

East Knox County Elementary News

October 2019

Principals' Corner

Dear East Knox Families,

As the first nine weeks comes to a close, we wanted to tell our families how proud we are of the work and effort all of our students have put into the First Nine Weeks. With their homeroom class, each student is spending time every day learning how to become more effective as a person and living the 7 habits of highly effective people. We hope that you have been hearing about them at home as your student has been learning about them.

Please be sure to join us for our **next PTO meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 6 pm in the library** when we will celebrate students who are living out those 7 Habits. Our staff will be teaching our school family about one habit at a time during the PTO monthly meetings. Our November focus will be on Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. We hope to see you there.

We would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to all our PTO, staff, students, and families for making the PTO Fall Festival a wonderful success. We appreciate your time, your donations, and your attendance at this annual fun event. **Thank you especially to our PTO Board for always creating a wonderful event for us: Jennie Bounds, Beth Dunn, Lela Jackson, Alison Jones, Amber Lindsey, Sarah Reynolds, and Gena Wilson.**

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

- **Saturday, November 2nd:** 10 am to 2 pm Work Day for our Nature Trail and Natural Learning Area with Knox County Stormwater Management Department. Refreshments are provided.
- **Tuesday, November 5th:** Student Holiday; Teacher Inservice Day
- **Thursday, November 7th:** 4th and 5th Grade Music Program at 7:00 pm

- **Friday, November 8th:** Pennies for Patriots begins lead by our Kindness Crew. Veterans Day Breakfast in East Knox library - **see flyer and announcement below** - and East Knox Top Coupon Book seller goes to Coupon Book Celebration Luncheon at The Main Event - *Congratulations to Ethan Sands who will represent East Knox at this fun event.*
- **Thursday, November 14th:** End of Second 4.5 Weeks, PTO Meeting in the library at 6 pm
- **Thursday, November 21st:** Interim Reports go home
- **Thanksgiving Holidays: November 27th to 29th**

Volunteers needed for EAST KNOX COUNTY ELEMENTARY FAMILY WORK DAY on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm

Come out and support your school by participating in a workday to enhance the school's under-utilized outdoor area. The School is partnering with Knox County Stormwater to revitalize the nature trail – setting the grounds for a spring celebration, where we'll demonstrate the potential for future outdoor classroom programming. Volunteers will help planting trees and spreading mulch, with an educational table and nature walk afterwards.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!

To sign up, click here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTTNWBD>

For more questions about the event, contact Tracy Jones at 215-5811.

Thank you for helping us continue to make East Knox the best place to learn in Knox County :)

Calling All East Knox Veterans

Please join us as we honor and celebrate your service, dedication, and sacrifice to our country on **Friday, November 8th, 2019**. We will begin with **breakfast starting at 7:30 am**, followed by a **music program presented by the East Knox Chorus at 8:15 am**. If you are a veteran and plan to attend, please let us know by filling out the invitation in the document below and returning it with your East Knox student! We look forward to having you!



Veteran's Invite 2019.pdf

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535.3 KB

Pennies for Patriots in November Sponsored by the Kindness Crew

East Knox's **Kindness Crew** will be collecting Pennies for Patriots. Our collection starts on Friday, November 8th and runs until Friday, November 15th. **At the end of our campaign, all students wear red, white, and blue or camouflage on the 15th to celebrate.** Look for a flyer to come home next week with more information. Here is a link to the mission and vision of the charity: <http://www.pennies4patriots.org/>

PE Golden Sneaker Award for September

Congratulations to Ms. Gore's Class for Winning the Golden Sneaker Award in September. These students have a trophy to display in their classrooms this month.



Announcing the Fifth Grade Art Club

Congratulations to the following students who applied and earned a spot in Art Club this year:

Madeline Yanchuk
Emma Barnett
Kellen Sprague
Cierra McLaren
Katie Hunter
Richard Cram
Allie Weaver
Loraine Salva

Pick Up and Drop Off Safety Reminders

As a safety reminder to all families, I wanted to reiterate some of the procedures for drop off and pick up:

1. As you enter the drop off line, **please always make sure to pull all the way up to the next available space.** We are teaching the safeties to stay at their designated cones until the vehicle stops in order to keep the line full. Please pull up until the front of the vehicle is even with the large cone (or as close to even as you can get it). This will ensure that you are in a designated space and the line will stay full.
2. **Have your child exit the right side of the vehicle (sidewalk side)** if at all possible. If your seating is arranged in a way that they have to exit on the left, then make sure that they walk around the front of your vehicle to ensure their safety.
3. **Unless you are instructed by a staff member, do not pull around another vehicle at any time.** The cones are in place to deter anyone pulling around another vehicle. A staff member will move the cone and motion you around if we need to move the traffic. (Always remember that with children we must plan for the unexpected).
4. **If you are walking your child in the building, please utilize the parenting parking area.** Upon exiting the parking area, please merge into the line slowly and stay in line until you reach the exit point.
5. If you are here for some other reason than morning drop off, enter the drop off line and stay in it until you can **pull into one of the spaces at the front of the building.**
6. **Please be courteous to your fellow drivers.**
7. If you drop off after the staff has gone up to the building, **please do not park in the line and leave your vehicle in order to walk you child in.** This blocks any and all vehicles that might come in behind you.

Thank you for following our safety procedures and helping to keep our students safe each day.

Officer Dance

Welcome New Staff and UT Interns



Ms. Hannah Atkinson in Kindergarten



Ms. Tiffany Finamore in Special Education



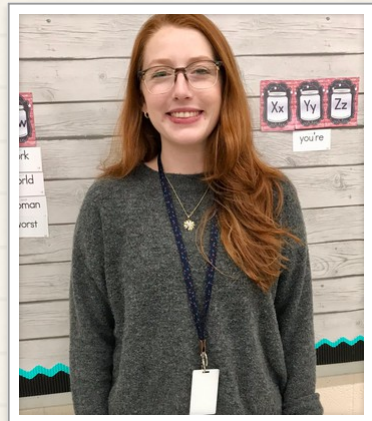
Nurse Debra Risner in Student Support



Ms. Ashley Carter who is teaching in Ms. Parrott's class during her maternity leave.



Ms. Bailey McClanahan in Ms. Linebarger's Third Grade Class



Ms. Olivia Ray in Ms. Helton's Second Grade Class



**Ms. Megan
Glaviana in Ms.
Chandler's
Kindergarten
Class**



**Ms. Emilee
Stephens in Ms.
Morrison's
Kindergarten
Class**



**Ms. Jessica Bass
in Ms. Baggett's
First Grade
Class**

What can parents do to help students at home?

Each grade level at East Knox has a **high-frequency word list** for students to master by the end of the year. These words make-up about between 60% to 70% of grade level writing. By learning these words, you are helping your child to read on grade level. If you haven't received a list, you can get one from your child's teacher or download the file below.

A couple of things you can do with your child at home to help them learn these words are listed below:

1. Using a highlighter or crayon help the child find his sight words in print (newspaper, magazine etc.)
2. Read to your child, pointing to the words so that he sees the words in books.
3. Put magnetic letters on the refrigerator or on a metal cookie sheet. Let her make her words.
4. Game: Who has more? Make flashcards of your child's high-frequency words. Show a card to your child. If they read the word within 5 seconds, they keep the card. If not, you keep the card. The goal is that the child has more than you at the end of the game.

Thank you for helping your child at home.

Ms. Maples, Instructional Coach



Ms. Gore's First Grade Class is the PTO Box Top Champions for September

Ms. Gore's First Grade class won the PTO Box Top collections this month with 86 Box Tops during the month of September, followed by Ms. Atkinson's class with 67, Mrs. Linsley's class with 38, and Mrs. Brown's class with 35. This class earned the **PTO Box Top trophy** for the month. Which class will earn it next month?? See the photo below.



How to Keep Your Child SAFE on the Internet

As adults, we know that the Internet is an amazing tool for our students and the possibilities are endless. However, we also know that there are many dangers online too. Taking the time to teach our students and putting safeguards in place at home can help our families stay safe digitally. Please read over the tips below about Internet safety at home.

1. **Know your child's online playground.** What sites do they visit often? What are they doing while online? What do your children have accounts for online? Talking with your children about what they are doing online and sitting with them while they are on the computer, even if just for a few minutes, is a great way to learn about the programs they are using and teach them new things.

2. **Set up house rules.** Establish times when it is appropriate to be online, discuss appropriate sites for their viewing, and establish online rules. www.safekids.com is a great resource for setting up digital safety at home.

3. **Keep devices in main rooms.** You can't be everywhere all the time, so it is a great idea to keep devices in rooms that you enter often. This will allow you to be able to monitor your children on their devices without having to be with them every minute.

4. **Teach them to protect their privacy.** Share with him or her that we never share our name, phone number, physical or email address online, and not to open email or other messages from anyone they do not know.

5. **Safe practices on You Tube.** Check out YouTube for Kids- this is a safer, more appropriate sight for our East Knox students. The link below is a great resource for parents on You Tube- https://www.safesearchkids.com/?s=you+tube#.XaSg_BNKgWo.

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

- Thank you for making our annual **Fall Festival** a huge success. We raised \$12,000 for our school. We appreciate all the donations of drinks, candy, cookies, silent auction basket items, and TIME to volunteer at the games and events. We really appreciate our school family.
- Keep sending in your **Coke Rewards lids and codes** from boxed drinks.
- 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.
- 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, November 14th at 6 pm** in the library.



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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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