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# From the Superintendent

We have just completed one of the most unique and challenging school years many of us have ever experienced. But we persevered and were able to get through it... in large part because our students,

parents, families, faculty, staff, and supporters came together to do what needed to be done, one step at a time.

As I contemplated my remarks to share with the 93rd graduating class of Lloyd Memorial High School in light of these most unusual circumstances, I was reminded of the school's Fight Song. Of the 93 senior classes that have graduated before, perhaps no Juggernauts have had to "fight on" more to "carry on to victory." While this is undoubtedly true for our graduating seniors, it most certainly applies to everyone in our school district this year.

I've been inspired by the "famous courage" that never died during difficult and uncertain times this school year. And we've reached the finish despite many obstacles to "make all the echoes ring."

And, like our Class of 2021, we are likely all experiencing a range of emotions as we wrap up such an extraordinary year – anticipation, joy, trepidation, a little sadness, and maybe even relief. As a school community, we've faced – and conquered – a once-in-a-lifetime challenge. We have done it with grace and determination. We have acquired new skills, sacrificed for the greater good, discovered new ways to do old things, and supported each other through it all.

As this chapter ends and we prepare for another to begin, I hope we carry the lessons we've learned this year with us along the way – that we

continue to be courageous and believe in ourselves and each other. That we will not let anything stand in the way of what we want to accomplish - we are *all JUGGERNAUTS* after all!

On behalf of all of my colleagues in the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, we are so proud of *everyone* in our community and we wish you a restful and rejuvenating summer.

Mr. Chad D. Molley Superintendent

# **Important steps toward normalcy**



We wrapped up the school year still firmly entrenched in the coronavirus pandemic... but we're greatly encouraged by recent steps forward.

In mid-March, we were thrilled to achieve the goal we had long awaited when our students returned to full-time in-person instruction. Of course, we continued to offer a virtual learning model for those families not yet comfortable returning to the classroom.

We were very pleased to re-engage with minimal hiccups and with very few reported cases of COVID-19. This is due in large part to phenomenal cooperation from students, their families, our faculty, and staff in their adherence to safety expectations, including social distancing, health checks, masking, hand hygiene, and more.

We ask our community to continue to support one another as we move forward. And let's all do our part by following the state and CDC guidelines for mitigating COVID-19.

### EES teachers and staff receive COVID-19 vaccine

Erlanger-Elsmere's faculty and staff were among the first in Kentucky to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, getting their first doses in January through St. Elizabeth Healthcare as part of Kentucky's Phase 1B vaccination rollout.

Faculty and staff vaccination was a critical step toward our return to full-time, in-person instruction.

St. Elizabeth worked seamlessly with public and parochial school districts in Boone, Campbell, Grant, and Kenton counties to administer vaccines for all

K-12 personnel willing to receive one. Altogether, over 300 staff members from Erlanger-Elsmere Schools (about 75% district-wide) received the vaccine.

"St. Elizabeth did a fantastic job of getting us in and vaccinated," said Mrs. Nikki Nussbaum, Special Education Teacher. "They made us feel comfortable, and they made us feel like we were special and deserving to be one of the essential workers."



To show their gratitude to the frontline workers for their efforts throughout the pandemic and particularly in administering the vaccine, members of our district's faculty and staff put together treat bags and thank you notes to distribute to St. Elizabeth's team when they arrived for their first doses.

"We're so fortunate to have such a great community partner in St. Elizabeth Healthcare," Mr. Molley added. "We are grateful for their efforts toward getting our students back to the classroom and our community back to a sense of normalcy."

# What's going on around the district?

## **Dreams come true**

## Lloyd students create district Dreamfest after regional event is canceled

For many years, elementary and middle school students from Erlanger-Elsmere Schools have joined their peers from across the region at Dreamfest, an annual day of learning and enrichment at Northern Kentucky University for Gifted and Talented students in Grades 4-8.

The COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to Dreamfest for a second year this spring, as it was one of the first large-scale events to be affected by shutdowns last March. But rather than be disappointed about the cancelation of this beloved event, students in Lloyd's Gifted and Talented program decided to create their own.

Three hardworking visionaries — Lucas Cooley, Amy Moctezuma Perez, and Kendall Ball — got started in January, planning activities that included an elaborate escape room

for Tichenor students. The week before Spring Break, Lucas, Amy, and Kendall traveled to each of the district's four elementary schools where they hosted interactive, thought-provoking activities that included balloon rocket creations, paper engineering challenges, blackout poetry, dictionary art, and fun with Fibonacci. Each of these activities involved teamwork, problem solving, and creativity.

The result: a great success!

"Our Lloyd leader students did a fantastic job coaching the younger kids," said Ms. Annie Roberts, instructional coach at Lloyd, who helped coordinate the activities. "And, an added benefit to our district version of Dreamfest is that more elementary students were able

to participate since we were not limited to seats on a bus or availability at NKU. The students at each elementary were able to collaborate with students from their school in other grade levels. Everyone was excited by their learning that day."

Many thanks to Mr. Chad Molley and Mr. Michael Goodenough

for helping coordinate transportation and to the instructional coaches at each school for facilitating the space and set up:

Melanie Gleason, Tichenor Loretta Simpson, Arnett Jacki Alexander, Howell Krista Wainscott, Lindeman Tiffany Gruen, Miles

Most of all, thanks to our Lloyd students for making Dreamfest a success!



# Tichenor hosts virtual STEAM night

Fueled by the success of last fall's virtual STEAM night, Tichenor Middle School recently hosted a spring edition of the popular event. Students and their families



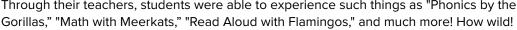
engaged in a fun evening highlighting the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math by completing surprise activities together. Families went to a drive-through at Tichenor to pick up their supplies and even a free dinner to enjoy before the event. Then, they logged into a Google classroom to complete activities led by a Tichenor teacher alongside other families in their group. It was an excellent opportunity to learn and grow together.

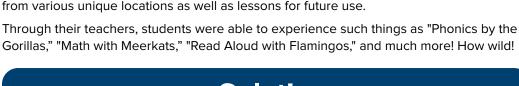
## Arnett "goes to" the zoo!

Students were able to experience a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens... but not in the typical fashion!

In continuing to find ways to adapt lessons and experiences during ongoing pandemic precautions, Arnett's faculty and staff arranged a "reverse" field trip to the zoo to engage with their students through animals and to adapt their lessons to the opportunities afforded by a trip to the zoo. While students were still learning virtually on Wednesdays, Arnett's teachers visited the zoo themselves, and, while there, they live-streamed and hosted classroom meetings to share instruction, animals, and more with their students. They also took the chance to record read-alouds

from various unique locations as well as lessons for future use.







## Splat!

### Lindeman students participate in egg drop

Students at Lindeman didn't crack when presented with the challenge of keeping a raw egg safe while dropping it during an Egg Drop Challenge. Families used supplies and materials from home to engineer a device that would prevent their eggs from breaking when dropped from various heights on the playground. Mrs. Alison Gray and Mrs. Krista Wainscott led the exercise, taking classes outside to test their devices. Families had a great time creating the case to keep their eggs safe!

# From the frontline

## **Health Services team steps up during pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic brought an onslaught of unforeseen challenges to healthcare workers. The Health Services team at Erlanger-Elsmere Schools was no exception.

Ms. Melanie Dowdy, District Health Services Coordinator, and her dedicated team of nurses have met the challenges head-on, never wavering in their commitment to ensuring each student's health and safety — even despite shifting expectations.

The district's Health Services team immersed themselves in the latest guidelines to

develop protocols for returning to school that aligned with their governing bodies' expectations. They looked at all aspects of the school experience — from students and staff to athletics, band practice, extracurriculars, and more — as they related to a flagship document from the Kentucky Department for Public Health that outlined requirements for everything from masking and social distancing to health screenings.



They considered physical changes in buildings relating to virtually every aspect of the school day — entrance procedures, health checks, traffic flow, lunchroom plans, classroom setups, and more — and coordinated with administrators to put altered plans in place at each district facility. They also found ways for nurses to provide exemplary health care while adhering to strict guidelines.

"Last March, we knew things would change, but I don't think any of us would have predicted we would be in it this long — or the extent of what we'd have to do to get our kids back in school buildings and keep them safe," Ms. Dowdy said.

## **Contract tracing is key**

For more than a year now, Ms. Dowdy has served as the district's designated contract tracer. She maintains a spreadsheet in conjunction with the office staff and nurses at each of the district's school buildings that tracks exposure to all positive COVID-19 cases. Whenever a family alerts a school that they've had exposure to someone who has tested positive, Ms. Dowdy communicates with the family to determine appropriate quarantine protocols, coordinates with the associated schools' attendance offices, makes necessary notifications, and completes required tracking information. Often, one family's quarantine affects multiple students, sometimes at different schools.

"Some days, it's all I do. Other days are better," Ms. Dowdy said. "But it's important for consistency that one person is tracking and communicating from the district level. Everyone has truly been wonderful in communicating exposure to us, and everyone has been extremely understanding, which is a huge help."

# **Staying healthy**

Despite challenges, the district Health Services team did their best to keep the district's students on track in terms of health and preventative care. While there was a decline in wellness exams and immunizations, the district still required compliance with mandatory vaccines and physicals. The number of students served through the HealthPoint school-based health centers is down, but the team continues to actively enroll students for services. Restrictions and barriers have prevented dental screenings, but a creative revamping of vision screenings ensured each student still had his or her vision checked.



## Wash your hands!

While Ms. Dowdy anticipates that as pandemic restrictions lift, the district can return to the more hands-on health care they've provided in the past, she does hope the emphasis on preventative practices continues. The increase in handwashing and other hygiene due to the pandemic has also contributed to decreased flu cases this year.



#### Nurses are essential

Ms. Dowdy hopes the integral part school nurses have played during this pandemic emphasizes to legislators and state leaders the need for school nurses in each building every day. "School nurses are an important piece to the puzzle," Ms. Dowdy said. "In this pandemic, they've been integral in every aspect of our planning and execution."





"I couldn't have done what I've done without the support of our district administrators, Board of Education, teachers, and families," Ms. Dowdy said. "Everyone has been wonderful. I couldn't imagine a better place to do such a difficult job."

Thanks to the district's Health Services Team!

Ms. Melanie Dowdy, District Health Services Coordinator
Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, Ms. Satoshia Meyer, Ms. Jennifer

Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, Ms. Satoshia Meyer, Ms. Jennifer Schmidt, and Ms. Katie Zuziak, School Nurses

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# Three grads in one day: A new Bartlett record

Bartlett Educational Center set a new record when it recently graduated three students in one day. But it's not just the number that is remarkable. The graduates themselves — Erin Branch, Kayle Kearney, and Victoria Kincer — are extraordinary young women.



Victoria Kincer

Erin, Kayle, and Tori are three unique individuals with one distinct commonality: their path led them to Bartlett, and they thrived.



**Erin Branch** 

Erin has overcome many obstacles and found Bartlett's smaller environment to be more conducive to her success. Kayle, who had been learning at home as she worked through mental health challenges, was able to return to the classroom. And Tori cultivated a support system (that included moving in with Erin and her family) that is helping to propel her toward her goals.

"Bartlett helped me graduate, Kayle said. "I truly felt like I wasn't capable of doing it. I fell into a dark hole, having so many dreams but not the motivation to achieve them. Now I can see it."

Each young lady mentioned Bartlett's supportive staff, tailored learning, and future focus as helping them graduate, which at times, did not seem likely. They also credited the hard work and dedication of Mr. Montague, Ms. Landers, Mr. Sandfoss, Mrs. Stubblefield, and in particular, Mr. Scott Kimberlin, Bartlett's counselor.

"In our hearts, Mr. Kimberlin is Bartlett" said Michaela Branch, Erin's mother. "He has been such a blessing since day one of our journey. Giving all he does just shows what kind of person he is; my girls would not be where they are if it was not for him."

And the feeling is mutual...

"We were able to meet these wonderful girls where they were and help get them where they needed to be. That's the beautiful thing about what we do at Bartlett," Mr. Kimberlin said. "There was a possibility they might not have graduated — and now they have. They're lovely kids, and I'm so excited for all three of them."

Kayle plans to begin school in August to pursue a career in the medical field. Erin plans to go to beauty school and use her creativity and artistic ability to become a tattoo artist. Tori plans to go into nursing, which is a good match for her caring and compassionate heart. True to form, Mr. Kimberlin continues to help them through the processes.

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

# Arnett students receive Shoes That Fit

More than 30 students at Arnett Elementary School have been sporting new sneakers this spring, thanks to the generous support of a caring community.

Employees from Amazon's local outpost partnered with Shoes That Fit, a nonprofit organization that aims to tackle one visible sign of need by giving kids new athletic shoes, to donate 33 pairs of shoes to Arnett Elementary students.

Amazon employees Aubrey Feldhouse, Jake Schultz, and Stephen Davis delivered the shoes, which Arnett counselors Ms. Naomi Colliver and Ms. Ivy Blanton, and Principal Amanda New gratefully accepted on the students' behalf.

"Ms. Feldhouse lives in the community and knew the shoes would be loved and appreciated by our students and families," Mrs. New said.

The shoes came bagged with four pairs of socks and an individual note to each student.

"Our students had no idea what surprise was awaiting them," Mrs. New added. "We called parents to ensure we had permission, and they were very appreciative and happy. My heart is always full when our community stakeholders see the special kiddos in our school and want to break down barriers to set them up for success."



Shoes That Fit has served thousands of schools across the country, distributing more

than 2.3 million pairs of new shoes and other necessities to allow children to attend school with dignity and joy.

"Shoes are expensive. Kids outgrow them quickly. And not fitting in with your classmates causes embarrassment," said Ms. Amy Fass, CEO and Executive Director of Shoes That Fit. "For those who want to help change the world, the first step can be as simple as a pair of new shoes."

## Miles staff participates in tip challenge

A number of "tip challenges" have popped up around the Tri-State area during recent months, using hometown rivalries to help benefit restaurant workers who have experienced difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Erlanger Business Council leveraged the opportunity to raise a challenge



leveraged the opportunity to raise a challenge between Dixie Heights High School and Lloyd Memorial High School. Staff at Miles Elementary raised more than \$200 for the effort, which they used to tip a server at Frisch's. "She was overwhelmed by the generosity," said one of the staff members who took part in this thoughtful act of giving.

# One tree, many branches

The Cox / Johnson / Wood / Dinn family takes pride in its Erlanger roots

Gina Cox Johnson is known today by many in the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools as Mrs. Johnson, the secretary at Tichenor Middle School. Her niece, Carly, is often better known as Ms. Wood, a fifth-grade teacher at Howell Elementary. These two integral members of the district team are part of a larger extended family that has been a valuable part of our school community for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Johnson and her four sisters grew up on Rainbow Terrace in Erlanger. They all attended Arnett Elementary, Tichenor Middle School, and are proud graduates of Lloyd Memorial High School. Gina Cox Johnson was a member of Lloyd's Class of 1980; her sisters: Debra Cox Taylor, '74, Garnet Cox, '75, Pamela Cox Ferris, '78, Rosalind Cox Schmidt, '83.



Christopher Johnson with his wife Kristi and children Zoe and Chase.

Gina's son, Christopher, first attended Arnett, then Lindeman. He went to Tichenor and Lloyd, graduating in 2001. She now has a grandson, Chase, a fourth-grader at Arnett, and a granddaughter, Zoe, in seventh grade at Tichenor. Gina has had eight nieces and nephews who have graduated from Lloyd. Her great-niece, Mylan Dinn, is currently in seventh grade, and



Rosalind Cox Schmidt, '83 was a member of the Lloyd basketball team.

Gina Cox Johnson, '80 helped coach her niece Carly Wood, '12 on the Erlanger Lions cheerleading team.

her great-nephew, Asher Dinn, graduated from Lloyd this year.

Ms. Wood, daughter of Rosalind Cox Schmidt, and her three siblings grew up on Hope Lane and all attended Miles Elementary, Tichenor, and Lloyd.

"Almost all of my family members have attended the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools," Carly said. "I still have cousins keeping the family tradition alive. My mom often tells us how the school system and community were instrumental in building us into the people we are today."

Not only did Gina and her sister stay in the Erlanger area to raise their families, but many of their schoolmates also did the same. Some continued with careers in the district; Rosalind's former basketball coach, Mr. Rusty Kordenbrock, wound up as her children's principal at Miles Elementary. Mr. John Riehemann, who graduated with Gina, was Lloyd's principal for many years. Mr. Mac Cooley, Tichenor's principal, taught Gina's son Chris at Lloyd and is now his daughter's principal – and Gina's boss. Mr. James Molley was superintendent when Gina began her position with the district; today, his son, Mr. Chad Molley, holds the job. And the list goes on.

"With strong bonds that span through the decades, growing up in Erlanger was more than just having a teacher or a principal... it was like having family watching out for you to ensure you were okay — not just in the classroom but in life," Carly said. "You don't find that everywhere, but it's what our community is all about."

Her Aunt Gina agrees that the hometown feel is part of what makes Erlanger and Elsmere so special.

"One of the best parts of living and working in a smaller community is getting to know the families on a more personal level," Gina said. "Through the years, I have served on PTAs, coached cheerleading,



Sisters Brittany Wood, '06, Alexa Wood, '08, and Carly Wood, '12 were all crowned Lloyd Homecoming queens.

and participated on numerous committees. It is always enjoyable when present or former students make it a point to say hello when they see me at a store or restaurant."

Perhaps it's the sense of community that inspires people like Gina, Carly, their extended family, and generations of neighbors and friends to put so much energy into Erlanger-Elsmere Schools... to ensure that in the future, Erlanger's children have the same excellent education and strong upbringing.

"All six of our schools put their heart and soul into making sure every student can achieve their goals — whether that means being ready for college or career," Gina said. "The opportunities are abundant if you just put the hard work into making it happen."

"Our schools are diverse and supportive," Carly added. "This community takes care of each other and our students. There is a family atmosphere and comfort in knowing your child is getting what they need to succeed. Our schools and their staff allow each student to be themselves without being judged and to be supported whatever their goals may be. I know this firsthand because it was this district that produced a nurse with her doctoral degree that is now a professor at NKU, an accountant with her CPA, a mechanical engineer, and an elementary school teacher — all within our family."



Gina Cox Johnson '80; and her sisters: Debra Cox Taylor, '74, Garnet Cox, '75, Pamela Cox Ferris, '78, and Rosalind Cox Schmidt, '83 celebrate their mother's 90th birthday.

Raising their community's children into thriving adults is unquestionably a huge point of pride for Gina, Carly, and their relatives.

"My love for the kids and watching them grow into productive individuals is very rewarding to me," Gina said. "I love my job as the secretary of Tichenor Middle School and cannot imagine working anywhere else. As you can see, Erlanger-Elsmere has been the district of choice for my family."

# **The Alumni Spotlight**

## Erlanger police lieutenant. LLoyd graduate. Trailblazer.

### Kim Klare, '97

Kim Klare, Lloyd Memorial High School Class of 1997, was recently named lieutenant of the Erlanger Police Department — the first woman to ever achieve that role. Special, indeed. But the honor is just the latest in a long line of "firsts" for this trailblazing hometown hero.



Lt. Klare spent her entire school career in the Erlanger-Elsmere district. In fact, she was a member of the district's first-ever DARE class at Miles Elementary.

At Lloyd, Kim focused on academics and participated in outside sports and martial arts, but it was her participation in the U.S. Customs Explorer Program that paved her way toward the future. The program was a big part of her life, and after graduating from high school, she continued with the U.S. Customs Explorer Post at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, where she worked in a paid internship throughout her college years at Northern Kentucky University.

During college, Kim had her eyes on federal law enforcement. But as she was preparing to graduate, she participated in a local law enforcement internship with the Erlanger Police Department. Former Police Chief Bob Arens encouraged her to take the entrance test they were offering, and things just clicked — Kim knew local law enforcement was the route she was meant to take. In the spring of 2001, Kim became the first woman to ever serve as a police officer for the City of Erlanger.

"At that time, there were still some places that were not as open to women in law enforcement," Kim said. "That was not the case at all in Erlanger. Many people within the Department encouraged me to apply, and when I started on the job, it was a very welcoming environment."

Kim spent 19 years in patrol before her recent promotion to lieutenant. And she's seen more female police officers join the ranks over the years. She appreciates her job for the opportunities it provides to interact with all types of people for all different reasons. She takes pride in being in a position to help people through difficult moments to get to a better outcome. And she particularly enjoys visiting lemonade stands.

Her upbringing as a citizen in the city she now serves provided the firm foundation upon which Kim has built her career. "My mom was always very involved in the district when I came up through the schools," Kim said. "Everyone I went to school with felt like family. So I felt very much at home in Erlanger when I decided to pursue local law enforcement. Now, the Erlanger Police Department is my work family. This city and the police department have always been amazing."

Several more women have joined the Erlanger police force since Lt. Klare's groundbreaking hire, but the Department is always looking for qualified females.

Visit erlangerky.gov/police for more information and current career opportunities.

Outside of work, Kim is a married mother of three children. Her oldest daughter just completed her freshman year at the University of the Cumberlands. Her son, 11, is finishing up 5th grade, and her youngest daughter just turned 9. The family enjoys spending time outdoors together — camping, boating, and hiking. Kim's proud parents still live in Erlanger.

# **Explore** a career in law enforcement!

# **ERLANGER POLICE DEPARTMENT Public Safety Cadets Post 2055**

Open to young men and women ages 14-20, Public Safety Cadets are an educational program that matches participants to activities in law enforcement that help further interests, growth, and development.

- · Gain, meaningful, hands-on experience in law enforcement
- Develop personal skills
- · Take on leadership roles
- Build cooperative relationships with police officers

The Erlanger Public Safety Cadets Post 2055 helps young people mature and prepares them to become responsible and caring adults. Cadets are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities. The



program is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organization in their communities.

## Interested in participating?

Contact Sgt. Joe Scroggin joe.scroggin@erlangerpd.com 859.727.7599

# **Our proud history**

Establishment of the Erlanger-Elsmere School District and the naming of Lloyd Memorial High School

Before 1928, there was no Erlanger-Elsmere School District. In the late 1920s community leaders, influential citizens, and school district officials began discussing a consolidation, and by 1928, the districts merged to form the Erlanger-Elsmere School District.



Original Lloyd Memorial High School

While existing facilities from both districts were utilized in the new school system, a

larger building was necessary to accommodate all high school students together. The district purchased five acres near what had been the Erlanger Fairgrounds, at the corner of Bartlett and Cowie. Construction began immediately, and the new high school was completed the following year.

Erlanger resident and Kentucky Congressman A.B. Rouse recommended naming the school in honor of Professor John Uri Lloyd — Northern Kentucky's famous author, chemist, druggist, and businessman. At the official ceremony for cornerstone placement in September 1928, Professor Lloyd delivered the keynote address. Construction on the new high school continued throughout the district's first year, and the auditorium was completed in time to hold commencement exercises for the 22 members of Lloyd Memorial High School's first graduating class in May of 1929.

Students reacted very positively to the consolidation of the two school systems. They were happy because the merger made for finer academic programs, and it increased their chances of fielding competitive sports teams. A football team formed during that first year and a *Cincinnati Post* reporter wrote that the Lloyd football team played "like a juggernaut." That endearment became the school mascot. At the time, it was the only school or college team in the United States called the "Juggernauts."

In 1930, Professor Lloyd provided a trust to perpetuate his family's memory. Each year, an outstanding student was chosen to receive a gold medal and cash prize based on scholastic record and extracurricular involvement. The first Lloyd Medal was presented in 1930, and although no longer made of genuine gold, the Lloyd Medal is still presented annually to one graduating senior.

While Lloyd Memorial High School's physical presence has evolved through the years, the original building completed in 1929 still stands on Bartlett Avenue and has served many purposes through the decades. It is presently the Ensor Educational Annex, housing Bartlett Educational Center and administrative offices affiliated with the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools. If he were living today, John Uri Lloyd would certainly recognize the building,

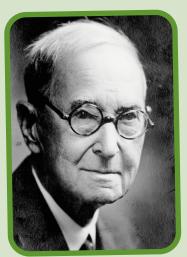


Want to learn more? Read a more detailed version of this remarkable piece of our history on our website, written by Mr. David Palmore.

Scan the QR code to the left or visit www.erlanger.kyschools.us/Content2/lloyd-history.

## Who was John Uri Lloyd?

Professor John Uri Lloyd was a scientist, manufacturer, and novelist whose most important contributions were in pharmacy and pharmacognosy. Lloyd was a supporter of standardizing pharmaceutical manufacturing regulations and was a major player in enacting the first Pure Food and Drug Act. His original research and writings in the field of alkaloids earned him the title "Wizard of American



Plant Pharmacy and Chemistry." He wrote eight scientific books and six treatises, and he taught chemistry and pharmacy at the Eclectic Medical Institute and the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. He was also elected as president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Lloyd won the Ebert Prize, the premier award for pharmaceutical research, three times, and the Remington Medal, pharmacy's highest award.

In 1886, Professor Lloyd, along with his brothers, established a drug manufacturing plant in Cincinnati. Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists became the most successful manufacturer of eclectic medications in the United States, serving the entire country.

To say that John Uri Lloyd was multi-talented would be an understatement. A fishing buddy of President Grover Cleveland and a friend of Mark Twain, late in

his life, Lloyd became an internationally-known fiction author, including a series of historical novels tied to his memories of Northern Kentucky during the Civil War.

Lloyd was born in the Genesee Valley of upstate New York in 1849 and moved to Kentucky when he was four years old. His parents eventually settled in the heart of Florence near the intersection of present-day U.S. Highways 42 and 25.



John Uri Lloyd as a boy

By the time Lloyd Memorial High School was established, Professor Lloyd was in his final years. At that time, Erlanger and Elsmere, which had not existed in his youth, were filled with friends, acquaintances, and relatives he had known his whole life. The dedication of the high school bearing his name was one of many honors bestowed, but perhaps among the most meaningful.

Professor Lloyd died of pneumonia in April 1936 while visiting his daughter in California. He is buried next to his wife at the Hopeful Lutheran Church cemetery in Boone County. But Lloyd's legacy lives on thanks to his contributions to science, his pharmacy and manufacturing, his writings, the Lloyd Library and Museum, the historical markers in Kentucky and Ohio that trace his life, and our very own Lloyd Memorial High School.

# Summer in our schools



#### Me and My School

# Transitional summer programs for incoming kindergarteners

To help our new kindergarten students prepare for the 2021 — 2022 school year, we offer summer programs 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 your school's "Me and My School" coordinator for details:

#### **Arnett Elementary**

July 6 — 29, 8:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only! Loretta Simpson — 859.727.1488 loretta.simpson@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Howell Elementary

July 13 — 30, 8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Monday — Thursday Jacki Alexander — 859.727.1108 jacki.alexander@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Lindeman Elementary

July 12 — 23, 8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Monday — Friday Krista Wainscott — 859.727.1188 krista.wainscott@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Miles Elementary

July 12 — August 4, time TBD Monday — Wednesday Tiffany Gruen — 859.727.2231 tiffany.gruen@erlanger.kyschools.us

# **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.

#### Lindeman Elementary

June 7 — 25, Times — TBD Krista Wainscott — 859.727.1188 krista.wainscott@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Tichenor Middle School

June 7 — 11 and June 14 — 18 8:00 — 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 — 3:00 p.m. Mac Cooley — 859.727.2255 mac.cooley@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Lloyd High School

June 7 — 10, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. June 14 — 17, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. June 21 — 24, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Annie Roberts — 859.727.1555 annie.roberts@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Dates and times to be determined at:

#### **Arnett Elementary**

Naomi Colliver — 859.727.1488 naomi.colliver@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### **Howell Elementary**

Jacki Alexander — 859.727.1108 jacki.alexander@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### Miles Elementary

Josh Jackson — 859.727.2231 Joshua.jackson@erlanger.kyschools.us

## **Sports Programs**

#### **Boys / Girls Basketball**

June 1 — 3 9:00 — 11:30 a.m., Scheben Gym, \$40

#### Football

June 15 — 17 6:00 — 7:30 p.m., Football Field, \$25

#### Volleyball

June 7 — 11 8:30 — 10:30 a.m., Scheben Gym, \$30

#### Softball

July 12 — 14 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., Softball Field, \$35

# **21st Century Community Learning Center Programs**

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

Programs run for free from June 14 — July 9, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. A limited number of spots are available.

Post camp available from 2-6 p.m. every day. Cost is \$30 a week for part time and \$50 a week for full-time. Part-time is 1-3 days a week and full-time is 4-5 days a week.

Contact Dale Logue 513.426.5539 or dale.logue@erlanger.kyschools.us

#### **Camp Tichenor**

A day for welcoming new sixth grade students to Tichenor Middle School. Students will meet their teachers, tour the school, learn where their classes are and complete team building activities. Highly recommended for all incoming 6th graders.

Tuesday, August 10, 8:00 a.m. — 12:30 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 on site.

#### Meals will be provided on weekdays at:

#### Lloyd High School

Breakfast & Lunch Dates/Times: TBD

Kenton County Library, Silverlake Branch

Lunch

Dates/Times: TBD

#### Railroad Depot Park

Tuesdays and Thursdays only! Lunch

June 1 — July 22 10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

## Meals will also be offered at these special community events:

**Touch A Truck at Lloyd High School** June 3

5:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Madcap Puppets at Rainbow Park August 1

6:00 — 7:00 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.

#### **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.

Contact Caitlin Petit: 859.727.5650 ext 657

## Sixth Grade and New Student Parent Mixer Orientation

Meet other sixth grade parents. Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

#### **Food Pantry**

If any family is in need of food assistance, please contact your schools FRYSC:

Arnett, Howell & Lindeman Elementary Schools Tracy Molley 859.342.2351

Miles Elementary School Lauren Parker 859.727.2231

Tichenor Middle School Amber Evans 859.342.2426

Lloyd High School Maryann Moore 859.342.5480



## **Community Block Party**

Friday, October 1, 2021 Time TBD In front of Lloyd and Tichenor

Fun, food, friends... and more!

Mark your calendar now for this not-to-bemissed 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:

amber.evans@erlanger.kyschools.us

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

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# **Community Updates**

## What's happening in Erlanger and Elsmere?

#### **CITY OF ERLANGER**

Have some fun this summer in the City of Erlanger!



#### **Depot Days**

Every Tuesday & Thursday June 1 — July 22 10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Depot Park

#### **Touch a Truck**

Thursday, June 3 6:00 — 8:00 p.m. Lloyd High School Parking Lot

#### **Dreamy Whip Wednesday**

June 9, Spring Valley June 23, Rainbow Park July 7, Flagship Park July 21, Silverlake Park 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

#### Salsa Night

Friday, June 11 7:00 — 10:00 p.m. Location to be determined

#### **Madcap Puppets**

Thursday, July 1 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

#### **Star Party**

Friday, August 20 8:30 — 10:00 p.m.

# City of Erlanger, Girl Scouts dedicate Free Little Libraries

The City of Erlanger joined Kentucky's Wilderness Road Girl Scout Troop 1801 to dedicate two Free Little Libraries designed and built by Girl Scouts Clara Jamison and Selena Peru.

The girls spent over 100 hours on this project as the final component of their Silver Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve. The award is earned by identifying an issue, developing a project around it, and putting it in motion.

The Free Little Libraries, located at Silverlake Park and Depot Park in Erlanger, are part of a network of more than 90,000 public book-sharing exchange boxes located in communities across the country.

"We are honored that these fine young Girl Scouts chose Erlanger for an award-winning project that will enhance reading and learning opportunities in our



Left to right: Sage Barr, Erlanger Mayor Jessica Fette, Selena Peru, Clara Jamison, Troop Leader Mandy Jamison

## **CITY OF ELSMERE**

# City building construction well underway

Construction continues on the new City of Elsmere Municipal Building at the corner of Dixie Highway and Carlisle Street. The new building — which is more than twice the current building's size — will bring together the city administration and police department, which are currently separated by several blocks.



The building is being constructed with concrete masonry and brick masonry with natural limestone. The edifice also includes an emergency shelter-in-place space for city personnel, which will also act as the city's hub for emergency management during a crisis.

"We are very excited about the progress this project has made over the past several months, Mayor Marty Lenhof said. "We look forward to hosting an open house for our community when construction is complete — hopefully, around the first of the year."

## **Summer fun!**

The City of Elsmere is in the process of planning our Spring and Summer events schedule. Check out our website at cityofelsmere.com or the City of Elsmere Facebook page for all the latest happenings!



## Come work in our schools!

Our school district is actively seeking employees who are highly motivated, professional, and dedicated, and who want to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.



#### **BUS DRIVERS • SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Please apply online through our district website at www.erlanger.kyschools.us.

If you have questions about applying, please contact the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education at 859.727.2009.



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Engage, Erlanger-Elsmere Schools 500 Graves Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018 or email: engage@erlanger.kyschools.us

Please let us know if you receive duplicate mailings of **engage**.

## our vision

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

## our mission

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

### we like to hear from you!

Central Office	859.727.2009
Lloyd Memorial High School	859.727.1555
Tichenor Middle School	859.727.2255
Arnett Elementary	859.727.1488
Howell Elementary	859.727.1108
Lindeman Elementary	859.727.1188
Miles Elementary	859.727.2231
Bartlett Educational Center	859.342.2460
Erlanger-Elsmere Preschool	859.342.2427
	or 859.727.2009

#### board of education

Robin Cooper • Jeffrey Miller • Serena Owen • Sarah Shackelford

The Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Dietz Auditorium, 450 Bartlett Avenue, Erlanger.

#### central office administrators

Chad Molley, Superintendent • Matt Engel, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Klosinski, Director of Special Education
Shawn Neace, Director of Pupil Personnel
Laura Deters, Chief Information Officer • Lisa Goetz, Finance Director
Michael Goodenough, Director of District-Wide Programs
Stefanie Stubblefield, Instructional Coordinator - Technology
Al Poweleit, Instructional Coordinator - Student Services • Donna Schulte, Preschool Director

#### **Erlanger-Elsmere Schools**

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ARNETT ELEMENTARY • HOWELL ELEMENTARY

MILES ELEMENTARY • BARTLETT EDUCATIONAL CENTER