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FALL 2026

Loveland School News

Superintendent's Message



Loveland Tiger Community,

Welcome to the first-ever edition of the Loveland School News!

When I joined the district as Superintendent six years ago, one of my first goals was to listen to our community. Together, we built our #beLOVEland Strategic Vision, with the goals of Student Success, Collaborative Culture, Community Engagement, and Fiscal Responsibility. The Loveland School News is our way of sharing important information with our community in a way that hopefully gets your attention.

As you flip through the pages of the Loveland School News, I hope you see a recurring theme of being student-focused, building strong relationships, and celebrating the efforts of our hard-working staff members. More than half of our staff live right here in our district. That means the people who take our students to school, feed them lunch, teach them, and get them home safely every day are your neighbors and friends.

You'll see in these pages that we pride ourselves on providing an awesome education to our students, and we do it in a fiscally responsible way. Loveland is among the best public districts in Ohio, and we make that happen with less funding than most districts. We're proud that we provide our community with above-average results at a below-average cost.

We're also proud that the City of Loveland has been named one of the state's Best Hometowns by Ohio Magazine. It's no coincidence that a community recognized as a great place to live, work, and visit also has a great public school district. Many families choose to put down roots where they know their children will get a great education.

Thank you for your continued support of the Loveland City School District, and please know that if you ever have questions, you can send me an email at mikebroadwater@lovelandschools.org.

Go Tigers!

Mike Broadwater,
Superintendent



Loveland Earns Five Stars on Ohio School Report Card

Loveland City School District has earned a Five Star Overall Rating on the 2025-2026 Ohio School Report Card - the highest possible overall report card grade. Out of 607 public school districts in Ohio, Loveland City School District's Overall Rating Points ranked 26th highest, placing the district in the top 4% of Ohio Public Schools!

"We are incredibly fortunate to have a great recipe for success here in Loveland City School District. Our families send us outstanding students who come to school ready to learn, our staff works hard to build a great school culture where students can succeed, and our community supports the district. Together, we make sure Loveland City School District provides above-average results at below-average cost," Superintendent Mike Broadwater said.

The Ohio School Report Card has six component areas: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, Early Literacy, and the newer College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness category. Districts can earn up to five stars in each category, and those scores combine into an "Overall Rating."

How does Loveland stack up?

- Loveland is one of only ten public school districts in the southwest Ohio region of Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont Counties to earn an "Overall Rating" of Five Stars.
- Loveland earned 4.438 Overall Rating Points, the fifth-highest in the southwest Ohio region of Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont Counties.

"Loveland City School District families and our wider school district community should be proud to live in a place with a great public school district. It is one of the things that makes our community a destination, and this 5-Star Report Card confirms that Loveland is among the best districts anywhere in Ohio," Broadwater said.

Loveland earned an Overall Rating of 4.5 Stars on the 2024-25 Ohio School Report Card, an Overall Rating of 5 Stars on the 2023-24 and 2022-23 Ohio School Report Card, and earned 5 Stars in every category on the 2021-22 Ohio School Report Card.

You can view the Loveland City School District's Ohio School Report Card results by scanning the QR code to the right>>

Find more resources for understanding the Ohio School Report Card by scanning the QR code to the right>>

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NEWSPAPER?

You may be wondering why this newspaper from the Loveland City School District landed in your mailbox. We are committed to keeping our community informed about our district in a fiscally responsible way. This publication includes much more information than our typical postcard mailing, and we can put it in your mailbox for about 75 cents per household. The Loveland School News is also ad-supported, which lets us cut that cost even further. Loveland School News is distributed through the more cost-effective Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) system. That means if your house is on a mail carrier route that goes through our district, you may receive it too, even if your home is technically outside our district border. For the few folks affected, we hope you still find it valuable to learn more about your neighboring district!

Loveland Schools Foundation Dedicates Outdoor Classroom



Students are enjoying the new Loveland Schools Foundation Outdoor Classroom on the campus of Loveland Intermediate School and Loveland Middle School. The Foundation raised more than $100,000 to fund this project and transform an unused space near the LMS Auditorium. Outdoor tables and chairs, along with a large sunshade, turned the area into a popular outdoor learning space, where teachers can provide engaging lessons and a change of scenery for their students.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on August 20, 2026, to celebrate the project's completion, just in time for the start of the new school year. Many of the more than two hundred community members who donated were in attendance. Thank you to the Loveland Schools Foundation for making this project possible at no cost to taxpayers!

Community Advisory Team Members Discussing District Finances



Loveland City School District's Community Advisory Team (CAT) is now in year three! The CAT serves as a bridge between our community and school district leadership. At the first CAT meeting of the school year, community members were asked to play the role of district leaders and make difficult decisions about how a school district might balance its budget without increasing revenue. They discussed potentially cutting jobs for teachers, administrators, and support staff to balance the budget. As one attendee said, "None of it felt good, to have to cut teachers, administrators, or support staff knowing it was taking services away from our kids."

Loveland City School District is committed to community engagement, and everyone who applied to be part of the CAT was accepted. We appreciate everyone who volunteered their time to learn more about Loveland City Schools and provide valuable feedback on district decision-making.

The Loveland City School District Board of Education



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Elected November 2021
Term Expires 12/31/29

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- Legislative Committee
- Policy Committee



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Term expires 12/31/27

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- Facilities Committee
- Student Experience Committee



Dr. Eric Schwetschenau
School Board Member
Appointed May 2020
Term expires 12/31/29

- Facilities Committee
- Finance Committee
- Policy Committee

The Loveland City School District Board of Education holds the responsibility to establish purposes, programs, and procedures that result in student academic achievement and well-being. The Board must accomplish this while also being responsible for the wise management of resources available to the District.

The Board of Education is an elected legislative body that formulates and adopts policy, selects an executive officer to implement policy and a financial officer to implement financial processes, and evaluates the results of these actions.

The Board must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the involvement and contributions of the public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.

Board Business Meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Loveland Middle School Auditorium. Learn more by visiting lovelandschools.org.

Treasurer's Message



John Espy
Treasurer/CFO

Loveland Tiger Community,

Fiscal responsibility is a central pillar of our #beLOVEland Strategic Vision and a promise to manage your tax dollars with integrity and accountability.

Thanks to our entire school community's commitment to sound financial stewardship, Loveland City Schools recently earned two major honors for Fiscal Year 2025 in our recently released audit report:



- **Auditor of State Award with Distinction:** Places Loveland in the top 4% of public entities in Ohio for clean, comprehensive audit reports with zero findings.

- **ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting:** Places our district in the top 4% nationally for meeting the highest standards of financial disclosure.



While state and national recognitions reflect technical excellence, our top priority is transparency at home. Through our Finance Friday video series, we break down complex school finance topics into clear, accessible conversations. I encourage you to watch our latest episode detailing our recently filed Financial Forecast, found at www.lovelandschools.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students, staff, and schools. If you ever have questions, please reach out directly at espyjo@lovelandschools.org.

Go Tigers!

John Espy, *Treasurer/CFO*

Congratulations to the Class of 2027 National Merit Honorees



Loveland High School seniors Liam Looman and Jay Matusak (pictured above) have been named National Merit Semifinalists. National Merit Semifinalists are recognized for high academic achievement and great Pre-SAT scores. About 16,000 students nationwide receive this honor, or about 1% of the students who complete the Pre-SAT. Being a National Merit Semifinalist allows students to move forward in competition for about $26 million in National Merit Scholarships.



Loveland High School seniors Elijah Eppley, Liam Manly, Sarah Papsdorf, Finley Plante, Zane Shrewsberry, and James Young (pictured above) have also been named National Merit Commended Scholars for scoring in the top 2-3% of all students nationwide on the Pre-SAT test. Congratulations to all of our National Merit honorees!

Loveland CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ABOVE-AVERAGE RESULTS, BELOW-AVERAGE COST

	LOVELAND	vs.	Ohio Districts	
Ohio School Report Card *2025-26*	★★★★★ overall		96%	of districts score lower
State Funds per Student *FY25 - District Profile Report*	$4,435		86%	of districts receive more state funding per student
Student-to-Administrator Ratio *FY25 - District Profile Report*	157 to 1		86%	of districts have more administrator support per student
Student-to-Teacher Ratio *FY25 - ODE Enrollment & EMIS Records*	19.2 to 1		95%	of districts have more teacher support per student
Expenditures per Student *FY25 - District Profile Report*	$16,444		54%	of districts spend more per student

Celebrating the Tiger Class of 2026



The Loveland High School Class of 2026 graduated on the evening of May 17, 2026, in front of their families and friends at Xavier University's Cintas Center.

Student speakers included Student Council President Maria Yeager, Student Council Representative Jocelyn French, Student Council Secretary Ethan Pachmayer, Class President Payton Brown, Salutatorian Finn Parrish, and Valedictorian Maddie Murphy. Music was provided by the Loveland High School Band, Senior Ensemble, and Resonance Singers.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLASS OF 2026:

- **42% earned an Honors Diploma**
- **63% took at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course**
- **62% earned College Credit Plus credits**
- **2733 college credits earned before graduation by the Class of 2026** *(that's equivalent to $1.6 million in savings for their families had they paid to earn those credits at the University of Cincinnati!)*
- **61% earned an Industry-Recognized Credential**
- **77% met Ohio's College and Career Readiness indicator**
- **33% of the Class of 2026 participated in work-based learning**

Congratulations to the Loveland High School Class of 2026 and their families!

Loveland Putting Students on Pathways to Success

The youngest students served by Loveland City School District will graduate high school in the year 2040 - and at the rate technology is changing, they will enter a very different world of work. The Loveland Tiger Pathways program is our district's pre-kindergarten through grade 12 commitment to preparing every student for a purposeful career of their choice – a personalized classroom-to-career journey.



Exploring career pathways looks different as students move from preschool to graduation. At younger grades, field trips and guest speakers help them to learn about careers. As they get older, they begin to learn about their personal interests and strengths through events like "Find Your Stripes Day." Beginning in grade 6, they take aptitude assessments and begin researching careers. Throughout high school, they build resumes and practice interviewing skills before being given the opportunity to participate in internships and pre-apprenticeship programs their junior and senior year.





We are proud to partner with dozens of local businesses, government agencies, and organizations, including Christ Hospital, TriHealth, the City of Loveland, and Bike Trail Books, to provide real-world learning opportunities for our internship program. Our #beLOVEland Strategic Vision sets the goal of exposing students to the many pathways to lifelong success through enlistment, enrollment, or employment, and Loveland Tiger Pathways is how we meet that goal. You can learn more at lovelandschools.org/pathways.



Loveland High School Profile 2026-27

Overall 5-Star Award 2025

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS U.S.News & WORLD REPORT NATIONAL 2025-2026

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Academic Excellence

- 5-Star Ohio School Report Card 2022-2023-Present
- US News and World Report "Best High Schools" List - Ranked #40 of 903 Ohio High Schools 2025-26 (Top 5% in Ohio)
- Niche "Best Schools" List - Ranked #53 of 903 Ohio High Schools 2025-26 (Top 6% in Ohio)
- 99% Graduation Rate

College Readiness

- 42% of the Class of 2026 earned Honors Diplomas
- 63% of the Class of 2026 took an Advanced Placement (AP) course
- 528 AP students in 2025-26 with 790 exams taken
- 89% of all AP students earned 3+ on AP Exams in 25-26
- 62% of the Class of 2026 earned College Credit Plus credits
- 2733 college credits earned before graduation by the Class of 2026

Career Readiness

- 61% of the Class of 2026 earned an Industry-Recognized Credential
- 100% of 8th-grade and 10th-grade students learn about the Great Oaks vocational programs
- 77% of the Class of 2026 met Ohio's College and Career Readiness indicator
- 33% of the Class of 2026 participated in work-based learning

School Culture

- 48% of Loveland High School students participate in at least one school sport
- 26% of Loveland High School students participate in performing arts
- 57% of Loveland High School students participate in fine arts
- Recognized as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" 2025 & 2026

Music Program Highlights

Loveland City School District has been recognized as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation. Here are a few recent highlights and awards!



BAND HIGHLIGHTS

The marching band placed 1st at the Colerain Invitational Marching Band Competition and earned a 1st Division Rating (the highest score you can receive) at the OMEA State Marching Band Finals Competition last October. This is the 9th time in school history and the third year in a row the band has scored this high.

Isaiah Welsh ('27) made the All-State Jazz Band as one of five total trumpet players in Ohio to make the group. He performed in Columbus with the state's best high school jazz musicians at the Ohio Music Educators Association Conference.

The jazz bands had a very unique and memorable experience performing with Beach Boys keyboardist Gary Griffin. LHS students arranged classic Beach Boys songs for the jazz band, and the LMS Stage Band and the two LHS Jazz Bands performed with Gary Griffin on piano.

The LHS band and orchestra programs once again combined for the 2025 Holiday concert, performing festive favorites like Sleigh Ride and Selections from the Home Alone Soundtrack.

The concert bands performed a Tribute to Becky Jones (long-time Loveland Band advocate, assistant band director, and flute teaching specialist) concert in May 2026, featuring a variety of music dear to the Jones family and even a flute concerto featuring Cincinnati Symphony flutist Rebecca Tutunick.

CHOIR HIGHLIGHTS

By Request: By Request enjoyed an outstanding 2026 competition season, earning 21 total awards including the Grand Championships at the South Dearborn Opening Knight ShowCase and the Fairfield Crystal Classic, along with three Best Choreography awards, four Best Band awards, one Best Vocals award, and one Best Show Design award. Paxton Merz earned four Best Bass or Male Soloist honors, and Evy Scott received two Best Treble or Female Soloist honors. The season concluded at Show Choir Nationals, where director Shawn Miller received the Allen and Sandra Chapman Outstanding Director Award. Paxton has now won the most solo awards in school history.



Allure: Allure (shown right) earned eight awards in the 2026 season. The group was named Treble Division Champion at both the Beavercreek Midwest Show Choir Classic and the South Dearborn Opening Knight Showcase, and received awards for Best Tech Crew and Best Costuming at the Fairfield Crystal Classic. The season concluded at Show Choir Nationals, where Allure earned Fourth Place in the Treble Division and received the Best Band award.

Solo and Ensemble: Many of our choir students participated in Solo and Ensemble last year. Jackson Coco, Emmie Schadel, Payton Betz, Nikki Parvanova, Emily Mix, and Vivian Viltrakis each received a superior rating for their solo performances.

Revolution: Loveland Revolution enjoyed an outstanding 2026 competition season, earning 22 awards and placing in the top two at every competition. The group captured three Middle School Division championships at Beavercreek, South Dearborn, and Ross, and received three Best Choreography awards, two Best Vocals awards, three Best Band awards, two Best Crew awards, Best Costumes, Best Show Concept, and Best Show Design. Individual honors included Best Bass Soloist awards for Graham Keifer and Gavin Furey, as well as a Best Treble Soloist award for Veronica Siebert.

ORCHESTRA HIGHLIGHTS



LHS Chamber and String Orchestras performed 6 concerts during 2025-26, including a Halloween Concert, Holiday Pops Concert, and a full orchestra concert in April with select band members.

A string quartet composed of Cooper Chile, Haven Kalb, Izaiah Ray, and Henrik Reinsalu performed at various community events throughout the school year. LHS and LMS Orchestra students performed in small groups at the Empty Bowls fundraiser for the LIFE Food Pantry. Orchestra musicians also performed throughout the year at the Loveland Health Care Center and the Lodge Retirement Community.

Violist Henrik Reinsalu ('29) is a second-year member of the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra Concert Orchestra and was chosen to perform in the OMEA Southwest Region Orchestra. This year, Loveland Middle School Orchestra students are participating in ensembles at UC's CCM Prep Department, Cincinnati Music Village, and through the Butler Philharmonic.

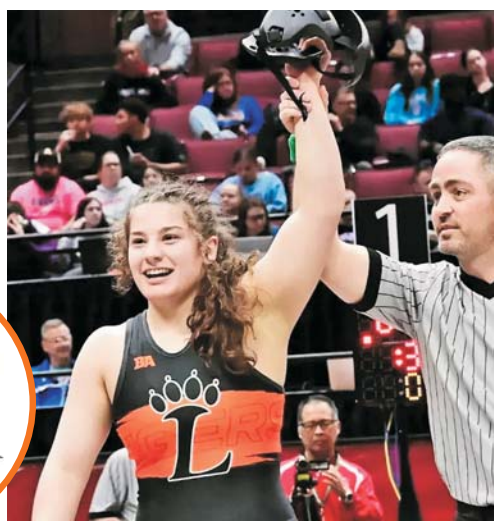


Athletics Highlights

Congratulations to all of our 2025-26 Loveland Tiger student-athletes! We had an outstanding year, including some standout performances from teams and individual athletes.



Loveland High School runner Caroline Murnan won two Individual State Championships - the Division 2 Girls 200-meter dash and the Division 2 Girls 400-meter dash!



Loveland High School wrestler Elizabeth Madison was the 170 Girls State Champion, her 3rd State Championship!



The Loveland High School Girls 4x800 team of Delaney Cilley, Caroline Murnan, Emma Todd, and Brynleigh Scherman won the State Championship in their event!



Loveland High School Girls Volleyball won the State Regional Championship and progressed to the State Final Four for the first time in school history!

Honoring the Past, Improving Student Safety



Loveland City School District was honored to welcome two distinguished guests recently: former Loveland Mayor Dr. Roland Boike and artist David Camele. The two gentlemen joined Superintendent Mike Broadwater, members of the Loveland School District Board of Education, Loveland Mayor Kathy Bailey, and members of Loveland City Council for a gathering on September 17, 2026, to mark the handoff of the former Stephen C. Boike Youth Park property from City ownership to the school district.

In addition to serving as Mayor, Dr. Boike was also the president of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and launched the Valentine Lady program and the Loveland postmark program. Mr. Camele created the "Joy of Youth" sculpture that stands at the corner of Rich Road and Tiger Trail near Loveland High School.

"The feeling when we put this statue here was that every day when students will be reminded that drinking and driving does not work. Drunk drivers are a tragedy. We are hoping that as students come and leave each day, they will have on their minds and hearts, 'I will not drink,' Roland Boike told the crowd during the ceremony.

The property is no longer known as Boike Park, but the "Joy of Youth" statue will remain at the corner of Tiger Trail and Rich Road, with a new plaque honoring the memory of Stephen Boike, Roland Boike's son, who died after being struck by a drunken driver.

In January 2026, the Loveland City School District Board of Education agreed with the City of Loveland to transfer the property formerly known as Stephen C. Boike Youth Park from city ownership to the school district. The property transfer satisfies upcoming Tax Increment Finance (TIF) payments owed to the school district by the city, without impacting the district's general fund budget, and with no funds transferred between the City and the District. It includes two athletic fields used for community youth sports. Those fields remain available for community use.

"I want to thank the Boike family for being gracious and understanding as we make this change. They and Mr. Camele have been awesome to work with, and I have great respect for the impact they have had on the Loveland community," Superintendent Mike Broadwater said.

The city removed the tennis courts near Rich Road and Tiger Trail several years ago, and the district has now converted that part of the property into a new parking lot for Loveland High School students. By expanding parking capacity on the campus, students no longer have to park at Phillips Park and cross Rich Road. This safety improvement aligns with the Boike family's wish to improve student safety, and the statue will remain a lasting reminder of Stephen Boike's untimely death.

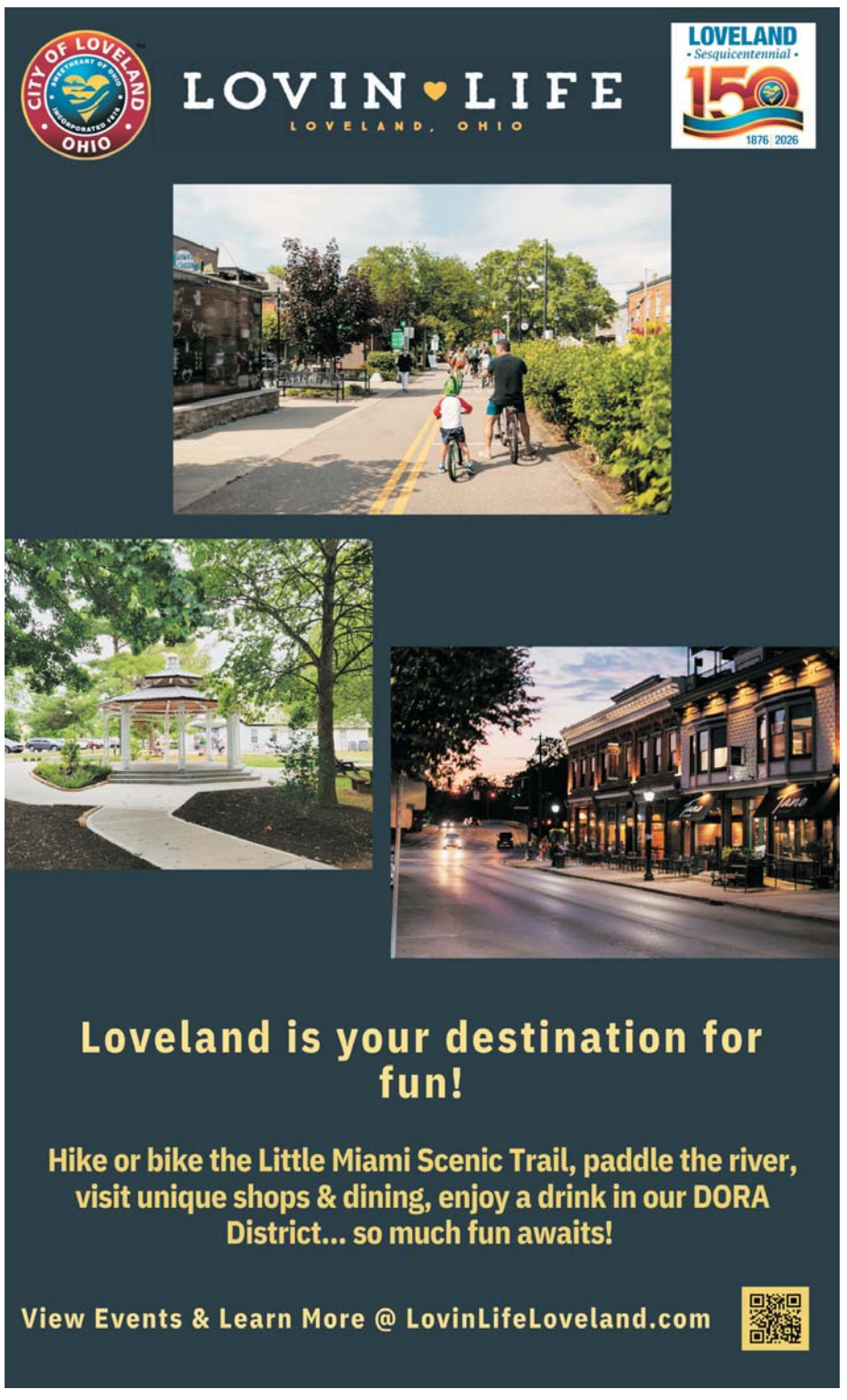
Honoring Military Service on Veterans Day and Throughout the Year



Each year, Loveland City School District marks Veterans Day with celebrations and special events across the district. It is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to the men and women in our community who have served our country and to help students learn about the importance of service and sacrifice.

If you are a military veteran with children or grandchildren in the district, you may receive a note of appreciation from our students, or you may be invited to participate in a ceremony or speak to a class. Thank you to the veterans who participated in events across the district, and thank you again for your service.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart also recognizes us as a Purple Heart School District. This recognizes our district's commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Each April 15, the district also honors students with a close family member currently serving in the U.S. military by participating in Purple Up! Day.





SAVE THE DATE

The Loveland Schools Foundation will honor Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Faculty, and a Rising Tiger at our event on March 19th.

There is still time to nominate a graduate or faculty member who has excelled in their career and has made a positive, impactful influence in their community.

Loveland Schools Foundation

Scan to find out more about the LSF and nominate someone today!

Loveland Retirees: Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger



Each year, Loveland City School District honors retirees who have dedicated so much of their lives and careers to our students. But our retirees also live out the motto *"Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger"* by meeting for lunch every month and sharing memories.

These lunches are a great opportunity to maintain the friendship and fellowship that started in our buildings. The retiree group keeps members connected through an email list, sends cards to less mobile retirees, and sends get-well and sympathy cards to members facing difficulties.

The energy and enthusiasm at the group lunches show why these folks were great influences on our students for many years, and why Loveland City School District has been a special place for generations of families. Retirees interested in learning more can contact Blanca Aldredge at baldredge@yahoo.com or 513-680-3009. She can let you know where the next monthly lunch will be held!

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START YOUR LOVELAND TIGER JOURNEY

Loveland CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

If your child will be five years old before the first day of school next fall (August 16, 2027), you can register them for kindergarten as part of the Loveland Tiger Class of 2040!

Kindergarten registration opens January 19, 2027. You can find more information at lovelandschools.org/kinder

We also offer an award-winning tuition-based preschool program for children not old enough for kindergarten. We'll begin accepting Pre-K applications for the 2026-27 school year on December 1, 2026.

Visit lovelandschools.org for more information, or call us!

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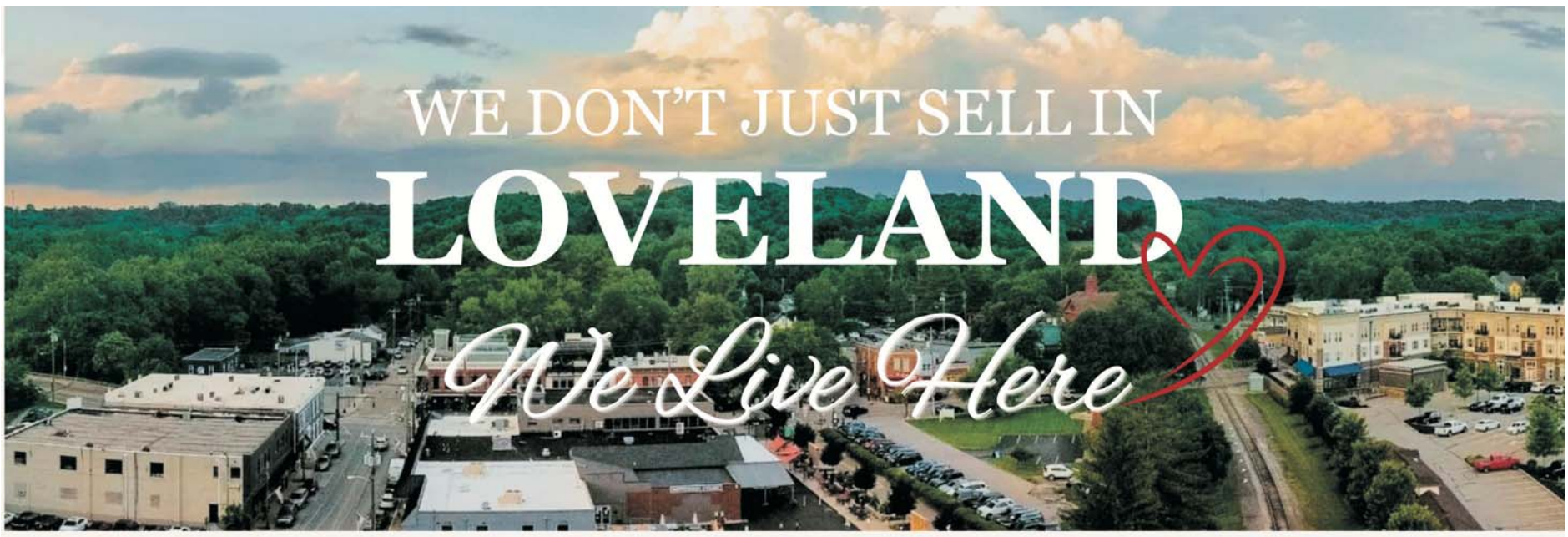
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