

East Knox County Elementary News

May 2019

Principals' Corner

Dear East Knox Families,

May is always a bittersweet time of the year. It's a bitter time because it is hard to say goodbye to our wonderful Fifth Grade class that we have had for 6 and in some cases 7 years (if we had them in Pre-K). We are looking forward to celebrating our 5th graders on May 22nd. It's also a sweet time of year because summer holidays are right around the corner and I know that we are all looking forward to a break. As the year winds down, be sure to encourage your child to finish the year strong by continuing to do their important job of learning and by being at school every day that they are not sick.

We have been focusing on improving our attendance rate this year. Please remember that attendance counts on the last half-day of school on May 23rd. We are planning a **Half-Day of Holiday Fun** that will include a dance party, our attendance party, and teacher field day (which is always hilarious) in the gym. Be sure to come to school on the last day before we are out for the summer.

Remember that we are Cougars who **Care** about each other, **Always** problem solve, **Read** and respond, and **Engage** in learning. Be sure to read 20 minutes every night.

Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Morrell

Coming Soon at East Knox

- **Thursday, May 9th:** Pre-K to Second Grade Field Day starting at 9 AM, East Knox Newsletter goes home on Class Dojo, school web site, and School Messenger
- **Friday, May 10th:** Third to Fifth Grade Field Day starting at 8:30 AM, Rain date will be May 14th if needed
- **Monday, May 13th:** Fourth Grade Field Trip
- **Tuesday, May 14th:** PTO Meeting at 6 pm in the Library - Election of New Board Members
- **Thursday, May 16th:** Yearbook Signing during Encore
- **Friday, May 17th:** Science Fair in the Gym from 8 am to 12 pm

- **Tuesday, May 21st:** Fifth Grade "Graduation Walk" at 7:50 am through the other grade levels, Leap Day at 8 am where students visit the next grade level teachers, Talent Show at 1 pm in the gym
- **Wednesday, May 22nd:** Honors Assemblies in the gym; 8:00 am Pre-K and First Grade; 9:00 am Second to Fourth Grades; 10:00 am Fifth Grade
- **Thursday, May 23rd:** Last Half-day for students and attendance will be taken :D
- **Friday, May 24th:** Last day for staff members
- **Thursday, August 1st:** Meet the Teacher Night from 4:30 to 6 pm
- **Monday, August 5th:** First half-day of school for students

PE Golden Sneaker Award for March

Congratulations to Mrs. Coffey's and Mrs. Parrott's Class for Winning the Golden Sneaker Award in March. These students have a trophy to display in their classrooms this month.



East Knox News Crew with WBIR Cool School Team

WBIR's Rebecca Sweet visited East Knox with her camera man William on April 17th to showcase the wonderful things that happen here. Check out our segments here:

<https://www.wbir.com/video/news/cool-schools-east-knox-county-elementary/51-1c0dbb5a-db9b-4cca-b7f4-7d187145bfdb>



Carter High School Graduation Walk at East Knox

Congratulations to the former East Knox students who walked through our hallways cheered on by our students wearing their caps and gowns for graduation. Many students even carried photos of themselves from elementary school. Thanks to our former students for inspiring our students.



Fifth Grade Chorus Rocks the house

I won't "Stop Believing" that our chorus students are very talented. Thanks for the wonderful show this week.



Fourth and Fifth Grade performing at the "Forever Surf and Rock n Roll" musical.

Thanks to Mr. Simpson for another lively musical this week. We appreciate your hard work and musical enthusiasm.

East Knox County Elementary School is 40 Years Old

On Friday, May 3rd, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the opening of our wonderful school. Several former administrators and staff members came to celebrate with us and spoke during the evening. Former chorus students performed and we enjoyed a wonderful slide show of past memories created by Mr. Simpson. If you would like to learn more about our school history, be sure to play the East Knox School History Trivia game. To play, go to this website: <https://quizizz.com/join/> and enter this code: **609194**. The game will be open until May 22nd.

East Knox Administrators pictured below from left to right: *Ms. Connie Smith, Ms. Barbara Clark, Ms. Kay Dawson, Mr. Scott Haynes, Ms. Kristi Woods, and Ms. Darlene Justice.*



East Knox County 40th Anniversary Selfie Challenge

During our anniversary year, we would like you take the **East Knox 40th Anniversary Selfie Challenge**. We would love for all of East Knox's Staff Members to do this challenge with your teams or classes as well. Please take a selfie at the following locations:

1. The School Bell in the front of the school
2. Next to your favorite classroom or staff member
3. Next to your favorite school mural
4. Next to our new electronic sign out front

Tweet your photos out to [@EastKnoxElem](#) using the hashtag [#EastKnox40](#)

Knox County Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Would you like your child to keep reading over the summer? We all know how important reading 20 minutes a day is for all of us and the Knox County Library has a great program called **The Children's Festival of Reading**. See the flyer below for more information on the rewards you can earn. **The goal this summer is to read 250,000 hours ... which is the number of miles to the moon. If you participate, you will be reading "to the moon"**. Be sure to take the challenge and continue reading 20 minutes everyday.



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Walk-A-Thon Update from our Physical Education Teachers

Our students raised \$ 1,193.24 during our Walk-A-Thon. We will be purchasing the special mat to go under the monkey bars. Thank you to our school family for helping us raise the money. The top fundraiser was Brooklyn Smith in First Grade and she earned the \$50 top prize. Our second place fundraiser was Matthew Fleeman in Pre-K who earned the \$25 prize. Again, we really are thankful to all of our families for the help. *Mrs. Majors and Mrs. Shipman*

Best Cafeteria Behavior of the Week

Congratulations to the following homerooms that have won "Best Cafeteria Behavior" as a class for the week. These classes receive **5 extra minutes of recess** on Fridays as a token of appreciation from our staff for being safe, responsible, and respectful. Thank you to each one of these classes for being Cougars who CARE about being safe, respectful, and responsible at lunch.

Grade Level	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
4/1 to 4/5	Evatt	Chandler	Reece	Morris	Parrott	Linsley	Hickman
4/8 to 4/12	S. Biggs	Morrison	Seiler	Winegardner	Linebarger	Mauldin	Whaley
4/15 to 4/19	Evatt	Brown	Burroughs	Baggett	Coffey	Linsley	Whaley
4/22 to 4/26	Evatt	Thompson	Gore	Helton	Coffey	Mauldin	Noles
4/29 to 5/1	Evatt	Chandler	Reece	Morris	Linebarger	Mauldin	Hickman

PTO Announcements and Updates

- Yearbooks are here. There are very few leftover (less than 20 books). The cost is \$35 and will be subject to availability.
- Parent helpers needed for serving refreshments for the reception after 5th grade Graduation on May 22nd. Please email us at eastknoxpto@gmail.com if you can help.
- Family donations of desserts are needed for the End of Year Staff luncheon on May 23rd. Please label and send in your donations with your child on that day.
- The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 6 pm in the library. We will be electing new PTO Board members.



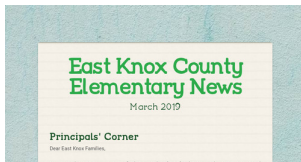
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Be sure to connect with us by any of the following ways below. Talk to your child's teacher about getting a log in for Class Dojo (our school-wide communication tool).

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