

East Knox County Elementary News

February 2019

Principals' Corner

Dear East Knox Families,

We are working to bring the school family news to you in a better electronic form. Thanks to all our families who voted in our poll last month about paper versus electronic newsletters. About 81% of families prefer electronic newsletters while 19% of our families would prefer a paper copy. This month we are trying out a new program for generating an easier to read electronic newsletter form. **Please vote again here to help us make good decisions about our newsletter delivery:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/xT1pzJyNs Zhu90qT2>. We appreciate your feedback.

We are also excited that many grade levels will be out in the community representing East Knox County Elementary this month. Check out our Coming Soon events listed below. We know that our East Knox Cougars will do a great job representing our school as they visit in our community.

The photos below show some of the fun things that have happened at East Knox this month. We always enjoy celebrating important milestones with our students.

We are a school community where **COUGARS CARE** about each other! **Remember to read 20 minutes each night.**

Warmly,

Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Morrell



3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Chrome Squad

Ms. Mercer works with



1st and 2nd Grade Chrome Squad

Ms. Mercer also teaches



Kindergarten Turns 100 Years Old

Mrs. Brown's class aged to

Chrome Squad members each month. This month they were working to learn how to **code** which is learning the programming language of computers. Experts say that **computer code** will be the foreign language of the future.

tech tips to the Chrome Squad so that the students can be technology helpers in their classrooms. This month's meeting also focused on being **good digital citizens** when using the internet.

100 years old on the 100th day of Kindergarten.

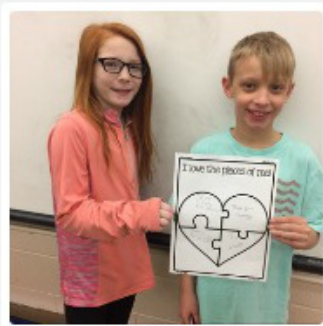
Coming Soon at East Knox County Elementary School

Here are the events coming soon for our school family:

- **February 11th to February 25th** - Second Semester Parent Conferences - talk to your child's teacher to schedule a conference
- **Monday, February 25th** - First Grade Field Trip to see *Cat in the Hat* play; Fifth Grade personal yearbook ads due to the PTO
- **Thursday, February 28th** - Selected Fourth Grade students to take the NAEP assessment
- **Friday, March 8th** - Yearbook orders due
- **Tuesday, March 12th** - PTO Meeting at 5:30 PM; Second and Third Grade Musical at 7 pm
- **Thursday, March 14th** - Fifth Grade visit to Carter Middle School as their zoned school; Third Grade field trip to Smoky Mountain Heritage Center
- **Friday, March 15th** - End of Second Nine Weeks
- **March 18th to March 22nd, 2019** - **SPRING BREAK**
- **Thursday, March 28th** - Report Cards and Newsletter goes home

Building Buddies at East Knox

Have you heard your student talking about their **Building Buddy**? We have paired up different grade level classes and we meet together monthly. Our last Building Buddy Day was Valentine's Day where we discussed our strengths with our Buddies and built a heart full of the pieces that make up who we are. See the photos below of a few of the projects.



Sophie and Garrett working together across grade levels.



Lilly and Isaiah creating their project as Building Buddies.



David and Lawrence talk about their strengths.

Fifth Grade Yearbook Ads Deadline **EXTENDED** to Monday, February 25th. Please turn in photos and forms to homeroom teachers.

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. See the list below.

Grade Level	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
1/14 to 1/18	S. Biggs	Brown	Burroughs	Baggett	Coffey	Douglas	Noles
1/22 to 1/25	Evatt	Morrison	Gore	Helton	Parrott	Purkey	Noles
1/28 to 2/1	S. Biggs	Thompson	Reece	Morris	Coffey	Linsley	Noles
2/4 to 2/15	Evatt	Chandler	Burroughs & Seiler	Baggett & Winegardner	Biggs	Linsley	Hickman

Congratulations to Ms. Purkey's class for winning the PE Golden Sneaker Award for January



The Leader in Me: Bringing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to Our School Family

Have you ever wondered what teachers do on the Staff Inservice Days? This semester our entire East Knox Staff has been learning about "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey. These proven personal leadership habits are based on timeless principles of effectiveness. The habits are:

- 1) Be Proactive
- 2) Begin with the End in Mind
- 3) Put First Things First
- 4) Think Win-Win
- 5) Seek First to Understand then to be Understood
- 6) Synergize
- 7) Sharpen the Saw.

As a staff, we are learning to be more effective people personally and professionally so that we can provide the best educational experience for our students. You might see and hear some of this language being used around the school, see it on a bulletin board, or when you talk to teachers.

Calling all NEW 2019-2020 Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

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 bring the following documents to enroll your child:

1. Proof of Birth – Proof of birth may take many forms. Example include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Birth Certificate – issued by any government
- b. Passport issued by any nation (translated)
- c. Immigration documentation
- d. Decree of adoption or other records issued by a court

The form proof of birth takes is an areas of parental discretion, and school will accept appropriate documentation as offered. No one form of documentation is required or preferred over another.

2. Immunization Records - these must be on a Tennessee Form (contact Knox County Health Department if records are from another state)

3. Recent Physical Examination

4. Proof of Residence - the Knox County Schools requires one of the following: a) Utility Bill, b) Lease agreement. c) in cases where the utilities and/or lease agreement is in the name of a person other than the parent/guardian, the person listed must provide the utility bill and/or lease agreement and also must provide a notarized letter stating that the parent/guardian and children are living at that address.

5. Proof of Custody (if applicable)

6. Name and Address of the child's previous school

Any questions should be addressed to the attendance and enrollment office for support.



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