

East Knox County Elementary News

November 2019

Principals' Corner

Dear East Knox Families,

As we are moving into the holiday season, we would like to take the time to THANK all of our East Knox families, staff, and students for creating such a wonderful school environment with us. We appreciate you trusting us with your children each day and we love partnering with you to teach our students to be wonderful, caring community members. THANK YOU for being a part of our school family.

The holidays are also a busy time. Please check out all the WONDERFUL activities coming up soon. We are proud to share some of the fun things that have happened this last month like the Fourth and Fifth grade students at BizTown, our Cougars C.A.R.E. award winners, the 50th day of Kindergarten activities, and the Pennies 4 Patriots fundraiser. Be sure to look over the Safety Reminders from Officer Dance about the arrival and dismissal traffic patterns.

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.

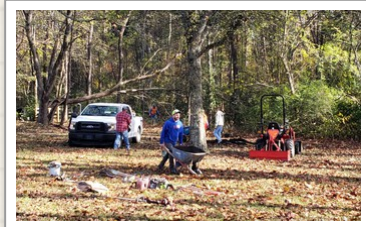
Ms. Woods and Ms. Morrell

Coming Soon at East Knox

- **Thursday, November 21st:** Interim Reports go home
- **Thanksgiving Holidays: November 27th to 29th**
- **Saturday, December 7th:** Family 5K Fun Run and Walk at Cruze Farms, registration begins at 10:30 am, races begin at 11:30 am
- **Monday, December 9th from 2:45 to 5:00 pm:** East Knox Natural Learning Areas Fun Time ~ Join us for s'mores, hot cocoa, and fun with the Knox County Stormwater Management Department who is helping us revitalize our Nature Trail. More info to come soon.
- **PTO Santa Shop: Monday, December 9th to Thursday, December 12th:** Homeroom class scheduled day listed in announcement below; volunteers needed daily
- **Monday, Monday December 16th to Thursday, December 19th:** Book Fair in library during Encore classes and from 7:30 to 7:45 am each day

- **Tuesday, December 17th:** Book Fair in library from 5:00 to 6:30 pm for families; Kindergarten and 1st Grade Musical at 7 pm
- **Wednesday, December 18th:** Spelling Bee from 12:45 to 2:45 pm
- **Thursday, December 19th:** 8 am Pre-K to 2nd Grade Honors Assembly; 9:15 am 3rd to 5th Grade Honors Assembly
- **Friday, December 20th:** Attendance Ice Cream Party for 95% Attendance; Reindeer Games in Gym; Dance Party in Library; End of 2nd Nine Weeks, Half-day of School, dismiss at 11:15 am. Please plan for your student to attend school. Attendance will be taken on this school day.
- **Saturday, December 23 to Monday, January 6th:** Winter Break for Students
- **Tuesday, January 7th:** Students return to school
- **Thursday, January 9th:** Report Cards Go Home
- **Monday, January 20th: Martin Luther King, Jr Day:** Staff & Student Holiday

A Big THANK YOU to Our Family Volunteers on the East Knox Nature Trail Work Day



We needed big muscles for some big jobs.



Check out the synergy as we work to create our outdoor classroom.



The Gore Family works together to help our school.

Friday, November 8th, East Knox Welcomes our Veterans for Breakfast and an Assembly



**East Knox
welcomes our
veterans in
honor of their
service to our
country.**



**Enjoying
breakfast with
family and
friends.**



**Thank you to
our veterans
who were able
to join us to
celebrate YOU.**

Thank you, Mr. Simpson and the Fourth & Fifth Grade Students for the WONDERFUL Patriotic Music in our Assembly



Pennies for Patriots Update from the Kindness Crew

East Knox's **Kindness Crew** collected Pennies for Patriots from Friday, November 8th until Friday, November 15th. At the end of our campaign, **East Knox Staff and Students raised \$101.18 for Pennies for Patriots**. Thank you East Knox Families for caring about others. See the photo below of some of the Kindness Crew manning the collection table during our campaign.



Mrs. Brown's Class Celebrates the 50th Day of Kindergarten



Kindergarten Teachers are COOL! Happy 50th Day of school to us



5th Grade Kindness Crew collecting Pennies 4 Patriots

Cougars C.A.R.E. Awards presentation at the PTO Membership Meeting

Congratulations to our students who earned the Cougars C.A.R.E. award for Problem Solving this month. See the photo below. We appreciate all of our winners:

- Pre-K: Ms. Amie: **Jaxson Whaley** and Ms. Samantha: **Kennedy Staton**
- Kindergarten: Ms. Atkinson: **Hannah Johnson**, Ms. Brown: **Tripp Hutchens**, Ms. Chandler: **Jacob Watkins**, and Ms. Morrison: **Layla Myers**
- First Grade: Ms. Baggett: **Preslee Clabough**, Ms. Gore: **Anna Parrott**, Ms. Reece: **Zoe Rodgers**, and Ms. Ziegler: **Carson Atkins**
- Second Grade: Mr. Biggs: **Brayden Qualls**, Ms. Helton: **Blake Allis**, Ms. Morris: **Bryson Bailey**, and Ms. Winegardner: **Brooklyn Smith**
- Third Grade: Ms. Coffey: **Kiptyn Huffaker**, Ms. Linebarger: **Lakin Evans**, Ms. Carter for Ms. Parrott: **Alexander Lis**, and Mr. Whaley: **Isabella Roberts**
- Fourth Grade: Ms. Douglas: **Daliyah Kpana**, Mr. Mauldin: **Hailey Roberts**, Ms. Purkey: **Landon Thorpe**
- Fifth Grade: Ms. Hickman: **Nicholas West**, Ms. Linsley: **Dylan Dunaway**, and Ms. Noles: **Kylee Britton**
- Encore: **EAndre Jones**



PE Golden Sneaker Award for October

Congratulations to Mr. Whaley Class for Winning the Golden Sneaker Award in October. These students have a trophy to display in their classrooms this month.

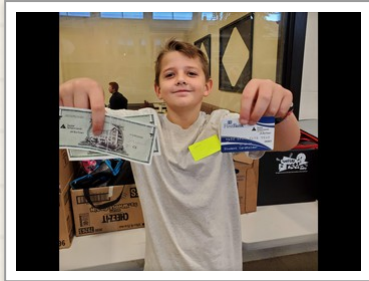


Mr. Mauldin's Fourth Grade Class is the PTO Box Top Champions for October

Mr. Mauldin's Fourth Grade class won the PTO Box Top collections this month with 64 Box Tops during the month of October, followed by Ms. Morris' class with 53, and Ms. Baggett's class with 18. This class earned the **PTO Box Top trophy** for the month. Which class will earn it next month?? See the photo below.



CAUTION: Fourth and Fifth Graders at Work!! Check out what a great job we did running BizTown.



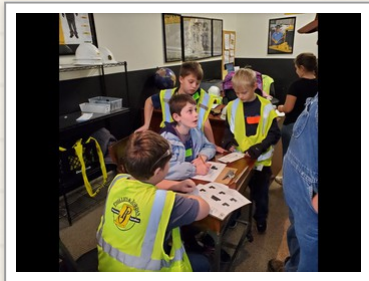
Jace Roscoe
showing us the
money he has
earned



**Steven and
David** heading
out for a hard
day on the job



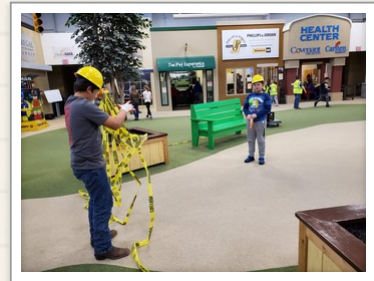
**BizTown Mayor
Allie Tucker** in
her office



Noah is
planning the
day with his
crew of *Weston*,
Isaac, and
Blaine



**Levi, Aiden,
Dovey, Allie W.,
Sophie, Colton,
and Justin** are
running the
radio station



CAUTION:
Construction
Zone! *Skylar*
and *Bryson* are
keeping BizTown
safe



Daphnie, Kali, Audrey, Roxy, Ms. Collins, Ian, and Callen are getting ready for a busy day of banking



Bank Tellers, Roxy and Ian are helping Lila cash her BizTown paycheck



Mariah and Aubrey working at the Pet Experience

Join us on Saturday, December 7 at 11:30 am for the Cruze Family 5K Fun Run & Walk

Would you like to do a fun activity with your family that will support East Knox County Elementary? Come out to Cruze Farm at Asbury. Their mission is to raise money for the school you are representing, kick off the Christmas Season, and get MOOVING with your herd. **100% of the proceeds go to the school of your choice, so we need all our East Knox Cougars to join the fun run. *The School with the most participants will receive \$1,000 prize money.*** People of all different paces are invited to participate in this fun, family event.

Here is what you need to know:

- Where: Cruze Farm at Asbury, 2721 Asbury Road, Knoxville, TN 37914
- When: Run/Walk starts at 11:30 am, Registration begins at 10:30 am
- Pick up your shirt and bib on the Front Porch
- Registration: \$20 per participant ages 10 and up. Ages 9 and under are free.
- Due to insurance regulations, rollerblades, scooters, and bicycles are not allowed on the course
- Awards ceremony will take place immediately following the race.

Enjoy **FREE kids** activities like painting ornaments and visiting Santa.

Click on this link to register: <https://www.cruze farm.com/cruze-christmas-5k> or see the flyer below.



Safety Reminders from Officer Dance

Dear East Knox Families,

Our maintenance department is done removing the trees in the front of the school. Please remember that the front parking area is open from 8:00 am through 2:30 pm for visitors and/or parents who are picking up early. **Between 8:00 am to 2:30 pm are the only times that you come into the bus entrance and turn back into the front parking area.** There is a new sign with an arrow that points in the proper direction at the bottom of the entrance hill. ***Prior to 8:00 am, you will still need to use the designated school entrance and park in the visitor parking if you are walking a child in.*** If you are here for a meeting, then merge into the drop off line and remain in the line until you reach a point that you can park up front. Please do not drive against traffic during arrival or dismissal.

The rear entrance doors are for staff entrance only. These doors are not a public entrance during the school day. You must come to the front and press the button to be buzzed in to go to the front office.

East Knox school procedures are put into place for the safety and security of our students and staff. Thank you for helping us keep our campus safe.

Officer Dance

Cool New Way to Collect Box Tops

BOX TOPS COLLECTION is changing. You no longer have to clip and send in Box Tops from sponsored products. You can earn cash for East Knox by scanning your receipts through the new Box Tops app. Click on the link to the flyer with the information below.

<https://www.knoxschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=50766&dataid=88234&FileName=New%20Box%20Top%20Scan%20for%20School%20Cash.pdf>

PTO Announcements and Updates

- Join us on Saturday, December 7th at Cruze Farms for a **Family Fun 5K**. See more info in the announcement above.
- **Santa Shop** will be Monday, December 9th to 12th. If you are able, we need volunteers and will be sending home information soon along with the schedule of what days that each class will be shopping in the Santa Shop.

- Keep sending in your **Coke Rewards lids and codes** from boxed drinks. We received \$43.94 from this month's deposit. Please let us know if you can enter some Coke Reward lids for us because we have PLENTY of lids that need to be entered.
- Be sure to **re-link your Food City ValuCard** to East Knox each year. There are two simple ways to do this 1) ask the clerk to add East Knox at the register or 2) give them the code 40391
- See the new way to collect **Box Tops** in the newsletter above to earn cash for our school. Our next submission will be on December 19th for November and December.
- Order your **school gear** (sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and short sleeve t-shirts) now. Order forms were sent home and are in the school office.
- The next **PTO meeting will be on Thursday, January 16th at 6 pm** in the library. No meeting in December.



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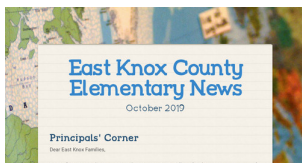
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Be sure to connect with us by any of the following ways below. Talk to your child's teacher about getting a log in for Class Dojo (our school-wide communication tool).

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