**List of Approved Outside Speakers**

Updated 4/13/22

**American Museum of Science & Energy** [www.amse.org](http://www.amse.org) Ken Mayes - Deputy Director [ken.mayes@amse.org](mailto:ken.mayes@amse.org) (865)-574-9584

**American Heart Association –** Jenny Kitts [jenny.kitts@heart.org](mailto:jenny.kitts@heart.org) 865-356-1640

**American Red Cross -**Safe On My Own, Emergency Test, Basic Aid Training, First Aid for Children, Scrubby Bear, Disaster Dudes, Masters of Disasters & Basics & Demo  
Jennifer Ussery     (865) 584-2999   [jussery@knoxarc.org](mailto:jussery@knoxarc.org)

**Beardsley Community Farm**

Farm Address: 1719 Reynolds St., Knoxville, TN 37921 Maya Carl email: [beardlseyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:beardlseyfarm@gmail.com) ph: 865-546-8446 (Farm) 865-546-3500 (Office) [www.beardsleyfarm.org](http://www.beardsleyfarm.org)

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety -**  Jon Sharp, Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (865) 215-4325. Will train teachers and students about bicycle safety.

**Blake McMeans** – Drinking and Driving Presentation

Blake McMeans   [http://www.blakemcmeans.com](http://www.blakemcmeans.com/)

**Boy Scouts of America**

**Child & Family Tennessee** – Runaway Shelter/Safe Place Program

Desiree Miller  (865)323-2689

**Daily Acts of Anti-bullying: Words and Actions**

Program for school counselors and UT representative

Heather Willis, KCS Student Support Services Supervisor (865) 594-1965

[heather.willis@knoxschools.org](http://heather.willis@knoxschools.org)

**East Tennessee Children's Hospital -** Hello Hospital Program  
Mary Pegler   (865)541-8909     [mpegler@etch.com](mailto:mpegler@etch.com)

**Edsouth** – Student Outreach Services, Career/College Awareness and Planning

Ruthie Cawood – East Tennessee Student Outreach Counselor- [rcawood@edsouth.org](mailto:rcawood@edsouth.org) Ph: (865) 824-3036

**First Tee of Greater Knoxville -**First Tee Golf and Life Skills Program  
Cathy Duggan (865) 673-8584      [cduggan@williamscreekgolfcourse.com](mailto:cduggan@williamscreekgolfcourse.com)    

**Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians**

Kristi Stringfield, Director of Recruitment [800-474-1912](tel:800.474.1912%20x%201030) [kstringfield@girlscoutcsa.org](mailto:kstringfield@girlscoutcsa.org)

**Helen Ross McNabb Center - Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee**

SKILLS/LIMITS Program

Brittany Thompson, Education and Prevention Team Lead

Email: [Brittany.Thompon@mcnabb.org](mailto:Brittany.Thompon@mcnabb.org)   
Phone: (865) 558-9040 ext. 1318

Healthy Relationships – Amanda McClellan

**Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley**

Humane Education for Youth (HEY!) program is available for elementary schools.  The program is designed to develop empathetic and responsible pet owners.  Part of the HEY! program is Reading to Ororo.  Students will read the book The Wild Dog by Sara Swan Miller with the Education Dog, Ororo there also.  Students will have the opportunity to read to Ororo.

*Principals, please be sure to follow the Knox County School guidelines for having an animal in the classroom.*

Contact:  Nathan McGhee, Humane Education Coordinator

[education@humanesocietytennessee.org](mailto:education@humanesocietytennessee.org)

**Junior Achievement**

Callie Archer, Vice President ph: (865) 457-2461

[callie@jaeasttennessee.org](mailto:callie@jaeasttennessee.org)

**Keep Knoxville Beautiful**  Alanna McKissack email: [alanna@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](mailto:alanna@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org) ph: (865) 521-6957

**Knox County Health Department**RealityWorks Unhealthy Babies (NAS, Fetal Alcohol, Shaken babies)

Sarah Zimmerman [sarah.zimmerman@knoxcounty.org](mailto:sarah.zimmerman@knoxcounty.org)  865-215-5009

\*we are phasing out the Baby Think It Over Babies, but Sarah will still serve as the point person for questions and support.

Adolescent Health Educator: Reantha Pillay. [Reantha.pillay@knoxcounty.org](mailto:Reantha.pillay@knoxcounty.org)

Teen Awareness Program (TAP):

Katie Larsen [katherine.larsen@knoxcounty.org](mailto:katherine.larsen@knoxcounty.org)  865-215-5330

Healthy Relationships Program

Amy Rowling  [amy.rowling@knoxcounty.org](mailto:amy.rowling@knoxcounty.org)  865-215-5061

STI, HPV and HIV Education:

Tobacco Use Prevention and Control:

Hannah Bergman, Public Health Educator, [hannah.bergman@knoxcounty.org](mailto:hannah.bergman@knoxcounty.org)

(865) 215-5445

**iJams Nature Center**: 2915 Island Home Ave. Knoxville, TN (865) 577-4717 Jennifer Roder Education Program Officer [jroder@ijams.org](mailto:jroder@ijams.org)

**Knox County Sheriff’s Department**Alive @ 25 and Fatal Distractions Programs:

Robert Cook        [robert.cook@knoxsheriff.org](mailto:robert.cook@knoxsheriff.org)

Child Safety Programs: Guns, School Bus,Traffic, Vehicle, Bicycle,

Katy Davis           [katy.davis@knoxsheriff.org](mailto:katy.davis@knoxsheriff.org) (865) 215-5632

Sharon Taylor [Sharon.taylor@knoxsheriff.org](mailto:Sharon.taylor@knoxsheriff.org) (865) 215-5631

**Knoxville Bar Association**

Jessica Waddell -Membership Services Manager (865) 522-6522 [jwaddell@knoxbar.org](mailto:jwaddell@knoxbar.org)

**Knoxville Department of Public Works: Public Works in Your City Program**

Benjamin Buckner [bbuckner@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:bbuckner@knoxvilletn.gov) (865) 215-6020

**Knoxville Fire Department -** Fire House/Fire Safety Programs  
Paul Trumpore     (865) 595-4673

**Knoxville Ice Bears** [www.knoxvilleicebears.com](http://www.knoxvilleicebears.com/)

The Knoxville Ice Bears, Knoxville’s professional hockey club would love to come visit your school.  Whether you’re hosting a book fair, health and safety fair, field day or for another reason, the Ice Bears will gladly be a part of your school community.

Cole Burhalter:  (865) 535-7825    [cole@knoxvilleicebears.com](mailto:cole@knoxvilleicebears.com)

**Knoxville Police Department** –

Life Skills Program K-12  
Officer John Morgan       (865) 215-1519 [JMorgan@KnoxvilleTn.gov](mailto:JMorgan@KnoxvilleTn.gov)

Officer 865-215-1521

Middle and High Schools:

Meth, Marijuana, Bullying, Tobacco, Social Media, Personal Safety, Alcohol, Prescription Drugs, Making Decisions

Elementary School:

Eddie the Eagle Program: Gun Safety

Bullying

Dating Violence:

Dr. David Kitts Program Manager, Special Crimes Unit  
[dkitts@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dkitts@knoxvilletn.gov) (865) 215-6864

**Knoxville Suzuki Academy**

Wesley Baldwin, [info@knoxvillesuzukiacademy.com](mailto:info@knoxvillesuzukiacademy.com) Ph: 865-401-0439

[http://knoxvillesuzukiacademy.com/](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fknoxvillesuzukiacademy.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cjean.heise%40knoxschools.org%7C30de9bbc46004d589cba08d741a8424e%7Ca2c165ce3db24317b7428b26460ec108%7C0%7C0%7C637050063255960367&sdata=dxNM%2Bf4Bvtlm78Hfol6rV1EuQxetDkaH%2Bu0gPhf4wCc%3D&reserved=0)

**Knoxville Symphony Orchestra**Jennifer Barnett      (865) 521-2305    [jbarnett@knoxvillesymphony.com](mailto:jbarnett@knoxvillesymphony.com)

**Knoxville Zoo:** Zoomobile Program Louise Hargis [zoomobile@knoxville-zoo.org](mailto:zoomobile@knoxville-zoo.org) (865) 637-5331 ext. 1362

**McClung Museum** Deborah Woodiel, Museum Educator, [woodield@utk.edu](mailto:woodield@utk.edu)

**Medal of Honor Character Development Program**- Jeffery Neal, CPT US Army Recruiting Office web site: <http://www.cmohedu.org> <jeffrey.g.neal3.mil@mail.mil> cell: 865-282-0551 office: 865-525-6755

**Mental Health Association**– Mental Health 101 Program  
Caitlin Ensley, Program Coordinator (865) 584-9125 [MH101@mhaet.com](mailto:MH101@mhaet.com)

**Mental Health First Aid**

**Metropolitan Drug Coalition :** [**Metrodrug.org**](http://www.metrodrug.com)

Sarah Sandlin, Youth Initiatives Director Office: 865-588-5550 ext. 101 Cell: (864) 346-2163 Email, [ssandlin@metrodrug.org](mailto:ssandlin@metrodrug.org)

**The Muse Knoxville:**

Alison McGowan (865) 594-1494 <alison.mcgowan@knoxschools.org>

**Nick Woodard** Learnin’ The Ropes. [www.learnintheropes.com](http://www.learnintheropes.com)

Cell: 281-743-2375

**The Ned Show** [**thenedshows.com**](https://www.thenedshows.com/)(877) 872-9696

Email [Corporateinquiries@allforkidz.com](mailto:Corporateinquiries@allforkidz.com)

**One Man Volleyball**  Cost: $500-750. Bob Holmes is the “One Man Volleyball”. Bob delivers an inspirational and motivating message to teens about the anti-bulling, never giving up and the effects of drugs and alcohol. Before Bob delivers his message, he plays your school’s volleyball team or faculty team and a fun and entertaining volleyball exhibition. Website: <http://beatbob.com/> Email: [onemanvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:onemanvolleyball@gmail.com)

**Parks as Classrooms: Great Smoky Mountains National Park** Joy Absher [joy\_absher@nps.gov](mailto:joy_absher@nps.gov) (865)-436-1258

**Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center** - Think First Injury Prevention Program  
Ashley Hamilton  (865) 541-1356 [apinkert@covhlth.com](mailto:apinkert@covhlth.com)

**Safe Place** Shawn Griffith, Street Outreach Worker-Runaway and Homeless Youth Programming Ph: 865-320-3959 Email: [Shawn.Griffith@mcnabb.org](mailto:Shawn.Griffith@mcnabb.org) [http://nationalsafeplace.org/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnationalsafeplace.org%2F&data=01%7C01%7Cjean.heise%40knoxschools.org%7C5b433859692047389a3408d44c4ae538%7Ca2c165ce3db24317b7428b26460ec108%7C0&sdata=jyvFCpOCtQBBvPgV8y%2F4NUDtq6Hs25ihEiyiFSXnFC0%3D&reserved=0)

**Save a Life – Driving Safety Program**

**Dave Fandrich**, Event Consultant,  **Website:**[**Save a Life Tour**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.sidekickopen07.com%2Fs2t%2Fc%2F5%2Ff18dQhb0S7kF8bP17gW4S0TS22zGCwVN8Jbw_8QsLnMW1SbwMP4WYDgqW56dyYV6T73rY102%3Fte%3DW3R5hFj26QkHmW4mKDt93zjgLVW3ZWVby4fLNp8f1JxwY5V3%26si%3D8000000000242125%26pi%3D1adac4e2-9bf5-4ef5-beb8-55f7444ef195&data=04%7C01%7Cjean.heise%40knoxschools.org%7Ca5451b582eff48826e8508d8cde3183f%7Ca2c165ce3db24317b7428b26460ec108%7C0%7C0%7C637485722530402124%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9pBP0nnmXESTPqyMqXS3OUtyg9%2BZkQzsdVYp68IlNK4%3D&reserved=0)  
Business Hours - 8am - 5pm EST, Monday through Friday

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Email: [davef@matrixentertainment.com](mailto:davef@matrixentertainment.com)

**Street Hope TN**

Devin A. Payne, Executive Director | Street Hope TN

200 Prosperity Rd. | Suite 205B Knoxville, TN 37923

[devin@streethopetn.org](mailto:devin@streethopetn.org) Office: 865-824-2753 Cell: 865-679-7252

**Tennessee Arts Commission List of Approved Artists** Ticket Subsidy grant funds can be used to have artists to schools or for students to attend performances. <http://tnartseducation.org/teaching-artist-roster/>

**Tennessee Geographic Alliance** Kurt Butefish, Coordinator, [kbutefis@utk.edu](mailto:kbutefis@utk.edu)

**University of Tennessee Association of Dental Students** - Happy Teeth Program  
Kelsey Wilson     [kwilso54@utk.edu](mailto:kwilso54@utk.edu)

**Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network**

Emily Hager, PhD, East Regional Director

Office: 629-333-4943

E: [ehager@tspn.org](mailto:ehager@tspn.org)

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/need-help/suicide-prevention/tspn.html>

**University of Tennessee Extension Office –** Making Tracks with Rudy Raccoon for 3rd grade and Power U for 4th and 5th grades. Bethany H. Brown, Extension Area Specialist  [brohlin1@utk.edu](mailto:brohlin1@utk.edu)  (865) 577-9963

**University of Tennessee Medical Center Rehabilitation Services**

Joe Smith, PT, DPT, MTC: Outpatient Physical Therapy Supervisor

University of Tennessee Medical Center Email: [JESmith1@utmck.edu](http://JESmith1@utmck.edu)

Office: (865) 305-5210. Cell: (225) 715-9760

**University of Tennessee Center for Transportation Research - Distracted Driving**

Tammy Enix. [tenix@utk.edu](mailto:tenix@utk.edu) (Ph) (865)-974-4621

**University of Tennessee Department of Nuclear Engineering**

Engineering Read Aloud Program (though libraries) Engineering students will read a book and lead a discussion about nuclear power and energy production.

Jamie Coble, PhD, Assistant Professor Department of Nuclear Engineering  
University of Tennessee (865) 974-5057 [jamie@utk.edu](mailto:jamie@utk.edu)

**University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture-Every Child Outdoors Youth Garden** Wendy Prothro Howard, Director of Education, Human Dimensions Lab (Plant Biotechnology Building room 240)  
[whoward5@utk.edu](mailto:whoward5@utk.edu) 865-279-9998

**Vitamin Bee –** Larry LaFrancis [llefrancis@gmail.com](mailto:llefrancis@gmail.com) (865) 645-7332. Vitamin Bee is a structured nutrition education package with a strong and entertaining audio-visual component. They can work with schools to provide awareness of nutrition and the importance of exercise to growing, inquisitive minds.

<http://www.vitaminbee.tv/overview>

School program booklet: <http://joom.ag/4VEb>

After-School program booklet: <http://joom.ag/ahvb>

**USTA: United States Tennis Association**

Thomas Fanjoy - Junior Pathway Coordinator

USTA Tennessee Ph: (615) 953-1694 Cell: (615) 917-7561

[http://www.ustatn.com/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ustatn.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cjean.heise%40knoxschools.org%7C3fe44e8d03c9487acf2508d4d3a32463%7Ca2c165ce3db24317b7428b26460ec108%7C0%7C0%7C636366145039581273&sdata=PlE2bezbXK%2Boua5oollKHYi0zwQ5PQdbOnPFRfREnxI%3D&reserved=0)

**YMCA of Knoxville –** Jessica Fithian – Violence Prevention Project Coordinator [jfithian@ywcaknox.com](mailto:jfithian@ywcaknox.com) ph: (865) 523-6126

Game Changers: After school program for middle schools boys. The program teaches about healthy and unhealthy relationships, violence in relationships and skills to speak out when they witness violence against girls/women.

**Support for Students Exposed to Trauma**

Lauren Lindback, LMSW| SYET Program Coordinator  
**(Ph)** 865-217-6889[llindback@ywcaknox.com](mailto:llindback@ywcaknox.com)

The following organizations have been approved to make presentations when building administrators request their area of expertise due to circumstances within the school family:  
  
**Dialysis Clinic**Melissa Adams     (865) 523-3755           
     
**Epilepsy Foundation**Lynn Goad      (865) 522-4991    [lynn@efeasttn.org](mailto:lynn@efeasttn.org)  
  
  
*Additional organizations will be added as they are approved. All third party organizations that want to make classroom presentations during the next school year will be required to submit their program information for review by May 1 for review for the following school year.*