, art club, language clubs, and other clubs.
- 4 **Partnerships really, really matter** to our school district because they can help all children in the community. Our community believes so much in what we are trying to do to support early childhood that numerous partners and citizens cast **1.8 million votes** in order to receive a national State Farm grant that will now benefit all preschoolers in all of the early learning programs and centers in Erlanger and Elsmere!
- 5 Our schools provide **after school programs** and **summer programs** at all levels, five of which are funded by Twenty-First Century Grants. These **after school** and **summer**

Excellent, indeed!

Our school district was pleased and honored to have three people receive awards at the 2017 Excellence in Education Dinner.

Isabel Harrison, a senior at Lloyd, received an Academic All Star Award. Mr. John Riehemann, retiring Lloyd principal, was honored as the 2017 AD Albright Outstanding Administrator; and Ms. Michelle Willoughby, teacher at Lindeman Elementary, received a Golden Apple Award. We are so fortunate each of them is a part of Erlanger-Elsmere Schools!



Isabel Harrison and Mr. Riehemann



Ms. Michelle Willoughby



Mr. John Riehemann

programs provide hands-on learning opportunities aligned with daily instruction. Students participate in community service, technology programs, team-building activities, physical activities, science, mathematics and reading. These programs – which **childhood development and workforce development depend on** – allow our community's parents to go to work and trust that their children are safe, learning, and engaged in their community. Students continue to learn and have fun after school and in the summer!

- 6 **Teachers, staff members, and volunteers** in all of our schools donate their **personal time** and their **personal resources** to assist students in need, tutor them, and provide many wonderful programs to them.
- 7 If **students are experiencing barriers** to their learning, we find **resources** and build partnerships to assist them. Such resources might include **academic support**, a visit to our **health clinic** for a medical concern, a visit to our **dental clinic** for a toothache, or a visit to a **counselor** to discuss something that might be bothering them.
- 8 The circumstances of all of our lives **can change in an instant** and a crisis or unexpected event always affects the children and often the entire family. Our **family resource/youth service center programs** and our **families in transition programs** are able to assist our students and our families when those unexpected events occur.
- 9 Our **staff members, teachers, and school administrators** begin their day **long before the school day begins**, end their day **long after 3:00 p.m.** and are often at our schools and school events on weekends because they care.
- 10 **We love our students and believe it is our job to try do all we can to help them achieve their hopes and dreams in school and in life!**

The Erlanger-Elsmere School District strives to do whatever it takes to help our students achieve success. We are very proud to serve our students, families, and the community!

Kathryn Burkhardt
Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, Superintendent

Elsmere Head Start achieves 5 STARS!

The Elsmere Head Start center has received an impressive 5 STAR rating under Kentucky's STARS FOR KIDS NOW program, the expanded quality rating and improvement system for all publicly funded early care and education programs.

The levels ensure smaller child-to-staff ratios, higher training credentials for staff, increased family engagement, quality in curriculum, and more. Elsmere Head Start is the first center in Erlanger and Elsmere to receive this rating.

Elsmere Head Start provides comprehensive education services to 55 preschool children from low-income families in Erlanger and Elsmere, including Head Start, Early Head Start, and wraparound childcare services.

To ask about enrolling your child in Elsmere Head Start, contact Rebecca Dececco at 859.640.3855 or rdececco@nkcac.org.



Leading Lloyd

Mr. Mike Key named incoming principal of Lloyd Memorial High School

A familiar face will occupy the principal's office at Lloyd Memorial High School to begin the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Mike Key has been named to succeed Mr. John Riehemann, who will retire from his role as Lloyd's principal on June 30.

Mr. Key has been a leader at Lloyd since 2006, when he moved to Northern Kentucky to teach social studies and coach the boys' basketball team. In 2009, he took over as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, fulfilling a variety of administrative duties while continuing as the head coach of the boys' basketball team.

"I'm very excited about the things we do for kids here at Lloyd," Mr. Key said. "I'm very invested and I'm grateful and honored to have been selected to keep things moving forward."

The search for a new assistant principal and athletic director to fill Mr. Key's spot is currently underway.

Mr. Key has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Master of Arts in Education Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. His certifications include: Kentucky Teaching Certificate, Rank I; High School Education: Social Studies; Kentucky Principals Certification K-12; and National Board Teaching Certification. He has shown great leadership in his role as Athletic Director, being an active participant of the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference since 2009 and serving as the 34th District Representative to the 9th Region Policy Board since 2012. He has also served on the Board of the Kentucky High School Athletic Director's Association.

Mr. Key lives in Union, Ky., with his wife Stephanie and their four children. His two oldest sons attend schools in the Erlanger-Elsmere district; one son will start next year as a sophomore at Lloyd and the other as an eighth grader at Tichenor.



Mr. Key's leadership will mark the beginning of a new era for Lloyd. Mr. Riehemann has been a fixture in the district and has overseen many transformational changes since returning to his alma mater in a leadership capacity in 1996.

Read more about Mr. Riehemann in the Alumni Spotlight on Page 19.

Celebrating the Class of 2017

As the year draws to a close, we say congratulations and good luck to the nearly 130 members of the Senior Class who will graduate from Lloyd Memorial High School this year, moving on to college or career.

An especially meaningful component of this year's ceremony will be 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.



Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday May 23, 2017 • 8:00 p.m. • Scheben Gymnasium

Ticket holders only in the gym; simulcast in cafeteria for overflow guests.

Check out the complete coverage of graduation, honors & senior festivities in our August edition of Engage!

Mr. Sweasy logging off

Mr. Bryan Sweasy, who has served as the district's Chief Information Officer for the past 12 years, will retire in July after spending his entire career with Erlanger-Elsmere Schools.

Mr. Sweasy has filled many roles during his 27 years with the district. He came to Lloyd High School fresh out of college after receiving a bachelor's degree in English from Kentucky State University, and that's the subject he taught when he arrived at Lloyd. That first year of teaching English led to 14 years in the classroom, during which he taught grades eight through 12 at all levels. During that time, he continued his own education, and dedicated himself to excellence in his craft. In 1995, he received a Master of Arts in Education from Northern Kentucky University, and in 1999, he achieved recognition as a National Board Certified Teacher, AYA/ELA and received his Rank 1 Education Certification.

An interest in technology led his career down another path as the district's needs rapidly evolved. In 1997, he designed the district's first website and is the only webmaster the district has ever had. He became Lloyd's Technology Coordinator in 2000, which naturally led to his role as Chief Information Officer and District Technology Coordinator, which he has held since 2004. He has dedicated himself wholeheartedly to this role and has been a prolific presenter on school technology topics and an active collaborator in the region and the state.

Knowing this would be his last year before retirement, he asked to teach a single English class so he could be in the classroom one more time.

"As I looked back at my career, the fondest memories I had were the times I spent in the classroom getting to know students, watching them grow as users of the English language and as people, sharing successes and laughs with them."



Best wishes to all 2016/2017 retirees!

- **Kathy Behne**, Teacher at Lindeman Elementary
- **Ophelia Bigford**, Instructional Assistant – Bilingual, Lindeman
- **Pamela Boyle**, Guidance Counselor, Howell
- **Helen Brandenburg**, Food Service Manager, Lloyd
- **Nancy Breidenich**, Elementary/District
- **Kimberly Cardwell**, Instructional Assistant
- **Lyddia Casey**, Cook/Baker
- **Regina Danks**, Instructional Coach, Miles
- **Margaret Daugherty**, Administrative Secretary, Central Office
- **Jeanine Goetz**, Account Clerk, Central Office
- **Charlene Guenther**, Cook/Baker, Arnett
- **Peggy Hermes**, Instructional Assistant, Miles
- **Judith Horgan**, Science Teacher, Tichenor
- **Linda Horn**, Clerical Assistant, Tichenor
- **Regina Pelfrey**, Instructional Coach, Arnett
- **John Riehemann**, Principal, Lloyd — *Read more about Mr. Riehemann on Pg. 9*
- **Vickie Rowland**, Teacher at Arnett Elementary
- **Bryan Sweasy**, Chief Information Officer, Central Office
- **Arlene Truitt**, Teacher, Howell
- **George Webster**, Lead Custodian, Howell
- **Linda Wiles**, Culinary Chef

Your vote mattered!

Strong community support secures grant to build language skills

In just 10 days, 72,000 people cast 1.8 million votes. And many of them were from you... the students, parents, and supporters of Erlanger-Elsmere Schools.

As a result, the district is one of 40 projects in 25 states to receive a \$25,000 State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant, which is funding improvements to benefit children in Erlanger and Elsmere who have a language delay.

The grant was initially written by the district with the support of State Farm. However, once it was selected as one of 2,000 top submissions, each community had to vote.

"The community members of Erlanger and Elsmere competed nationwide," said Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, superintendent.

"Our community came out in support and we won! We want to say thank you to all who voted."

State Farm Neighborhood Assist is a crowd-sourced philanthropic initiative that empowers communities to identify issues in their neighborhoods, submit a proposal, and vote for their cause. The \$25,000 will address a key issue in the schools, as the district has experienced a spike in the number of children who display limited language skills or even possess an undiagnosed disability. With this grant, the district can more successfully support young children through mobile communication devices and will also allow the district to provide more hands-on materials, screening tools, and training for staff and parents to address these needs.

"We know the importance of addressing these language delays as early as possible. By increasing communication skills early in a child's life we place our children on a more successful path in both school and life," said Mr. Matt Engel, the district's Supervisor of Instruction.

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— *Dr. Kathy Burkhardt,*
superintendent



Lloyd seniors celebrate continuing education

Lloyd Memorial High School had much to celebrate on the Friday before Spring Break, when it recognized 68 seniors' commitment to continuing their education after graduation at College Signing Day.

Those who follow college athletics are familiar with the tradition of "Signing Day," when athletes declare their college choice. For the third year now, Lloyd celebrated all of its seniors' college choices by providing a day for students to formally declare their college choice and celebrate with family, friends, and fellow classmates.

College Signing Day — carefully planned under the excellent leadership of counselors Mrs. Jennifer Glass and Mr. Shawn Lehman — was more than just a day of celebration. It was an event nearly a year in the making. Students who plan to declare their commitment to postsecondary education are required to complete five steps, each of which are critical to ensuring students fulfill all of the requirements necessary for enrolling in college.

College Signing Day By the Numbers

- **68** seniors signed their intent to attend college
- **14** seniors signed with technical or community colleges
- **54** seniors signed with four-year colleges or universities
- **45** signers are first-generation college students

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

Lloyd's faculty and staff were there to assist every step of the way, and helped with the college application experience — an important assist, considering 66% of signers are first-generation college students.

The whole student body participated in the festivities, along with family members and college representatives. Mr. Randy J. Blankenship, a Lloyd graduate, area attorney and member of the Erlanger City Council, was the honorary guest speaker at the event. Students were introduced and presented with a t-shirt representing their college of choice, which in some instances were presented by a representative of their chosen college.



Congratulations, and best wishes to the 2017 College Signing Day participants!

Asbury University

- Olivia Schnorbus

Bellarmine University

- Whitney Mason

Berea College

- Kaylin Curry

Centre College

- Isabel Harrison

Cincinnati State

- Danielle Hiatt
- Summer P. Mullins
- Cory Privett

Clark State

- ### Community College
- William Gregory

Coastal Carolina

- Rachel M. Crawford

Eastern Kentucky University

- Alyssa Binkley
- Hana Floyd
- Samantha King
- Erin Nelson
- Kiara Otero
- Heather Ramey
- Katelynn Taylor

Gateway Community & Technical College

- Brianna Bloom
- Candace Bradley
- Savannah Cutchin
- Johnathan Fancher
- Cole Hoffman

- Abigail Soto Hernandez
- Megan Welty
- Tanner Winans

Jefferson Community & Technical College

- Jasmine Brown
- Spencer Williams

University of Kentucky

- Jesse Hatton
- Benjamin Hunt
- Karen Zumba

Lindsey Wilson College

- Devin Cheatum
- Lashun Townsend

University of Louisville

- Anatea Cahill
- Rachel N. Crawford

Northern Kentucky University

- Roberto Amazendes
- Kaitlyn Bastin
- Jordan Breeden
- Mitchell Burgheim
- Cassie Bush
- Dylan Cardwell
- Taj Carter
- Ashley Eggleston
- Allison Hable
- Derrick Heard
- Stella Homecillo
- Elizabeth Jacobs
- Makenzie Koch
- Javier Lee
- Logan McGue

- Sydney Moore
- Deven Motley
- Jackie Oshon
- Jonathan Santana
- Daisy Severns
- Kyle Stookey
- Lauren Tolliver
- Simon Wick

University of South Florida

- Nathaniel Phillips

Sullivan University

- Lavonte Kearse

Thomas More College

- Justin Durham
- Elijah Jouett

Transylvania University

- Griffin Lutes

Union College

- Demarco Giles
- Alex Runion

University of Northwestern Ohio

- Jacob Beechtold

Western Kentucky University

- Christlyn Brown

Western Michigan University

- Paris Kariuki

Wilmington College

- Sterling Hamilton

Xavier University

- Keegan Turner

College and career ready Our ultimate goal

A mission of our district is to provide all students with the educational skills that ensure a wide variety of choices for future academic and career goals. Our focus is on college and career readiness for every student.

EXPLORING THE WORLD AT JUNGLE JIM'S

Students from the district's Bartlett Educational Center recently discovered a whole new world with a visit to Jungle Jim's International Market, where they had a chance to check out products, see food demos, and experience the store's attractions. Most importantly, participants had fun while learning about career opportunities, foods, cultures, and geography.

STEM EXPO CONNECTS INTERESTS TO CAREERS

Lloyd's 3rd annual STEM expo allowed students to gain valuable information about how their interest in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) could lead to a career. Companies set up shop in Lloyd's gym for the day to engage more than 400 students in hands-on technology, provide information about the science behind their company, and encourage students to continue their STEM education.



WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT MANUFACTURING?

Eighth graders from Tichenor Middle School and Bartlett Educational Center were recently recognized for their participation in Dream It Do It's, "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" video contest.

This contest was designed by employers and educators to highlight manufacturing as a career choice and recruit more young people to vocational and technical schools tied to careers in manufacturing. Tichenor was paired with A-TECH, a company that builds training models of cars for technical and training schools worldwide. Students toured the facilities, interviewed employees, and created a video about the company.



LINDEMAN COUNSELORS' WORK PUBLISHED

Lindeman counselors Ms. Cassie Sandlin and Ms. Kathy Koerner collaborated with other professionals to create and evaluate a college-and-career readiness unit for fifth grade students and their result was recently published by The Professional School Counseling Journal. An abundance of research is available on the value of providing programs that promote college and career readiness at the middle and high school levels, yet little has been conducted at the elementary level. Their article describes efforts to design, deliver, and evaluate such a unit for fifth grade students.

Lloyd Memorial High School: Full of talented students!

Heather Ramey selected for All-Star Band Clinic

Heather Ramey, a senior at Lloyd, was selected to participate in the 2017 Asbury University All-Star Band Clinic. Heather, who plays the saxophone, was one of more than 100 outstanding high school students selected to participate in the 40th annual event. She plans to major in Music Education when she moves on to college next year.

Students honored with band appointment

Heather Ramey (12th grade, saxophone), Emily Traft (9th grade, flute), and Lennon Stolz (8th grade, trumpet) were named to the Northern Kentucky Select Band, a competitive audition ensemble that includes students from all schools in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Mason, Gallatin, Pendleton, and Bracken Counties. These students rehearsed and performed with the top high school and middle school musicians in Northern Kentucky and learned from some of the top conductors/composers in the country! What's more, the middle school concert featured the world premiere of Michael Sweeney's arrangement of Percy Grainger's "Lincolnshire Posy."



Lloyd's Wind Ensemble is distinguished

Congratulations to the Lloyd High School Wind Ensemble for receiving a distinguished rating at the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Concert Band Assessment. The wind ensemble performed three prepared pieces for a panel of judges and was also evaluated in musical sight-reading.

Winter Guard takes silver

The Lloyd Winter Guard are silver medalists! After a very successful regular season which saw the winter guard place in the top three at each of their competitions, they finished in second place at the Tristate Championships. The season began in November with rehearsals and camps and the group worked very hard perfecting the show, which was themed "Silence."



Annie wows the audience

Lloyd Memorial High School recently blew their audiences away with a spectacular performance of the musical *Annie*. Under the direction of Mr. Matthew Taylor, Lloyd students were involved in every aspect of the production, from singing and acting to building sets. The result was an energetic, polished performance that packed the house and brought the audience to their feet.



So much going on at Tichenor

Students go above and beyond

A number of exceptional Tichenor students were recently presented with certificates for their accomplishments at a meeting of the Board of Education. The honored students include:



- **Jayde Dorman** Awarded an honorable mention in the “Why I Love America” contest
- **Kryton Johnson** Received the Camp Ernst Honor Camper Award
- **Lucas Cooley** Selected as a docent for the Westin Art Gallery Docentitos Program
- **Deven Wagner** Had an article published in *Frontsight*, the official journal of the U.S. Shooting Association
- **Makinna Sebastian** Achieved 1st place in Social Studies and 3rd place in Math in the 6th Grade Academic Showcase

We are so proud of our students!

Crayons, computers, and Mr. Cooley

Crayons to Computers is celebrating two decades of helping area kids and invited Tichenor Principal Mac Cooley to share Tichenor’s inspirational story at the organization’s 20th Anniversary Celebration luncheon.

Mr. Cooley is a strong supporter of Crayons to Computers, and even helped win a visit to Tichenor from the Mobile Outreach Program by ensuring Tichenor completed the most Teacher Impact Surveys.



Tichenor takes D.C.

Fifty 8th graders and six Tichenor staff members converged on Washington D.C. for the school’s annual trip to our nation’s capital. Students had the opportunity to tour Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Capitol, the Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums including the African American History and Culture Museum,



Mount Vernon, Ford’s Theatre, the Lincoln Memorial, and even got to take photos in front of the White House! **Everyone on the trip had an absolute blast!**

Miles achieves national recognition in counseling

Congratulations to Miles Elementary School for achieving national recognition from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA)!



Miles was designated a “Recognized ASCA Model Program” (RAMP) for its school counseling program. The RAMP designation recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

Miles will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA’s annual conference in Denver, Colorado, this summer. There are only 650 schools nationwide which have achieved RAMP Designation, and Miles joins the Erlanger-Elsmere schools of Howell Elementary, Lindeman Elementary, and Tichenor Middle School in receiving the designation.

At a recent school board meeting, Joshua Jackson, Katie Pilgram, Regina Danks, Lauren Parker, Craig Dollins, and Sandra Hartmann-Heisserer were each given a certificate to thank them for their efforts toward achieving RAMP designation.

Congratulations, Miles Elementary!

Arnett students experience ‘history in motion’ with the Behringer-Crawford Museum

Students from Arnett Elementary recently had the opportunity to step back in time, all thanks to the Behringer-Crawford Museum. First, students visited the museum, then enjoyed a visit from Ms. Kimberly Gehring-Cook, the museum’s Education Director, to learn about American Indian Design.

While visiting Arnett, Ms. Gehring-Cook shared a presentation about the Plains Indians, and also brought a suitcase full of American Indian artifacts from the 1800s.

Some of the most interesting artifacts included beadwork on the moccasins, the designs on birch bark containers, and the use of pictograms for story hides. Ms. Gehring-Cook provided students a sheet of pictograms so they could create their own story hide for current times.





Folktales and fables at Lindeman

Students at Lindeman Elementary were recently delighted by a Madcap Puppets performance! They performed Aesop's Fables, which was engaging, entertaining, and educational.

Then, Lindeman second graders participated in a Folktale Reading Fair. Each student selected a folktale to read, and then presented their story elements in a creative way. Folktales can be quite valuable in early childhood learning because they represent cultures and traditions, produce feelings of unity, inspire logical thinking, and promote creativity. Students shared their presentations with other second graders and were scored by their peers using a rubric. Educational and fun!

Based in Cincinnati, Madcap is nationally recognized for engaging and original children's theatre productions, as well as in-school educational programs that are enriched with performances based on world literature and cultures, thanks to partnerships with schools and libraries across the country.



Howell expansion underway

Construction has just begun on a 15,000 sq. ft. expansion of Howell Elementary. A new three-story wing off the back of the school will add 10 new learning spaces – eight traditional classrooms, an art classroom and a music classroom – plus a guidance office and restrooms. The construction will also convert an existing area of the school to a computer classroom, and a sprinkler system will be added 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. Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates are the project architects; Schrudde & Zimmerman, Inc. is the general contractor. Construction will continue with an expected completion date of January 2018. The \$5.2 million project is supported by bonds issued by the state for school construction projects.



Well rounded, well prepared

21st Century Learning helps students now and later

- **Well-rounded individuals focused on academics and working toward college and career readiness.**
- **Increased test scores, better study habits, and assignments turned in on time.**
- **Students having a great time, learning with a hands-on approach.**

It's not a dream. It's reality for the 366 students participating in 21st Century Community Learning Centers, an after-school program that provides homework assistance, academic intervention, and enrichment opportunities at the district's four elementary schools and Tichenor Middle School.

Participants in 21C Learning programs experience many benefits...

Enriched academic experiences

Participation in clubs and special interest groups ranging from service learning and fitness to cooking, video production, and more.

Strengthened sense of community

Field trips to places such as Bosch Automotive and Citi immerse kids in their community and showcase career opportunities available in their own back yard.

Increased family involvement

Partnering with University of Kentucky extension offices to offer free cooking classes, and with Brighton Center to share their services are just a few of the ways the program has become a family affair.

Improved access to opportunity

A community grant with the YMCA providing free swim lessons for 100 of the community's children this summer is one great example of the program's collaborative approach.

"We are working hard to make our programs that best they can be," said Ms. Rebecca Nooe, Senior Program Director, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, who oversees the program. "And the support that we have received from the community is what makes that possible."

At the elementary level, 21st Century Learning is offered in partnership with the R.C. Durr YMCA. The Tichenor Middle School program is in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati. Programming is possible thanks to funding from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Sign up!

Planning for next school year has already begun, and we are looking forward to offering even more to our students! Plus, there's a free summer learning program! Contact the director at your school to sign up or get additional information:

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ELL program helps students learn to communicate in English

From 2000 to 2014, Kentucky was one of the top five states with the greatest growth of ELL students. Our district has experienced this firsthand with a steady uptick in English Language Learners (ELLs): 125 this school year, up from 89 just a decade ago.

ELLs are students unable to communicate fluently in English. Some immigrate to the area from other countries. Most are born in the community but live in a home where another language is spoken. Others have extended family members in the school district so they are encouraged to move from different parts of the United States to our community. Each comes to the district at a different point in their education, with varying abilities to speak English.

At any given time, Erlanger-Elsmere Schools is typically working with ELL students who represent more than 20 diverse languages – a pretty high number for a district our size. While the top languages fluctuate, **Spanish** is by far the most common. Other current languages include...

- Arabic
- Bosnian
- Burmese Chin
- Chuukese
- Micronesia
- Pohnpeian
- Somali
- Ukrainian
- Vietnamese
- Wolof

more intense needs. Paramount to the process is ensuring each student feels welcomed and supported – both by their teachers and their peers.

The district's ELL program, consisting of six certified EL Teachers and two Bilingual Assistants and coordinated by Ms. Nichole Neuhard, provides support until these students can attain a high enough test score to be determined proficient in English, and until that point, make progress along the way.

"We are confident that any student who enrolls in our ELL program in kindergarten has a nearly 100% likelihood of exiting the program in 3rd grade or before – about a year before traditionally expected," Ms. Neuhard said. "We have amazing collaboration and our teachers are incredible."

Most people want to know: do the ELL teachers speak each student's native language? In short, no. Instead, they use proven methods to teach them English as fast as they can.

"It's really important students learn as quickly as possible so they can just be regular kids in the classroom," Ms. Neuhard said. "We work hard to help them feel comfortable, happy, and confident, so they can get the most out of their education."

A student's native language does not really change an ELL teacher's approach. What matters more is their background. Teachers generally have an easier time teaching students who are literate in their first language, while students from a refugee setting or with interrupted education typically have

At the elementary level...

English Language Learners receive "push-in" and "pull-out" services. Push-in services provide support for students to work with ELL teachers in their classroom. Students who are at a lower rate of English proficiency receive pull-out services, with more intense instruction outside of their general classroom.

"There is exciting collaboration between the ELL teachers and classroom teachers, which has resulted in student growth and increased cultural responsiveness among the faculty," said Ms. Shelley Freeman, ELL teacher.

Sharing culture is another valuable component of the ELL program. Parents often visit the schools to share their culture with their child's classmates. At Arnett, ELL researched their home countries, created brochures about them, and presented them to their classes.



Middle schoolers...

At Tichenor students learn using traditional methods, but Mrs. Diane Seiter, ELL teacher, also tries to find interesting things to help her students develop language skills. Recently, when she discovered one of her students didn't know what Wisconsin was, it gave her the idea to divide up the 50 states. Each student chose five states, and was charged with finding out interesting things about them. They then used a "green screen" app to jump into a photo of the state to look like they were there, and present their findings to the class.

"These things happen better than you anticipate all the time," Mrs. Seiter said. "It empowers students, builds confidence and helps with language development without them even realizing it."

In high school...

Twenty-five Lloyd students represent eight different countries and speak 10 different languages/dialects. In addition to "push-in" and "pull-out" classroom support, students participate in activities to celebrate holidays, and students who perform well in their studies have opportunities to celebrate their good grades at dinner.

"The ELL students at Lloyd are like a family to each other and take a lot of comfort in knowing they are not alone in their experience," said Ms. Kelsey Byers, ELL teacher. "The caring staff helps make their language progress as fast as possible, while making them feel accepted and valued."

"It can be very emotional to see our students welcoming others, no matter what their language, no matter what they look like," Ms. Neuhard says. "Our kids are great at every level. It really is a welcoming place and a supportive environment."

"Having many non-English speaking families has truly been an asset to our school district," added Dr. Kathy Burkhardt, Superintendent. "We have students and parents who are coming in to our schools and teaching other students about different cultures. Having such diversity in our district has taught our students to appreciate, understand, and value one another — including those who are different than themselves."

This year, Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will say goodbye to its very first ELL teacher when **Mrs. Ophelia Bigford** retires from Lindeman Elementary. Mrs. Bigford has worked in the district for 22 years and during that time has done an incredible job of communicating with families and working to ensure needs are being met, going above and beyond to ensure language is never a barrier.

"Mrs. Bigford is considered family to our staff and to many of our parents," said Mrs. Angie Gabbard, Lindeman's principal. "She will truly be missed!"



Athletic Updates

DEVIN CHEATUM: BASKETBALL ALL STAR

During her four years as a starting member of the Lady Juggernauts basketball team, #4 **Devin Cheatum** has been a cornerstone of the team's success.

Last year, Devin led her team to its first winning season since 1983. She followed that up with another impressive year, leading the Lady Juggernauts to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in school history.

As a nod to her success, Devin has been recognized in many ways. She has earned the distinction of 34th All-District player and 9th Region All A player; won numerous North Central Kentucky Conference "Player of the Week" awards and a NovaCare Player of the Game award. Devin was also recognized by the Northern Kentucky High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association as one of the top 14 players in our region.

Through her hard work and dedication, Devin has set some other records. An electric scorer, she broke the school record for points scored in a single game, with 39 against Pendleton County; she broke the record for points scored in a season scoring 513 points this year; and she became the all-time leading scorer in school history with a career total 1,585 points.

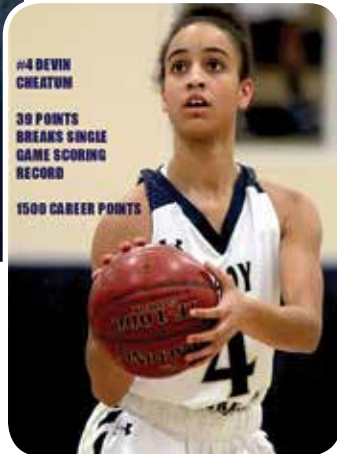
WAY TO GO, JACOB!

Tichenor 7th grader **Jacob Davidson** impressively took first place in the Kentucky High School Class A Indoor Track State Championships in the pole vault event!

BOYS BASKETBALL RECEIVE AWARDS FROM NKY COACHES ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team! **Derick Cipollone** and **Sterling Hamilton** were named Division II All-Stars, **Jamal Neal** was recognized as Division II Defensive Player of the Year, and **Mr. Mike Key** was honored as Division II Coach of the Year. Great job, Juggernauts!

We are so proud of our student athletes!



Devin Cheatum



Jacob Davidson



L to R — Jamal Neal, Sterling Hamilton, Derick Cipollone, and Mr. Mike Key

the alumni Spotlight

Shaping Lloyd's legacy

LLOYD GRADUATE John Riehemann, '80



When John Riehemann entered Lloyd Memorial High School as a freshman in 1976, he didn't expect to be ending his career there 40 years later.

Although he liked school and did well in his studies, Mr. Riehemann never really thought of being a teacher; he aspired to be a biologist. But an injury on the job at an office supply company meant he had to find a new way to apply his degree in Wildlife Management from Eastern Kentucky University.

He loved his high school biology teacher, Mr. Eugene Blankenbaker, and was inspired by the idea that maybe he'd be able to help students find their passion as Mr. Blankenbaker had helped him find his. He went to Northern Kentucky University to obtain a teaching certificate, and started at Boone County High School (BCHS) in 1989. From the first time he stood in front of a class, he knew he had made the right decision.

Still, Mr. Riehemann didn't think he would have an opportunity to return to Lloyd. But when Mr. Mike Sander, who he worked with at BCHS, became the principal at Lloyd and called to ask if he'd be his assistant, Mr. Riehemann knew it was the right decision.

"It was very special to walk the same halls and work with many of the same teachers who taught me," Mr. Riehemann said.

He became principal in 1998 and has been in that seat ever since. When he vacates the role at the end of June he might be leaving the school, but he's also leaving a remarkable legacy. He has hired every person currently working in the building, except for Mrs. Marie Jump, who also happened to teach him math. Of the eight assistant principals he's hired who have left the school, seven of them have become principals, and one is an assistant superintendent. Under Mr. Riehemann's leadership, Lloyd has achieved the status of "Distinguished" and has been recognized as one of "America's Best High Schools" by *U.S. News and World Report*.

"When I think of all the many different things I could have done with my career I love the fact that I have spent the great majority of it three blocks from where I grew up," Mr. Riehemann said. "Retirement will be hard... I know I will miss the kids and the people I work with every day, and I am very thankful that I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know the people I have over the years. I am proud to have been the principal for the families in our communities."

Calling all alumni... SAVE THE DATE!

Lloyd Memorial High School **Alumni Association's Annual All-Class Reunion and Hall of Fame Luncheon** will be held **Sunday, September 24** at 1:00 p.m. in Lloyd's cafeteria. More info will be announced in the upcoming alumni newsletter and on the alumni Facebook page.



2016 Y Day Camp at Arnett

The Y Day Camp is a full-day program, running from May 24-August 17 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!

State Childcare Assistance is accepted for this fee.

- **Registration Fee:** \$10 (single child) or \$20 (family)
- **Deposits:** \$5 per wk/per child
- **Full-Time Weekly Fee:** \$145/wk for 4-5 days/wk
- **Part-Time Weekly Fee:** \$105/wk for 1-3 days/wk

Contact Rebecca Nooe • 859.334.650

Football Camp at Lloyd Memorial High School

Camp open to children entering 2nd grade through 8th grade.

- **Dates:** June 12 - 14
- **Times:** 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$20

Contact Eric Turner • 859.957.5408

Future Juggernaut and Lady Juggernaut Basketball Camp

For Boys and Girls Grades 2-8

- **Dates:** May 30 – June 2
- **Times:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$30

Contact: Tyler Teke • 513.706.1285

Tichenor Events

Camp Tichenor – A day for welcoming new 6th grade students to Tichenor Middle School.

- August 8 • 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

6th Grade Parent Mixer – Meet other 6th grade parents.

- August 8 • 6: p.m. to 8 p.m.

Summer Meal Program

Erlanger-Elsmere School 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. *This summer, meals will be offered at:*

Arnett Elementary

- May 30 – August 11, breakfast and lunch

Lindeman Elementary

- June 5 – 30, breakfast and lunch, *Mon. – Thu.*
- July 5 – 29, breakfast and lunch, *Mon., Wed. and Thu. only*

Miles Elementary

- June 5 - Aug. 2, breakfast and lunch – *Mon., Tue., and Wed. only*

Lloyd Memorial High School

- May 30 - Aug. 11, breakfast (7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.) and lunch

Kenton County Library, Erlanger Branch

- June 5 – August 4, lunch only (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

RR Depot Park

- June 1- August 1 (lunch only 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.) *Tue. and Thu. only*

Meal hours (unless otherwise noted)

- Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Me and My School

Transitional summer programs for incoming kindergarten students

In order for our new kindergarten students to be better prepared for the 2017-18 school year, summer programs will be available for incoming kindergarteners 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 each school's "Me and My School" coordinator listed below for details:

Arnett Elementary

July 5 - 27 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mon. - Thu.

Regina Pelfrey • 859.727.1488

Howell Elementary

July 5 - 29 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tue. - Thu.

Jacki Alexander • 859.727.1108

Lindeman Elementary

June 26 - July 20 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tue. - Thu.

Krista Wainscott • 859.727.1188

Miles Elementary

July 10 - Aug. 2 • 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Mon. - Wed.

John Jackson or Katie Pilgram • 859.727.2231

Boys & Girls Club at Tichenor

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.

- **Camp Dates:** June 5 - July 28
- **Camp Times:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Fees:** Free, however space is limited.

Kristyn Disibio • 859.628.5966

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

July 11 - 29 • 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Jamie Wheeler • 859.727.1108

Programs, dates & times to be determined at:

Arnett Elementary

Amanda New • 859.727-1488

Lindeman Elementary

Skye McMahon • 859.727.1188

Miles Elementary

Josh Jackson • 859.727.2231

Tichenor Middle School

Mac Cooley • 859.727.2255

Lloyd Memorial High School

Sandi Morris • 859.727.1555

21st Century Community Learning Center Programs

at Arnett, Howell, Lindeman and Miles

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

Programs run for free from June 5th - 30th, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; breakfast and lunch will be served.

NEW THIS YEAR: extended summer programming hours are available for \$50.00/week and hours will run at each school from 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

State Childcare Assistance is accepted for this fee.

Join us for
fun, food, friends...
and more!

Community Block Party!

September 8 • 6 - 8 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 dedicated to connecting families to information related to early childhood supports for families with children from infant to five years. Plus food, fun, activities, and more!

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

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

Erlanger and Elsmere City Updates



City of Erlanger Summer Community Events Schedule

Please note days, times, and events are subject to change. Further details can be found on the city's website: www.ci.erlanger.ky.us/ or follow on Facebook.

JUNE 2017

- **June 1 • 6 – 8 pm**
Touch A Truck
Lloyd Memorial High School
- **June 6 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Animals at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 8 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Animals at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 8 • 6 – 8 pm**
Honey Hill at Rainbow Park
- **June 13 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Plants at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 15 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Plants at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 17 • 8 – 10 am**
Fishing Derby at Flagship Park
- **June 20 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Geology at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 22 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Transportation at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 27 • 10:30 am – noon**
Depot Days! Health and Fitness at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 29 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Health and Fitness at Railroad Depot Park
- **June 30 • 9 – 11 pm**
Movie Night! Sing at Flagship Park

JULY 2017

- **July 6 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Ice Cream Social at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 6 • 7 – 9 pm**
Grateful Dads Concert at Flagship Park
- **July 11 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Soils and Mud at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 13 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Soils and Mud at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 13 • 6 – 8 pm**
Cincinnati Circus at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 18 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Family Water Fun at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 20 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Family Water Fun at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 25 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Astronomy at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 27 • 10:30 am – 12 noon**
Depot Days! Astronomy at Railroad Depot Park
- **July 27 • 6:30 pm**
Madcap Puppets at Railroad Depot Park

AUGUST 2017

- **August 3 • 9 – 10:30 pm**
Star Party at Flagship Park
- **August 24 • 7 – 9 pm**
Shakespeare in the Park

Dr. Burkhardt recognized as Helen Carroll Champion of Education

Dr. Kathlyn Burkhardt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, has been recognized as the Helen Carroll Champion of Education honoree as part of the 33rd Annual Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky awards.

The Outstanding Women – who live, work or volunteer in Northern Kentucky – represent the great diversity and extraordinary accomplishment of today's women. All of the honorees represent ideal role models for the young women who follow in their footsteps. The Education Award is named in honor of Helen Carroll, who retired from Toyota and is considered a long-time champion of education and community volunteering in Northern Kentucky.

Board of Education member Mr. Thomas Luken led the award nomination process to recognize Dr. Burkhardt.



City of Elsmere Summer Events

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

MAY 2017

- **Friday May 19 • 8:30 p.m.**
Movie Night at Woodside Park
Join your neighbors for a fun night watching Trolls. Drinks and popcorn included!

JUNE 2017

- **Thursday June 15 • 6:00 p.m.**
Police, Fire and Public Works Night
Elsmere Baptist Church, Garvey Avenue
Come out for Hotdogs 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.
- **Friday, June 23 • 8:30 p.m.**
Movie Night at Rosella Porterfield Park
Join your neighbors for a fun night watching Sing. Drinks and popcorn included!

JULY 2017

- **Friday, July 21 • 8:30 p.m.**
Movie Night at Covered Bridge Park
Join your neighbors for a fun night watching Finding Dory. Drinks and popcorn included!

- **Thursday July 27 • 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
Swim Day at Florence Water Park
Splash, splash it's time to cool off! A limited number of tickets to Florence Water Park will be given to have fun in the sun. Tickets available July 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Elsmere City Building. Must show proof of residence. Each family can only receive 2 adult and 4 children tickets.

AUGUST 2017

- **Thursday August 10 • 6:00 p.m.**
Pickle Brothers Circus at Covered Bridge Park
The daring Pickle Brothers will eat swords, lay on a bed of nails and dazzle the audience with juggling flames.
- **Friday August 18 • 8:30 p.m.**
Movie Night at Woodside Park
Join your neighbors for a fun night watching Secret Life of Pets. Drinks and popcorn included!

SEPTEMBER 2017

- **Thursday, September 7 • 6:00 p.m.**
Honey Hill Farms at Rosella Porterfield Park
Come out for Fall Fun and feed the chickens, ducks, rabbits, sheep, and goats. See a kangaroo, alpaca and miniature horse.

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