

East Knox County Elementary News

March 2019

Principals' Corner

Dear East Knox Families,

Can you believe that we are in the final nine weeks of this fabulous school year? As the school year winds down, let's work together to encourage our students to finish the year strong and continue doing their important job of learning each day. Mrs. Woods and I have been so excited that on most days, we have been meeting **our attendance goal of having 95% of our students present each day**. We really appreciate our families who are encouraging students to come to school every day that they are not sick.

We are excited to announce that WBIR will be coming to East Knox County Elementary School on **Wednesday, April 17th**. We can't wait to showcase our school as the **WBIR Cool School** of the week, but we will have to be up early since the show is on Channel 10 from 5:00 am to 7:00 am. Be sure to watch WBIR that day.

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

- **Friday, April 5th:** Cougar Fit Day and wear your East Knox gear to school or dress in blue and orange. **Walk-a-thon** during Encore. Last day of **Scholastic Book Fair**.
- **Tuesday, April 9th:** East Area **Track Meet**. **Kindergarten and Pre-K Round Up** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. **Dine Out for Education** to raise money for Knox County Schools.
- **Thursday, April 11th:** 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students take **TNReady test ELA Part 1 Writing**.
- **Tuesday, April 16th:** **PTO Meeting** at 6:00 pm. Family Fun Night **Art Show** at 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 17th:** East Knox will be the **WBIR Cool School** of the day. We will be featured on the morning news from 5 to 7 am on Channel 10.
- **Friday, April 19th:** **Holiday** - no school for staff and students.
- **Wednesday, April 24th to Friday, April 26th:** 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students take the **TNReady tests ELA and Math**.

- **Friday, April 26th: Report Cards** go home.
- **Tuesday, April 30th:** 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students take the **TNReady Science test**.

TCAP Testing at East Knox in April 2019

It's testing time again in Tennessee for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Please mark the following dates on your calendar for our testing:

- TNReady Writing - ELA Part 1: Thursday, April 11th
- TNReady Math Part 1 and ELA Part 2: Wednesday, April 24th
- TNReady ELA Part 3 and 4: Thursday, April 25th
- TNReady Math Part 2 and 3: Friday, April 26th
- TNReady Science: Tuesday, April 30th

Please make sure that your child has a good night of rest and is on time for school on these days. Please do not schedule any appointments on these days or check your child out before 11:15 am on these testing days. We know that our students are going to do a fabulous job of showing what they have learned this year.

PE Golden Sneaker Award for February

Congratulations to Mrs. Winegardner's Class for Winning the Golden Sneaker Award in February.



Second Grade enjoys a safety lesson with Officer Katie.



Mrs. Morris and Jentry dressing up for Dr. Seuss Week.



Second and Third Grade performing at the "Lights, Camera, Action" musical.

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
2/25 to 3/1	S. Biggs	Brown	Reece	Morris	Parrott, M. Biggs, and Coffey	Mauldin, Douglas, Linsley, and Purkey	Hickman, Whaley, and Noles
3/4 to 3/7	Evatt	Chandler	Seiler	Winegardner	M. Biggs	Mauldin	Hickman
3/11 to 3/14	S. Biggs	Morrison	Burroughs	Baggett	Coffey	Mauldin	None
3/25 to 3/29	Evatt	Thompson	Gore	Helton	M. Biggs	Linsley	Whaley

East Knox Takes on the Read Across America Challenge 2019

Our goal was to read 1,582 books/chapters in a week to represent the miles across the continental United States. We read **2,292 books/chapters** which put us over our goal by 710. Our class with the most books read was Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class with 215 books. Our Read Across America Challenge assembly team was led by Grace Arnwine and included Isiah Collins, Lawrence Yanchuk, and Jake Coffey. Thank you to our Fifth Grade students for stepping up to lead our assembly.



Read Across America Dance Party

Our students enjoyed a big dance party in the gym during Encore classes to celebrate meeting our Read Across America goal.



Read Across America Dance Party

Congratulations to Mrs. Brown's class for reading the MOST books of any homeroom with 215 books.

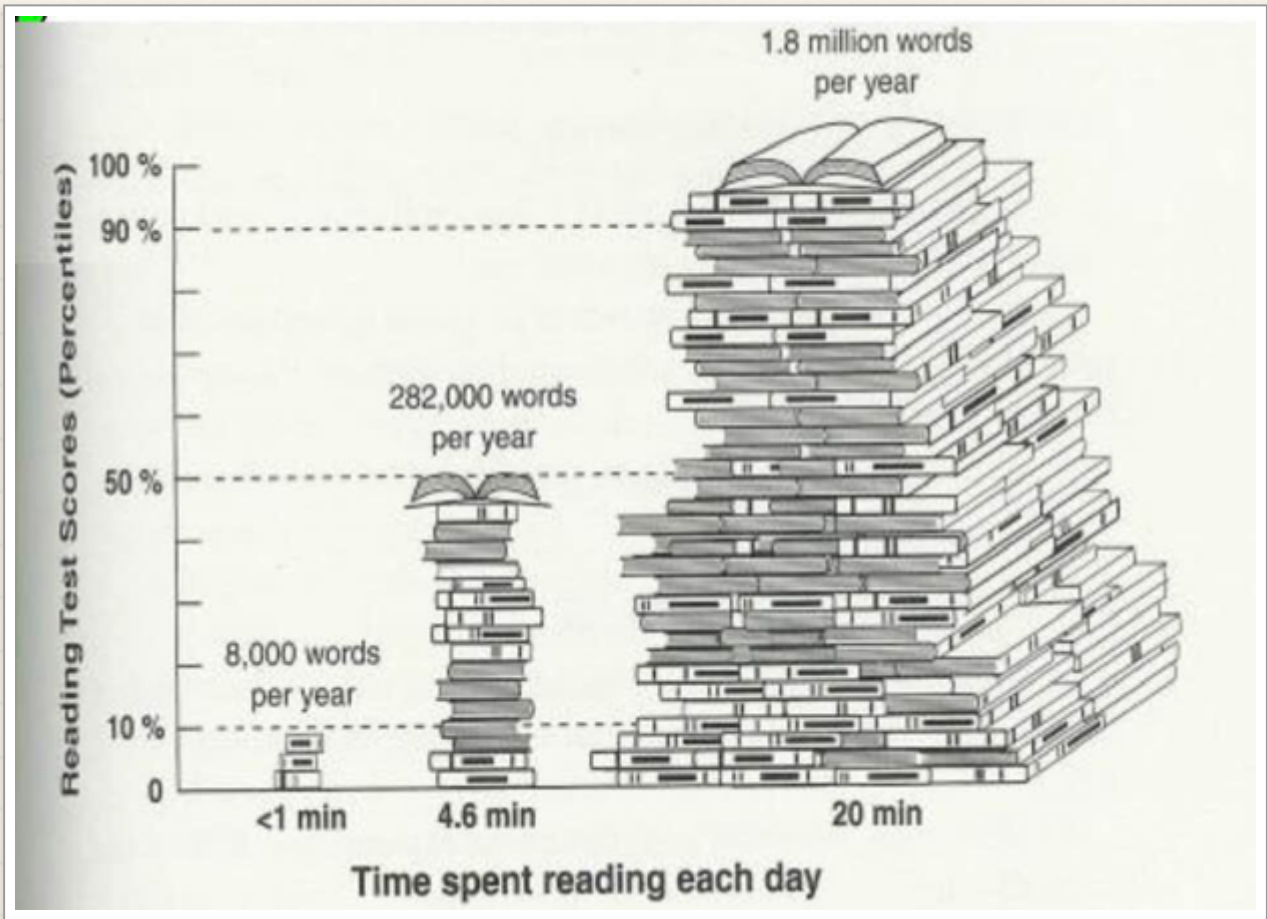


Clifford the Big Red Dog comes to East Knox with the Book Fair

The 5th Grade Safety Patrol members and Mrs. Morris helped Clifford the Big Red Dog open doors during car rider dismissal on Friday, March 29th. Remember to send in your orders for the Book Fair the is April 1st to April 5th.

Why we want families to READ 20 minutes every day

Did you know that by simply reading for 20 minutes each day that you will read **1.8 million words in a year**? Also, student who read 20 minutes a day are more likely to score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests like the TCAP. Reading for 20 minutes is one of the best things that you can do with your child each day. Help us continue to grow in reading achievement by reading for 20 minutes every day.



Congratulations to the 2019 East Knox County Track Team

2nd Grade

Garrett Allen
Maggie Evatt
Grayson Gore

3rd Grade

Adelaide Davis
Ryleigh Allen
E'Andre Jones
Kyleanne Andrews
Dakota Wells
Bryson Sabol
Hailey Roberts
Alexionna Hinton
Izabella Cossyleon
Miranda Mincey
Lucas Humphries
Blaine Headrick
Parker Allis
Hunter Spangler

4th Grade

Loraine Salva
Colton Parrott
Allie Tucker
Jaysen Burton
Sophie Ellis
Richard Cram
Jetzy Cossyleon
Lila Hood
Katie Hunter
Maya Evatt
Lucas Lee
Karson Mannino
Aidan Arnwine
Jace Roscoe
Daphine Howard
Emma long
Harmony Hooper
Justin Pilant
Ethan Sands
Israel Oliver
Allie Weaver
Nicholas West

5th Grade

Jayde Powell
Levi Jones
Ella Arnwine
Dominick Munera
Summer Allen
Aiden McKeenan
Maliah Dance
Jackson Stuffle
Taylor Roberts
Addison ellis
Hailey Terry
Morgan Benbrook
Asher New
Jayden Edens
Jackson Crawley
Lawrence Yanchuk
Hannah Lewelling
Emely Figueroa
Annabelle Davis
Jake Coffey
Edwin DeArcos
Caden McMahan

East Knox Kids Heart Challenge 2019

Our PE teachers worked with our students to raise \$3,526.00 for the American Heart Association. Through Kids Heart Challenge, kids learn jump rope skills, how their heart works, and raise money to help kids with special hearts. **Congratulations to our top fundraiser, Eli Hensley, who raised \$800.00.**



Spring 2019 Parent Conference Totals

We did not meet our school goal of having over 60% attendance at parent conferences. If you would still like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please give Ms. Jackie or Ms. Theresa a message to put in the teacher's mailbox, or contact them by email or through Class Dojo. Check out our percentages below.

Grade	# of families who attended a parent conference	# of students	% of families who attended a parent conference
PK	21	34	62%
K	39	67	58%
1	52	78	67%
2	35	73	48%
3	27	49	55%
4	27	63	43%
5	27	65	45%
SCHOOL TOTAL	228	429	53%

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up on Tuesday, April 9th

East Knox County Elementary School will be registering students from **4 to 6 pm on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019** for Kindergarten and Pre-K Round Up. Please see the letter to families below which includes the list of documents to bring to register your child. Families will meet the teachers and administrators and get a packet of information.



Kindergarten Round up letter to families 2019.pdf

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PreK Round Up.pdf

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New Visitor Sign In System

On Friday, March 29th, East Knox started a pilot program of a new visitor sign in system called Raptor Visitor Management System. Our goal is to strengthen our campus safety for students and staff. The Raptor System will allow us to know who is in our building at all times. This system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools. Thank you for being patient with us as we implement this new system. For more information, see the letter below that came home last week.



Raptor Letter to EK families.pdf

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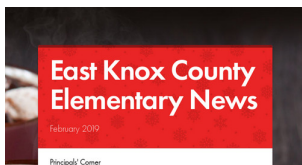
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Be sure to connect with us by any of the following ways below. Talk to your child's teacher about getting a log in for Class Dojo (our school-wide communication tool).

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