



THE BRAVE REPORT

LOGAN ELM LOCAL SCHOOLS



Over the summer, our administrative team reflected on the success of the past year while preparing for an exciting 2026–2027 school year. Guided by our District Strategic Plan, we've continued building a strong foundation for the future. I encourage you to visit our district website to explore the plan and see the progress we've made. We remain committed to sharing updates each year as part of our promise to keep our community informed. One area of particular pride is our commitment to fiscal responsibility. Through careful planning, the district was able to absorb five staff positions this summer, resulting in meaningful cost savings. While these decisions are never easy, they reflect our commitment to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while maintaining the high-quality educational experience our students deserve. Thank you for your continued support of Logan Elm Local Schools!



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Over the next few newsletters, we'll highlight each area of our strategic plan, beginning with Finance.

Goal #2- Finance

"Logan Elm operates efficiently, maintaining financial stability while providing the resources necessary for students to find success in all curricular and extra-curricular endeavors."

Key Initiatives

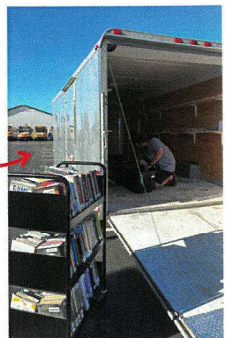
- Implemented a facility maintenance program, to be renewed and updated each April.
- Completed major building projects and improvements
- Renewed the income tax levy and absorbed 5 staff positions
- Added financial information to website to provide fiscal transparency to community members

This summer, community partners helped create meaningful opportunities for Logan Elm students. Thank you to everyone who made these experiences possible!



Traveling Tribe: Lunch & Literacy trailer delivering books and meals to students across the district.

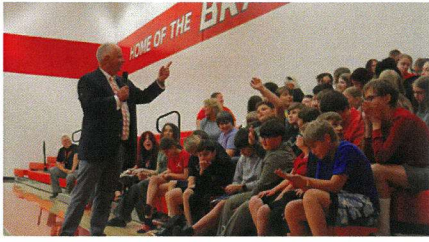
Barnes & Noble trip sponsored by LEEF as part of the Summer Enrichment Program.



We're excited to welcome our students back for another outstanding school year and extend a special welcome to the incoming Class of 2039.

LOGAN ELM 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

A LOOK AT THE END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES, CELEBRATIONS, AND FIELDTRIPS



6TH GRADE GUEST SPEAKER
(JUDGE MATT CHAFIN)



1ST GRADE MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM



3RD GRADE PICKAWAY PARKS FIELD TRIP



RECENT GRADUATES PANEL
(LE ALUMNI CAME TO TALK WITH SENIORS ABOUT DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS)



HIGH SCHOOL CAR DRAWING
GIFTED BY COUGHLIN AUTOMOTIVE



LEGO CLUB TRIP TO LEGOLAND
SPONSORED BY LEEF



8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C TRIP



5TH GRADE D.A.R.E GRADUATION



2026 DISTRICT SHOWCASE

FISCAL FOCUS

Recent actions by the Logan Elm Board of Education, Pickaway County Commissioners, and the Ohio General Assembly are providing property tax relief for local residents.

While these changes provide welcome tax relief, they also reduce one of the district's primary sources of funding. Property taxes have accounted for 60% of Logan Elm's revenue growth over the past 15 years. Logan Elm remains committed to being transparent about finances and will continue providing regular updates as we plan responsibly for the future.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

In July 2025, the Board chose not to renew a property tax levy that had generated \$812,000 annually since 1990. For a \$300,000 home, this reduced property taxes by approximately \$140 per year.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Pickaway County expanded the Homestead Exemption, providing additional tax relief for eligible seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and surviving spouses.

STATE OF OHIO

New property tax laws passed in November 2025 limit future tax increases from property value updates. Taxpayers will begin seeing these savings reflected on their second-half 2026 tax bills.

Welcoming a New Team of Coaches to Logan Elm

During the 2025-2026 school year, Logan Elm welcomed several new varsity coaches to our athletic programs. From the sidelines, to the mat, or the golf course, they have already started building relationships with students and bringing new energy to LE athletics. As some wrap up their first seasons at Logan Elm and others prepare for their first year, Logan Elm would like to take a moment to introduce them to the community and share their experiences, goals, and excitement for the future.

LE COACH INDUCTED INTO GOLF COACHES HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Rob Griffith on his induction into the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Griffith served as Logan Elm's Boys Varsity Golf Coach from 2006 to the fall of 2024, making a lasting impact on countless student-athletes and the Logan Elm golf program throughout his career. Logan Elm is proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor and thank Coach Griffith for his years of dedication to the Logan Elm Golf Program.



NICK VAGNIER- Varsity Wrestling

As he wraps up his first year coaching at Logan Elm, coach Nick Vagnier says he was excited for the opportunity to continue the success of the program that helped him fall in love with wrestling. Throughout the year, he has been impressed by the respectful and well-mannered students at Logan Elm. He hopes his wrestlers learn about working hard, resilience, and always doing the right thing. Coach Vagnier is also excited to continue building the program's success and working toward sending wrestlers back to the state tournament next season.

JAYME HOLBROOK & BREONNA CONBOY- Varsity Cheerleading



Jayme and Breonna decided to take on their roles as varsity cheer coaches because they both cheered in junior high and high school. They were excited for the opportunity to give back to this community and program! "These student-athletes are great kids, and we've enjoyed working with all of them." They noted that community support and relationship building, as well as seeing the teammates grow relationships with each other, is their favorite part of the job. They hope to continue to encourage our cheerleaders to believe in themselves, build resilience, and gain confidence for years to come!

CORY HEETER- Varsity Football

This fall, LE Alumni Cory Heeter begins his first season leading the Braves football program, he is focused on building strong relationships with players, families, and the community that has always felt like home to him. Inspired by the impact his own coaches and teachers had during his time at Logan Elm, he hopes to create that same positive experience for today's athletes. Coach Heeter wants players to leave the program with lasting values such as compassion, hard work, and doing what is right both on and off the field.



AVERY CLOUSE- Varsity Boys Golf

Growing up in the Logan Elm district inspired Coach Clouse to give back by coaching golf and tennis at the school he attended from kindergarten through graduation. This fall was his first season as the boys golf coach. "I wanted to give back the best way I could by coaching the next generation of golfers and tennis players and helping them to pick up and grow through both lifelong sports and learn many important life skills," said Clouse. With 4 players graduating, the younger players on the team have a chance to step up on and off the course. "I can't imagine coaching anywhere else," said Coach Clouse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STAFF MEMBERS WHO RETIRED THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

ROBERTA CAUDILL
26 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

SHANNON MCKIBBEN
29 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

TODD TAYLOR
30 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

KIM GARDNER
26 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

GARY MITCHEL
40 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

DAVE THOMAS
8 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

SUSANNE HARDIN
24 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

JEFF MCAFEE
16 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

BETH WASMER
33 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

LORRIE HUYSMAN
23 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

MARSHA STURGELL
32 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM

TOM VANDETTE
13 YEARS AT LOGAN ELM