Summer is here! It’s time to kick back and relax, however, make a commitment to continue to exercise your brain. Listed below are some great ways for each grade to get started. Be creative and have fun!

7th  **Word of the Day**
Set a summertime goal to learn one new word a day. Write the word and definition on a note card and tape it to your fridge. Give yourself extra points for every time you use the word correctly in a sentence. Make it even more interesting by inviting family members to participate.

8th  **Rev’ Up Your Reading Skills**
Select a topic that interests you and read all about it! Challenge yourself to read one new book a month while you are on summer break. Describe the story to a friend. Better yet, ask a friend to join you!

9th  **Volunteer**
Get involved in your community by volunteering. Think you might want to become a healthcare professional? Volunteer at the local mobile health clinic or animal shelter. Do you enjoy great literature or writing stories? Volunteer at your public library.

10th **Start a Blog**
Build your writing skills by starting a blog about an interest you have. You’ll find free blogging templates available on blogger or WordPress, or do it the old-fashioned way by keeping a journal.

11th **Watch Videos**
Watch videos on the “Prepare for College” playlist at YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid.

12th **Narrow Your College Choices**
Narrow down the list of colleges you consider attending. If you can, visit the schools that interest you most. Make a checklist of the pros and cons of each school.

Happy summer!

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Lisa M. Brinkman  
Director
ETS ON TV!

Did you see ETS on TV? In March, 9/10th graders learned about careers at NKU, P&G and Channel 12 News in Cincinnati and got to spend some time on screen. Here’s a photo of our broadcast!

You can find the news video and other spring field trip photos on our “nkuets” Facebook and Instagram pages.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2015!

The ETS Staff wishes its 113 graduating seniors CONGRATULATIONS and best of luck! Thank you for spending the last few years with us. We know you’ll do amazing things! Keep in touch. We are always here for you!
In “Staff Spotlight,” the ETS staff shares a little bit about themselves. In this edition, learn about our dream vacations. WHAT’S YOURS?

LISA M. BRINKMAN
Director & Educational Advisor at Bracken Co. M.S.
I’ve always dreamed of taking a train ride through the Canadian Rockies.

ZACH WELLS
Assistant Director & Educational Advisor at Bracken Co. H.S., Dayton H. S., Pendleton Co. H.S., Phillip Sharp M.S.
My dream vacation is to drive the Pacific Coast Highway with my family from Washington state to southern California.

ALLYSON KNUE
Educational Advisor at Holmes H.S., Newport H.S., Newport M.S., St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Jr./Sr. H.S.
I dream about visiting Salzburg, Austria to visit the movie sites from The Sound of Music. (I hear the hills there really are alive with the sound of music…)

EMILY KRUGH
Field Trip Coordinator & Educational Advisor at Grant Co. H.S., Grant Co. M.S., Maurice Bowling M.S., Owen Co. H.S.
My dream vacation would be Ireland. The landscape and scenery always looks so beautiful in photographs and it’s somewhere I’ve always wanted to visit!

SHELBY ELLIS
Administrative Secretary
My dream vacation would be to travel through the country of Italy. I hear the beaches and architecture are very beautiful and authentic Italian food sounds amazing!
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ETS IS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS!

Do you have a sibling or classmate who you think should join ETS? Now is the perfect time to REFER A FRIEND to ETS! All first-generation students in grades 7-12 at ETS schools are eligible to apply!

(“First-generation” means that your parent/guardian does not currently have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. If you’re unsure, call ETS and we will help you.)

Any interested students should call ETS at 859-448-8944.