

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools

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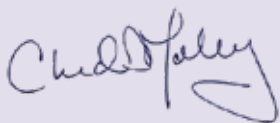
The start of the new school year brings with it much excitement and possibility. While I know we all hoped we could begin this year in a more normal fashion, we are so grateful that we have been able to start things off with in-person instruction.

Yes, things look a little bit different than they have in the past, but we know that seeing our students face to face each and every day gives us the best opportunity to meet their educational needs and address any other obstacles to their learning. The pandemic protocols are temporary, but the impact our teachers and staff are having on the students they serve will last a lifetime.

Despite things not being exactly as we'd all like them to be, I still feel excitement and possibility in this new school year. Our football team is on the field. The echoes of our marching band can be heard throughout the neighborhood. Our children are playing on the playground and walking back and forth to school.

I will continue to advocate for vaccinations, as that provides the best line of defense against the spread of coronavirus and our greatest opportunity to return to life as we used to live it. And, as a school district, we will continue to seek opportunities to host vaccine events so that all eligible staff, students, and community members have access to the vaccine for COVID-19.

We deeply appreciate the continued patience our families, staff, and neighbors have shown over the last year and a half. And I have faith that this community will continue to adapt to our present reality and to do what is in the best interest of our children and each other.



Chad D. Molley  
Superintendent



**As we all know, pandemic guidelines and protocols are ever-changing. Visit the Healthy at School section of our website at [erlanger.kyschools.us](https://erlanger.kyschools.us) and follow us on Facebook or Twitter for the most up-to-date information.**

## Staying safe

### Our ongoing approach to the COVID-19 pandemic



**The Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will continue to require students, staff, and visitors to wear face coverings inside our facilities.**

Universal masking while indoors is a key to ensuring that we can keep students and staff healthy and safe while maintaining in-person learning.

And, the Erlanger-Elsmere School District encourages all those that are eligible to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 to do so. Continuing to increase the vaccinated population of our community and universal masking inside our schools are the two best strategies we have to sustain in-person learning for our students and keep each other healthy and safe.

**We have partnered with Newport-based Ethos Laboratories to implement a "Test to Stay" program.**

This is a completely voluntary program supported by the State, so it is available at no cost to individuals or the school district. As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our staff, students, and families and the continuation of in-person learning, this "Test to Stay" program will provide an opportunity for some staff and students to remain in classrooms instead of quarantining.

*The COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving. We will continue to monitor data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Kentucky Department of Health, and the Northern Kentucky Department of Health and make adjustments according to the latest recommendations. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Healthy at School section of our website at [erlanger.kyschools.us](https://erlanger.kyschools.us).*

### Eviction prevention resources available

If you're looking for help with housing costs, you're not alone. Assistance is available. State and local organizations are distributing federal rental assistance in our community. The money can help landlords and renters who are struggling to keep up with rent and other bills. Please visit [erlanger.kyschools.us/news/evictionprevention](https://erlanger.kyschools.us/news/evictionprevention) for more information.

### EES Nutrition Department has new Facebook page!

The Erlanger-Elsmere Schools School Nutrition Department has created its own page to share the most interesting, relevant, and up-to-date news about its offerings. You're invited to "like" this new page to get all the news you need about food and nutrition within our school district... just visit [facebook.com/eesnutrition!](https://facebook.com/eesnutrition!)



# New year, new principals

## Three of district's elementary schools welcome new leaders for the 2021-2022 school year



The Site-Based Decision-Making Council (SBDM) at **Howell Elementary School** unanimously selected **Ms. Tiffany Gruen** as the school's new principal. She transitioned to the role from her previous position as the Instructional Coach at Miles Elementary.

Ms. Gruen has spent 15 years in Northern Kentucky elementary schools. She began her career in the Covington Independent School District before coming to Erlanger-Elsmere in 2016 to teach at Howell Elementary. She has undertaken a

number of leadership roles throughout her tenure, including service on Kentucky Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt's Accountability Steering Committee, as well as the Kentucky Department of Education Social Studies Standards Review and Development Committee.

A lifelong learner, Ms. Gruen is currently continuing her studies at Northern Kentucky University, where she also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. She lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Tommy, and 10-year-old son, Trey. They enjoy spending their free time kayaking or on the soccer field.



Meanwhile, the SBDM at **Miles Elementary** unanimously selected **Ms. Reena Connelly** as the school's new principal.

Ms. Connelly comes to Miles and the Erlanger-Elsmere School District from Saffell Street Elementary School in Anderson County, Ky., where she most recently served as the school's Math Interventionist. In her eight years at Saffell Street, she also taught 2nd and 4th grade, and served as a grade-level coach.

Ms. Connelly received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Berea College and has earned a Master's in Teacher Leadership and an Education Specialist in Instructional Leadership degree from University of the Cumberlands. She was selected as an Anderson Teacher of the Year in 2015.

Ms. Connelly currently resides in Frankfort, Ky., with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Ryder and Wade.



**Dr. Susan Short** has been unanimously selected as the new principal at **Arnett Elementary**.

Dr. Short most recently served as Assistant Principal at Stephens Elementary School in Boone County. In her twenty years in education, Dr. Short has also served as a Special Education teacher at the middle and elementary school levels, coordinator of interventions and Title I programs,

an RtI point person, and an intervention specialist.

Dr. Short has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree along with teaching certification in Special Education. She completed her Doctorate in Education in 2015. She resides in Hebron with her husband, Steve, and two youngest sons. Her family also includes three adult children, two grandchildren, and a third grandchild due this winter.

## Schools welcome new instructional coaches

**Mrs. Hannah Campbell** has been selected as instructional coach at Miles Elementary, and **Mrs. Stacey Cooper** has been selected for the same position at Howell Elementary School.

Mrs. Campbell brings a strong background in elementary education and a variety of leadership experiences to her new role. She has spent the last eight years working at Howell Elementary School as a 5th and 2nd grade teacher. In that time, Ms. Campbell has taken on a variety of leadership roles. Mrs. Campbell is newly married to Mr. Eric Campbell, physical education teacher at Tichenor Middle School. They live in Burlington, Ky., with their goldendoodle, Lexie. They enjoy spending their free time with family and friends when they aren't busy cheering on the Lloyd Memorial Boys Basketball team!

Mrs. Cooper assumes the role with more than 10 years of experience teaching at the elementary level. She has been a part of Erlanger-Elsmere Schools since 2016, serving as a 5th grade teacher at Miles Elementary. Mrs. Cooper is married to Mr. Brandon Cooper, science teacher at Lloyd High School. The Coopers live in Erlanger with their two children, Lily and Wesley, along with two dogs, a bearded dragon, and a beta fish.



Hannah Campbell



Stacey Cooper

## Welcome to all new district faculty and staff!

### Lloyd

Donald Allnutt, Career Options  
Kassidy Harris, Social Studies  
Morgan Saylor, LBD Teacher  
Kelsey Smith, Clerical Assistant  
Kelly Twehues, Health/PE  
Elsy Verdugo, World Language  
Monica Wainscott, Assistant Principal

### Tichenor

Catherine Everson, English/LA  
Grace Frecke, Math  
Cecily Hunt, STEM  
Tabitha Lockard, Instructional Assistant  
Jamie Swartzel, Math

### Bartlett

Evan Altevers, LBD  
Zaneta Creevy, Instructional Assistant

### Arnett

Jillian Chambers, Teacher

Christina Ellis, Teacher  
Kelsey Hoffman, Teacher  
Nikkea Kiser, Clerical Assistant  
Afton Ottesen-Price, PE Teacher  
Megan Rahn, Preschool Teacher  
Susan Short, Principal

### Howell

Amy Cain, Teacher  
Melissa Cooper, Teacher  
Matthew Crupper, Teacher  
Christina Fultz, Teacher  
Tiffany Gruen, Principal  
Jacqueline McHugh, Instructional Assistant  
Dawn Schreiner, Teacher  
Jennifer Somtrakool, Teacher  
Tiffani Toll, Teacher

### Lindeman

Tara Highsmith, Instructional Assistant  
Elizabeth Kring, Instructional Assistant  
Natalya McMahan, Guidance Counselor

Latisha Payne, Teacher

### Miles

Reena Connelly, Principal  
Staci Love, Teacher  
Jordan Moore, Teacher April Schoenfeld, Teacher

### Central Office/District

Jennifer Campbell, HR/Accounting  
Amanda Crenshaw, Accounting Clerk  
Allison Henn, School Nurse  
Dean Jackson, Technology Assistant  
Nicole Rankin, Program Specialist  
Abigail Roush, Psychologist-Intern  
Emily Salsbury, Nurse  
Alicia Thacker, Cook/Baker  
Mary Grace Trogdon, Speech

### Maintenance/Bus

Jason Bilz, Maintenance Worker  
Joshua Cromer - Custodian  
Krista Hubbard, Bus Monitor

**Best wishes to everyone who retired during the 2020-2021 school year!**

Paul Doll  
Cathy Gavin  
Laura Gessner

Melissa Rolf  
Cheryl Schmitz  
Richard Tyler



# Congratulations, graduates!

## Celebrating the Class of 2021

More than 120 members of the Class of 2021 and many more proud faculty, family members, and friends filled Scheben Auditorium at the end of May for Lloyd Memorial High School's 93rd Annual Commencement Ceremony. The honorees and their guests were smiling behind the masks they wore – a visual representation of the unusual circumstances under which the graduates completed their high school years.

Mr. Chad Molley, superintendent of Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, highlighted the perseverance of the Class of 2021 in his remarks, inspired by the school's fight song.

"Of the ninety-two senior classes that have graduated before you, perhaps no Juggernauts have had to fight on more to carry on to victory," Mr. Molley said. "Through it all your famous courage never died and we are here tonight to make all the echoes ring.

As young adults you faced, and conquered, a once in a lifetime challenge. You have done it with grace and determination. You have acquired new skills, sacrificed for the greater good, discovered new ways to do old things, and supported each other through it all."

The memorable evening celebrated the culmination of each participant's educational journey and looked forward to their bright futures in college or career.

### Members of the Class of 2021 participating in the commencement ceremony:

Assata Allen	Maylinn Brown	Elle Faris	Mike Gutierrez
Olivia Anderson	Joseph Brueggemeyer	Mark Ferguson	Riquiac
Jessyca Arellano	Philip Burrows	Sydney Foster	Adam Hensley
Austin Ashcraft	Morgan Canter	Alexis Franklin	Kaylea Hensley
Cameron Baker	Alayna Carnes	Alexis Frazer	Danny Hernandez
Morgan Ball	Abigail Carothers	Brent Fries	Calvin Hill
Chance Bauereis	Chase Carroll	Amanda Gambrel	Draco Hopkins
Aniyah Baxter	Devin Collins	Anthony Gentry	Jonathan Horn
Alannah Blackshire	John Collins	Jada Gentry	Ashley Howard
Zyasia Bland	Jesse Compton	Anastasia Goldsworth	Natalie Hunt
Hunter Bolton	Tesla Cornett	Ingrid Guevera	Jalen Huntley
Troy Bolton	Jacob Davis	Mariama Gueye	Brooklyn Ingram
Logan Bright	Tyrese Davis	Jenna Guilyard	Dean Jackson
Clifton Brown	Asher Dinn	Marisol Gutierrez	Kaiden Jennings
			Xavier Jensen



Janie Johnson	Savion Mays	Hailey Ping	Lennon Stolz
McKenzie Jones	Benjamin McGue	Devin Price	Ayden Stuckey
William Keith	Roberto Mena	Keila Quisquinay	Heavenly Stuckey
Madison Kennedy	Galilea Mendez	Trevon Ramey	Noah Tanner
Cheyenne Kindlesparger	Dameion Mitchell	America Ramirez	Makhi Trimpe
Jennifer King	Jessica Monk	Zacchaeus Rawls	Ella Viox
Hailey Lampe	Zaire Monroe	Madison Riddle	Cheyenne Wagner
Nicholas Lang	Aaliyah Moore	Taylor Riddle	Elijah Waklatsi
Kali Lanter	Kayla Morgan	Kerri Riley	Madison Walters
Davyaun Lucas	Juanita Mullins	Kameron Roetting	Emily Warren
Susan Lunsford	Mileidy Munoz Orozco	Marissa Samuel	Brooke Washington
Ibrahima Ly	Elijah Murphy	Alexandro Santana	William Wehrle
Jamyrow Mabrey	Juana Ortega	Collin Schubert	Jackie Wibbels
Lauren Maddan	Alexis Pagan Torres	Rumour Setters	Katelyn Willhoff
Liam Manley	Shelby Payne	Jeremiah Simmons	
Cheyenne Marcum	Gage Perkins Fox	Adrian Skeeters	
Emily Martin	Kyle Phelps	Alexis Smith	
Anabell Mattingly	Rylan Pierson	Devin Smith	
		Bethany Stanley	

**We are so proud of you and wish you the very best!**

**Class Motto**  
"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."  
– Arthur Ashe

**Class Song**  
The Show Goes On  
by Lupe Flascó

**Class Colors**  
Navy Blue and Vegas Gold

**Class Sponsors**  
Mrs. Mary Brady  
Mr. Brendhan Haynes

**Class Officers**  
**President:** Brooke Washington  
**Vice President:** Rylan Pierson  
**Secretary:** Chase Carroll

### Lloyd Memorial High School FIGHT SONG

Fight on you Juggernauts, fight  
Carry on to victory

Fight on with all your might  
Your famous courage never dying  
We'll make all the echoes ring  
For we want the world to know  
Our team is out to win  
So fight on for Lloyd High!





# College and Career Signing

## Seniors celebrate the future

Those who follow college athletics are familiar with the tradition of "Signing Day," when athletes declare their college choice. At Lloyd High School, this celebratory occurrence is not reserved for athletes. Now an annual tradition, College Signing Day 2021 celebrated the college and career intentions of all of Lloyd's recent graduates by providing an evening for students to formally declare their college choice and celebrate with family, friends, and fellow classmates.

### U.S. Air Force

Lauren Maddan  
Kyle Phelps  
Zacchaeus Rawls

### U.S. Marine Corps

Gage Perkins Fox

### U.S. Navy

Alexis Pagan Torres

### Empire Beauty School

Tesla Cornett

### Beckfield College

Shelby Payne

### Gateway Community & Technical College

Austin Ashcraft  
Zyasia Bland  
Jesse Compton  
Kaylea Hensley  
Sydney Foster  
Janie Johnson  
Susan Lunsford  
Ibrahima Ly

Aaliyah Moore  
Alexandro Santana

### Northern Kentucky University

Morgan Ball  
Tyrese Davis  
Anthony Gentry  
Marisol Gutierrez  
Emily Martin  
Mileidy Munoz-Orozco  
Zaire Monroe  
Rylan Pierson  
Devin Price  
Kameron Roetting  
Adrian Skeeters  
Devin Smith  
Ella Viox

### Bellarmine University

Olivia Anderson

### Transylvania University

Lennon Stolz

### University of Northwestern Ohio

Xavier Jensen

### Xavier University

Kaiden Jennings  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Abigail Carothers  
Kali Lanter  
Galilea Mendez  
Juana Ortega  
Madison Riddle  
Taylor Riddle  
Alexis Smith  
Jackie Wibbels  
University of Cincinnati  
Chase Carroll

Elle Faris  
Kerri Riley

### Mount St. Joseph University

Madison Kennedy

### University of Kentucky

Brooke Washington

### University of Pikeville

Jada Gentry

### Thomas More College

McKenzie Jones  
Dameion Mitchell  
Kayla Morgan  
Trevon Ramey  
Ayden Stuckey

## Signing Day BY THE NUMBERS

**53**

Seniors signed their intent to pursue college or career!

**10**

Seniors signed with career/technical colleges

**36**

Seniors signed with four-year colleges or universities

**1**

Senior is going on to trade school

**1**

Senior is going to a career college

**5**

Seniors will serve in the United States military

**32** signers are first-generation college students

### Requirements for Senior Signing

- 1 Senior Meeting with Counselor
- 2 Accepted to at least one college/military/trade school
- 3 Visit at least one college/military/trade school campus
- 4 Attempt the ACT at least twice
- 5 Complete the FAFSA/Meet Benchmarks

# Summer in our Schools

After quieter buildings last year, we were happy to be back in action this summer! Check out all the ways our students stayed active and engaged while class was not in session...

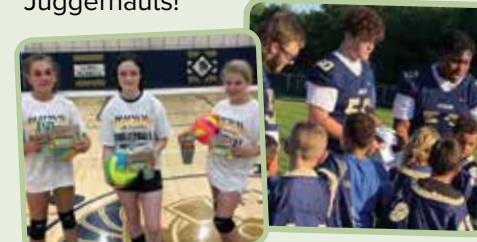
### Our 21st Century Summer Program

was back in full swing, welcoming a variety of guests, including



representatives from the Boone County Arboretum. Students learned about nature and were able to plant their own tree!

**Summer sports camps** were back in action, with basketball, volleyball, football, and soccer camps helping to prepare the next generation of Juggernauts!



Lloyd National Honor Society students Emma Baisden, Edson HernandezJeronimo, and Lucas Cooley volunteered to help with **The Dummy Run 5K Fun Run/Walk**

sponsored by Vent Haven Museum in Ft. Mitchell, the world's only museum dedicated to ventriloquism. Lloyd science teacher Mrs. Melissa Stolz also participated, and Lloyd Class of 2020 grad Hunter Belville won the race!



Several Lloyd athletes were recognized among Cincinnati. com/The Enquirer's 2020-21 **Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky high school Spring All-Stars**. Jake Davidson was named



Field Athlete of the Year, while Maddie Neary was named 1st Team for track/field, and Madison Kennedy was named 2nd Team for softball.

Jada Gentry and Maddie Kennedy represented Lloyd in **St. Elizabeth's Northern Kentucky Senior Softball All Star Game!**



Lloyd's boys basketball team helped First Baptist Church of Elsmere with their **Juneteenth celebration**.



Incoming kindergarteners participated in **Me and My School Kindergarten** readiness camps during the month of July! Ms. Jessica Holleman and Ms. Lauren Stewart partnered with United Way to implement the program at Dorothy Howell Elementary, where the youngest Howellagators were able to get to know their teachers, classmates, and school while participating in interactive, hands-on learning experiences. The program included fun visits from local fire and police departments, Kenton County Library, Cincinnati Observatory and the UK Extension Center!





# Lloyd Energy Team receives state, national awards

Lloyd Memorial High School's Energy Team was recently recognized by the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project for an outstanding energy education project: Can I Get a Watt Watt – The Year of the Pandemic. Lloyd Memorial High School was selected as Kentucky Senior School of the Year and National Senior School of the Year.

The team was recognized at the 41st Annual Youth Energy Conference and Awards this summer for their project, which included work in a community garden, STEM outreach, socially-distanced energy information sharing, scavenger hunts for students to complete with their families, a blue jean recycling program, and more. Not bad for a year spent largely in quarantine!

Great job to the Lloyd Energy Team, and sincerest thanks to Mrs. Melissa Stolz for her leadership!



## Addison Musk selected for Commonwealth Academy Program at Murray State

Congratulations to Addison Musk, a junior at Lloyd Memorial High School who participated in this summer's Commonwealth Academy Program at Murray State University over the summer. This is a newer program offered to Kentucky students and Addison is the first Lloyd Memorial student who has attended. The mission of the Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA) is to challenge, educate, enlighten, and nurture the next generation of civic, academic, and business leaders of the region.



"Murray State is a school I had been looking at since my sophomore year as a nice, small school that still met my academic and athletic needs," Addison said. "Early this year my student counselor, Mrs. Glass, sent out a message about the Commonwealth Academy and it instantly sparked my interest. After some thought, I applied and was accepted."

The CHA is a challenging three-week academic enrichment program for outstanding high school students who have completed their junior year and will return to high school as a senior in the fall following the Academy. Students take two honors-level college courses while at the Academy, which is offered at no cost.

Students are selected from the Commonwealth and surrounding states and receive six hours of honors-level university credit, have the opportunity to take six hours of tuition-free university courses at Murray State University during the subsequent academic year, and are awarded a four-year, renewable \$2,000 on-campus housing scholarship to attend Murray State University.

Way to go, Addison! We're proud of your achievement!

## Lindeman is Re-RAMPed

Lindeman Elementary was recognized at the American School Counselors Association's annual conference in Las Vegas for continuing to meet all the requirements to be a RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) school. Lindeman is one of 13 Kentucky schools to receive this recognition.

The Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

It takes an entire school collaborating with an aligned counseling program to achieve RAMP. Counselors work to develop their programs to ensure they are evidence-based, research-based, and aligned with the process. Schools achieving this designation spend 80% of their time strategically and intentionally working proactively and interactively with students.

"Our school counselor, Ms. Kathy Koerner has worked hard to create a program that is focused on meeting student needs and ensuring their success," said Mrs. Angie Gabbard, Lindeman's principal.

Lindeman joins the district's other three elementary schools – Arnett, Howell, and Miles – and Tichenor Middle School in maintaining RAMP recognition of their exceptional service to our district's students.



## Local business owner goes ABOVE AND BEYOND

Ms. Michelle Willoughby, a teacher at Lindeman Elementary, received quite a pleasant surprise when she took the school's fifth-grade students to the AmeriStop on Erlanger Road for ice cream to celebrate the end of elementary school. Mr. Jerry Cox, proprietor, generously donated all of the students' treats free of charge, allowing them to get whatever they wanted — including full-sized Ices and large cups of ice cream.



**"Mr. Cox went above and beyond to honor the students of this community," Ms. Willoughby said. "We are very grateful."**

# The Early Childhood Community Coalition

## Drug Free Healthy and strong from cradle to career

The Erlanger-Elsmere School District is proud to have received a Drug-Free Community Grant to prevent youth substance use and misuse. Under this new grant, our Early Childhood Community Coalition (E3C) has shifted its focus to include support of this initiative.

The E3C Drug Free serves the cities of Erlanger and Elsmere – communities that, together, account for over 27,000 residents – by joining community stakeholders to take action, promote, and support our youth and families to be healthy and strong from cradle to career. The goals of the coalition are to establish and strengthen community collaboration and prevent youth from using alcohol and e-cigarette/tobacco products.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Amy Cooley, who coordinates the grant, the coalition plans to lay the groundwork and move the needle during its first year. Their goals include:

- Increasing infrastructures.
- Ensuring participation from 100% of 12 community sectors.
- Increasing the number of youth receiving prevention services from 2,305 K-12 to 2,513 youth ages 0-18.
- Reducing 30-day alcohol and e-cigarette use among students in Grade 10 by 2%.

Using evidence-based curriculums, youth-designed communication campaigns, family engagement, and community advocacy, E3C is engaging youth as leaders, families and school staff as partners, and community members as advocates for substance prevention.



**The Drug Free Communities (DFC) support program was established under the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, P.L. 105.20. The purpose of DFC funding is to address two major goals:**

- 1** Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and federal, state and local governments to support the efforts of community coalitions
- 2** Reduce substance use among youth and overtime among adults (*specifically, underage drinking, tobacco/e-cigarettes/vaping*)

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SPECIFICS

### Target Population

Primarily children birth through age 5, and school-age students in grades K-12. The Erlanger-Elsmere School District has high diversity ratio for the Northern Kentucky area, with about 30% minorities.

### Primary Goals

We plan to complete the current gap in the spectrum of substance prevention by including our youngest learners 0-5 years and expanding existing prevention efforts for school-aged youth.

### Activities

Training staff and implementing evidence-based programs for preschool through grade 12 is our primary goal for year one. In addition, we plan to engage more members of our community with our schools through programs, therapy, training, messaging campaigns, community events, and services to address social emotional and substance prevention needs.

### Accomplishments

The E3C Coalition was established in 2015 with 16 members from the early childhood arena and has grown to include 50 members from all over Northern Kentucky. This foundation of collaboration and knowledge of community partners will support this project, E3C Drug Free, as we build collaborative systems and change norms to prevent substance abuse.

### The grant in action

Beginning in Spring 2021, the Coalition was able to connect with families on a deeper level as in-person activities and events resumed.

At the “Amazing Race to Kindergarten,” representatives set up a substance prevention banner that highlighted the E3C coalition and Erlanger-Elsmere Schools as a backdrop for family pictures as incoming kindergartners and their caregivers entered the buildings.

The Coalition has been supporting The Dinner Table Project, which includes take-home boxes that include fun and important conversation topics for families to share around the dinner table.

Currently, the E3C Drug Free Coalition is partnering with Erlanger Baptist Church to host a “fan zone” before all of Lloyd’s home football games as a way to foster safe and positive fun and camaraderie for our community’s students and families.

Poverty and substance abuse are significant challenges to successful life for our youth. Underage drinking and e-cigarette use include insufficient knowledge and coping skills and unaddressed social and mental health issues. These substance use problems erupt early, even before school-age, in high-need environments.

**Have questions or want to learn more? Please reach out!**

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*Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.*



# Edgar Arnett Elementary School

***Serving the children of Erlanger and Elsmere since 1967***



In response to an influx of newly built homes and new families that moved into Erlanger and Elsmere during the middle of the twentieth century, the Erlanger-Elsmere School District welcomed a brand-new elementary school during the 1967-1968 school year – Edgar Arnett Elementary School.

Arnett Elementary, located at 3552 Kimberly Drive, has the distinction of sitting in two Kenton County cities, as the building was placed over a city boundary. Most of the school sits in Elsmere, while part of the school sits in Erlanger. The school was built on former farmland property, which at one time was owned by two area pioneer families: the Timberlakes and the Stevensons. Major William Thornton Timberlake, a veteran of the war of 1812, built his home in 1826 near the corner of present-day Alice Street and Stevenson Road. By 1856, Timberlake's son-in-law, Dr. John B. Stevenson had acquired the property. Marked by a Kentucky Historical Society marker, the original Timberlake home still stands near the corner of Alice Street and Stevenson Road in Erlanger.

Originally named "Stephenson Road Elementary," by the time of its dedication in the fall of 1967, the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education had renamed the school, "Edgar Arnett Elementary," in honor of their longest serving superintendent.

Mr. Arnett, born in 1895, was originally from Magoffin County, Kentucky. A World War I veteran, he attended Eastern State Normal School (now Eastern Kentucky University) where he was president of his class. He later completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Kentucky and received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York. Before coming to Elsmere in 1924, he was a principal of schools in Jenkins, Hendricks, and Gullett, Kentucky. Prior to the merger of the independent Elsmere and Erlanger school districts in 1928, Mr. Arnett had served as a teacher, principal, and superintendent in the independent Elsmere school district from 1924-1928. He became the first principal of Lloyd Memorial High School in the newly formed Erlanger-Elsmere School District in 1928, and he became superintendent of the district in 1929.

Mr. Arnett, superintendent of the Erlanger-Elsmere School District from 1929 to 1965, also served as a member of the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education from 1968 to 1980. He dedicated nearly 60 years of his life to the boys and girls of the Erlanger and Elsmere communities. Present at the dedication of the Edgar Arnett Elementary school building in the fall of 1967, his oil portrait still proudly hangs in the school lobby in his honor.



Mr. Arnett's wife, Martha Dean Arnett (1912-1993) was also a familiar face in our school community. She owned and operated the Arnett Montessori School in Erlanger for many decades. Mr. Arnett passed away in 1989, and Mrs. Arnett in 1993. Mr. and Mrs. Arnett are buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger.

At the time the building was constructed, the surrounding community was growing so quickly that major additions to the building were soon made — first in 1969 and again in 1972. More recent additions have included a three-story elevator in 2000, kitchen and cafeteria expansion in 2004, the addition of 2 modular classrooms in 2008, and a new office complex in 2019.

Now in its sixth decade of service to the Erlanger and Elsmere communities, Arnett Elementary has been fortunate to have had longevity in service of principals as the school has had only six principals at the administrative helm since its inception in 1967: Mr. Raymond Weaver (1967-1972); Mr. Oliver Bryant (1972-1994); Mr. David R. Palmore (1994-2009); Mr. Matt Engel (2009-2015); and Ms. Amanda New (2015-2021). Dr. Susan Short, who begins her tenure this year, is the school's sixth principal.

**Photograph made in 1967 as school and district administrators fill the time capsule that was placed in the 1967 cornerstone during completion of Arnett Elementary School. Left to right: Erlanger-Elsmere School Superintendent James I Tichenor, Arnett Elementary's namesake, retired Erlanger-Elsmere Schools Superintendent, Edgar Arnett and the school's first principal, Raymond Weaver.**





# The Alumni Spotlight

## Chris Johnson, '01 At home in Scheben

Chris Johnson spends a lot of time at Scheben Gymnasium.

And he comes by it honestly... In fact, spending time at Scheben is something of a tradition in Chris's family.

Officially, Chris is the custodian for Scheben Gymnasium, but the way he fills the role goes above and beyond the title. Of course, he keeps the facilities clean, stocked, and ready to use, but for Chris, it's about much more than sweeping floors and arranging chairs.

Chris has been a fixture at Scheben since he was a student at Lloyd. He tried out for basketball his freshman year of high school, but didn't make the team. Instead, he became team manager and he's been an integral part of many of Lloyd's athletic teams ever since.

He ran track his sophomore and junior years, but couldn't stop there... he also served as a team manager. His junior year, he helped manage football, too.

After graduating from Lloyd in 2001, he just couldn't stay away. Chris stayed on to help out, running the clock and scoreboard, setting up for games, and cleaning up after while he attended Gateway Community and Technical College for an associate's degree in Applied Science. That involvement eventually led to a job, and he joined the district team in 2010 as a custodian at Miles Elementary. He had been in that role for a couple of years when the same position opened up for Scheben... Chris was a natural fit.

The role has allowed him to continue to support the sports teams in the ways he's always enjoyed, while growing and evolving the role.

When his sister, Janie, got into school musicals, Chris and his family helped build sets and learned about the various aspects of theater production.

"It's changes in the job and the technical aspects – scoreboards, lighting, soundboard, stuff like that – that makes the job rewarding and a lot of fun," Chris said. "That, along with getting to talk to people and watch the teams play."

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When Chris isn't busy supporting events at Scheben or cleaning up the football field after a game, he enjoys going to the zoo with his family, taking his sister fishing, or catching a hockey game with his brother. But he always returns back to Erlanger, which he's happy to call home.

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## The Johnsons: A huge extended family

Chris Johnson is not the only member of his family who is dedicated to the Erlanger-Elsmere Schools... and specifically, Scheben Gymnasium.

The entire family rolls up their sleeves to support the facility and its activities. It's progressed with the family as the Johnson children have moved through the district.

Back when Chris and his older brother, James, were in elementary school, their mother Barb started out as a room mom. She did what she could to help out at her kids' schools, but stayed largely in the background until Chris was a junior. That year, Chris was the manager for boys basketball under Mr. Bryant Gillis, the team's coach. Mrs. Johnson volunteered to film the home games so Chris could be on the court with the team.

Fast forward, and Mrs. Johnson was filming all the basketball games Chris' senior year. And she continued to do so until 2020, when she was sidelined due to the pandemic.

As if that wasn't enough, Barb volunteered at Miles Elementary when her youngest child, daughter Janie, was in school. And when Janie went to Tichenor, she moved on to help out there. She is now in her eighth year volunteering at Tichenor, helping out however she can. She assists in the office, and makes copies for teachers. She laminates and runs things here and there. She delivers things to the Board office and picks up mail.

"You name it, I do it," Mrs. Johnson said.

When Janie became involved in the school musicals, the Johnson family spent six years filming the productions, sewing costumes, building sets, and applying hair and makeup. The entire family – Barb and her husband Jim, James, Chris, and Janie, have regularly served as chaperones on Lloyd's annual field trips to Cedar Point.

For the Johnsons, it all seems just feels like the right thing to do.

"We enjoy doing it," Barb said. "I enjoy helping in the office and, I know they can use the help. I'm there every day. I see everything they have going on, so anything I can do, I do it."

"There are so many people around here who have known me since I was a baby," Janie added. "So Erlanger is our huge extended family of sorts."





## Upcoming Events



### IN THE CITY OF ERLANGER...

#### October

##### Halloween Carnival and Movie

**October 16, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Silverlake Park

*Rain makeup date: October 23*

#### November

##### Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

**November 16, 1:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

City Building

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Chelsea Ryann Festival of Hope

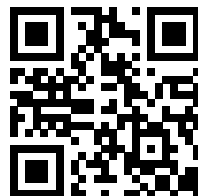
The Sixth Annual Chelsea Ryann Festival of Hope will be held on **Sunday, October 17 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at Scheben Gymnasium on the campus of Lloyd Memorial High School.

Organized by the Westwood family in honor of their daughter Chelsea, whom they lost to suicide when she was a student at Lloyd, the festival's central message is hope. And that message is reflected throughout the event, which this year will feature pumpkins, stuffed animals, tie-dye, games, treats, and much more! The Westwoods' efforts raise significant funding which is put to work to help students at Lloyd High School who are searching for hope while dealing with mental health issues. Mark, your calendar and plan to attend!



### City of Erlanger scholarship available

The City of Erlanger is pleased to announce financial support for one graduating senior. The Class of 2022 Post-Secondary Education Scholarship available to Erlanger residents in the form of one \$2,500 scholarship awarded to one high school senior graduating in 2022. The scholarship may be used to attend an accredited two or four year College or technical school. The award will be based on the ability to succeed in college or technical school. Scan the QR code to learn more and access the application.



## CITY OF ELSMERE FOCUSES ON PARKS

### Expanding, upgrading Woodside Park

The City of Elsmere is in the process of planning for the future expansion and upgrade of Woodside Park. In 2018, Elsmere purchased the former Grants Mobile Home Park at the intersection of Bedinger Street and Lytle Avenue. In 2021, Elsmere took complete possession of this land and began the process of trailer removal, site excavation and significant clean-up of the property. As outlined in the Elsmere Strategic Plan, many of the goals were to remove blight, increase recreation space, and identify opportunities to engage the community. The expansion of Woodside Park and this overall project accomplishes many of those goals. Through the feedback received from the community the rendering shows what The City of Elsmere hopes to provide to our residents for the future of Woodside Park.



### Park dedicated to Billy Bradford

The City of Elsmere recently dedicated a city park to former mayor and councilman Bill "Billy" Bradford, a racial pioneer who was the first African American to serve as mayor in Northern Kentucky.

The park - at the corner of Garvey Avenue and Ash Street - sits across from the city hall where he served and from the firehouse of the Elsmere Fire District that he helped form. The existing park features a gazebo, walking paths, benches, landscaping and three flag poles.

"Billy Bradford served the people Elsmere for decades, truly dedicated and devoted to the community he loved," said Elsmere Mayor Marty Lenhof. "Billy Bradford Park will forever stand in tribute to a respected and admired leader who trampled racial barriers while serving the public with dignity, respect, and selflessness."

Born in Covington and raised on a Boone County tobacco farm, Mr. Bradford, 86, continues to live in the city he served. As a member of Elsmere City Council he was

known as a humble, easy-going yet focused leader who knew how to get things done.

"I work with good people who make my job a lot easier," Mr. Bradford once told The Erlanger Recorder. "I'm certainly honored to be recognized, but this is a team effort here, and everyone deserves some credit."







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