



# Purple Pride

December 2022

## East Knox Local School District *From the Superintendent*

Greetings!

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I am continually impressed by our students and staff within the classroom as well as all the extra things that make East Knox an incredibly special community. One such example is our student-sponsored Veterans' Day breakfast and program. Students welcomed approximately two dozen veterans this year on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to our Student Council members, advisor/teacher Megan Moledor, our concert band and choir students led by Director Sarah Jancura and our cafeteria staff led by Crystal Gallwitz. I was honored to step in and serve as this year's guest veteran speaker. I last served that role nine years ago. My, how the years pass quickly!

We have been incredibly lucky with the weather this fall. Our good fortune allowed construction of the Elementary Addition Project to move along quite well. The additional approximate 10,000 square foot of space including eight classrooms will be substantially complete by the end of this coming March. The remaining parking lot and playground work will be finished over the summer.

As the weather makes its inevitable adjustments, I look forward to the holidays that quickly approach. It is always a time of reflection on the many blessings that I have in my life especially family and friends. It is my sincerest hope that you and your family have a joyous holiday season and an especially Merry Christmas. I pray that you and your families travel safely wherever that may be even if it is no further than the grocery store. It's a crazy, but wonderful time in our home between six children and five grandchildren. I hope it's as exciting at your house!

Sincerely,

*Steve Larcomb*  
Superintendent of Schools

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## **A Big Thank You from: The East Knox Board of Education and Staff**

We would like to honor and thank all veterans and our emergency service personnel who help protect and serve our community.

In memory of Joe Bobo, who suddenly passed away on December 2, 2021, the Eastern Knox County Joint Fire Department honored him on October 9, 2022. As an original board member of the Fire Board and was instrumental in forming the fire district from volunteer to two full-time fire houses, they honored him. He was passionate about working with the fire departments and raising funds, which in turn enabled them to purchase equipment to help save lives in our community. Chief Stimpert and the Fire Board dedicated the newest Medic #433 (ambulance) to him. The inscription on Medic #433 reads "*Dedicated in Memory of Joe Bobo for his Several Years of Public Service to EKCJFD*".

Joe Bobo has been responsible for the production, assembling and mailing of East Knox Local School District Newsletter--the Purple Pride out of his home, since approximately 2002.

In honor of all of our Veterans and Emergency Service Personnel, East Knox Board of Education and the staff thanks you.





## Elementary Happenings

Judge Nixon came to visit the Miss Urban's class to teach the students about Veteran's Day, the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.



## Elementary Student's of the Month



**September** – Aiden Griffin, Kegan Knepp, Jordon Adams, Luca Fratangelo, Max Keirns, Ava Upchurch, Paisley Jacobs.

**October** – Jamison Frost, Evelyynn Rettig, Jace Daugherty, Adalynn Leibig, Haley Page, Reagan Eickemeyer, Madelyn Dale, Donovan Crouch.

### September-Student's of the Month



### October-Student's of the Month

## Grandparents Week at the Elementary

During the week of October 24-October 27th, our elementary students had the opportunity to spend some time with their loved ones. Students loved sharing art projects, poems, reading, and writing activities with their grandparents.



## Elementary Spelling Bee Qualifiers

The following students qualified from their grade level to participate in our school spelling bee on November 29, 2022.

**Fifth Graders:** Collin Beltz, Callie May, Ellie Schonauer, Angelynn Kauila-Volk, Joshua Bennington, Carmine Hansen, Marissa Claggett, Reecie Lowe, Lane Baker, Allie Guinsler, Mason Oliver, and Morgan Graham.

**Sixth Graders:** Cheyanne Coleman, Lucas Colopy, Jackson Burns, Camden Muncie, McKenzie Schwartz, Payton Hudson, James Keith, and Kayli Stamper.

The fifth and sixth grade winners will represent East Knox at the County Spelling Bee on January 12, 2023.



Elementary students and staff excited for the construction project of the new elementary school. Students and staff added a special touch to one of the support beams with their signatures.



## Elementary 1st Quarter-Principal and Honor Roll

### All A's-Third Grade

LillyAnne Alspach  
Savannah Arnold  
Kaitlyn Chadwick  
Charlie Cooper  
Ari Crawford  
Sydney Ferenbaugh  
Luca Fratangelo  
Maddox French  
Quinlan French  
Kaden Harris  
Parker Huffman  
Andrew Keith  
Jace Miller  
Marley Moore  
Raylene Moran  
Junia Pfettscher  
Abigail Proudfoot  
Ethan Thoma  
Addison Van Hoose

### A's & B's-Third Grade

Gianna Baker  
Carly Beckley  
Landon Bennington  
Isaiah Bland  
Quetin Carruthers  
Raygan Clinedinst  
Madelyn Dale  
Vanessa Dalton  
Bentley Eickemeyer  
Henley Ellis  
Leeanna Gray  
Nicholas Grubaugh  
Dalton Harris  
Jillian Hawk  
Damien Johnson  
Adalyn Keirns  
Kennadi Liptak  
Rylei Morton  
Cecilia Pratt  
Camdyn Purdy  
Lexter Rocha  
Levi Sapp  
Samuel Skunza  
Aaliyah Smith

Lincoln Smith  
Carson Warth

### All A's-Fourth Grade

Jordon Adams  
Zachary Besancon  
Savannah Brady  
Jace Daugheerty  
Raylee Dunn  
Cambria Ellis  
Roxie Griffin  
Ava Hoobler  
Jillian Kelley  
Elaina Koontz  
Tristen Reese  
Aloisio Ribeiro  
Jolene Rice  
Emma Ridenour  
Owen Snider  
Shawn Wears  
Audrey Williams

### A's & B's-Fourth Grade

Cory Arnold  
Liam Arnold  
Rylee Black  
Mileyah Brady  
Abigail Davis  
Sofia Francis  
Conor Frost  
Jaiden Frost  
Pyper Kelley  
Jaxson King  
Samuel Kinsey  
Zachary Lahmon  
Kora Logan  
Gaige Loudon  
Saphiria Mories  
Jordyn Murphy  
Leslie Neighbarger  
Karsyn Pauley  
Jameson Perry  
Emily Schwartz  
Kendall Schwartz  
Kaylana Smith  
Kennedy Smith

James Thomas  
Ajia Warth  
Parker Woods  
Kalivia Wythe

### All A's-Fifth Grade

Zachary Adams  
Lane Baker  
Joshua Bennington  
Marissa Claggett  
Ella Doane  
Vincent Frazee  
Morgan Graham  
Allison Guinsler  
William Houston  
Keagan Knepp  
Callie May  
William McDowell  
Caralexis Muncie  
Haley Page  
Adalynn Shepard  
Merin Stone

### A's & B's-Fifth Grade

Brantley Bible  
Braxton Crouso  
Brayden Davis  
Addison Delagrang  
Kiley Dickison  
Ryan Evans  
Lola Fratangelo  
Mckaylee Garman  
Carmine Hansen  
Hanley Harrmann  
Kaydenlee Henderson  
Alexis Horlacher  
Ava Hughes  
Angelynn Kauila-Volk  
Lily Lerner  
Reecie Lowe  
Chase McConnell  
Grace McDonald  
Guage McDowell  
Olivia McNeil  
Jaxyn Murphy  
Mason Oliver

**...cont'd A's & B's Fifth**

Addison Schillinger  
Jackson Scoles  
Dixon Weaver  
Kora Willis

**All A's-Sixth Grade**

Reagan Beatty  
Ellie Clark  
Lucas Colopy  
Donovan Crouch  
Reem Ezzarouali  
Grace Frost  
Kiren Grigsby  
Carter Hammond  
Dylan Keirns  
James Keith  
Brent Link  
Camden Muncie  
Emily Norris  
Owen Undercoffer  
Mason Williams

**A's & B's-Sixth Grade**

Paizley Barner  
Rhyley Barner  
Noah Beckley  
Cameron Bocek  
Jackson Burns  
Noah Calhoon  
Cheyenne Coleman  
Jordan Dalton  
Adelyn DeCosky  
Brooklyn Depue  
Alliannah Devine  
Ella Duncan  
Anastasia ElAmin  
Kierra Goheen  
Evan Graham  
Jaxon Graves  
Aiden Griffin  
Payton Hudson  
Justice Irwin  
Kelsey Jensen  
Emma Johnson  
Emmett Keener

Adalynn Leibig  
Chyenne McElroy  
Lauren Moore  
Robert Passwaters  
Mason Payne  
Madison Rambo  
Collin Rhinebolt  
Isabella Rine  
Landon Rocha  
Jaxon Roush-Nichols  
Seth Sapp  
Delaney Schlaegel  
Mckenzie Schwartz  
Braxton Spellman  
Kayli Stamper  
Isabella Stander  
Jazmin Strouse  
Garrett Wesney  
Bryar Wilson





## East Knox Junior/Senior High School – Fall 2022

- 1) The following middle school and high school students were selected to participate in the District 10 Honors Band:
  - a) **Jayden Kirk, Ryan Peck, Hayden Priest, Wyatt Ary, Riley Cree, Logan Huffman, and Seth Madden.**
  
- 2) East Knox FFA members **Dustin Springer, Hailey Frazee, Dylan Springer** and **Andrew Poff** represented Ohio in the National Environmental/Natural Resources Career Development Event in conjunction with the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis where they placed 13th in the nation with a silver rating.
  - a) Individually, **Dustin Springer** was the 34th place individual in the nation. **Hailey Frazee, Dylan Springer** and **Andrew Poff** each rated silver.
  
- 3) In the county FFA Job Interview Competition held at Mount Vernon High School, East Knox FFA Members **Hailey Frazee, Angel Simmons** and **Ariel Atkinson** competed.
  - a) In the Division 4 - Senior Category, **Hailey Frazee** placed 2nd.
  - b) In the Division 3 - Junior Category, **Angel Simmons** placed 5th.
  - c) In the Division 1 - Freshman Category, **Ariel Atkinson** placed 2nd.
  - d) **Hailey** and **Ariel** competed in the District Contest on November 2nd at Licking Valley HS.



# Fall Athletics

## GOLF

The golf team had another successful season, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the KMAC with an overall record of 14-9. Multiple players received KMAC honors including **Ashton Priest**, **Dylan Reed** and **Aidric Boccock**, all of whom received KMAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team honors. In the playoffs, the golf team once again advanced out of the Sectional Tourney to compete at the District level, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at Turnberry GC in Pickerington. While the team didn't advance to the State Tourney, none of the players are seniors, so there is a bright future ahead! Great job by our Bulldog Golf Team!

## VOLLEYBALL

Our Volleyball team saw significant improvement under the tutelage of our new Head Coach Kelsey Walters this year. Finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the KMAC showed the growth that has occurred, and though the 6-13 overall record wasn't as good as the girls wanted, the progress was notable, and the future looks very good for the Volleyball program. In terms of postseason awards, **Sydney Biggs** earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team KMAC & District Honorable Mention, **Gracie Sheasby** earned Honorable Mention KMAC and **Isabelle Schlaegel** earned KMAC All-Academic. Congratulations to our Bulldog Volleyball on all they accomplished this season!

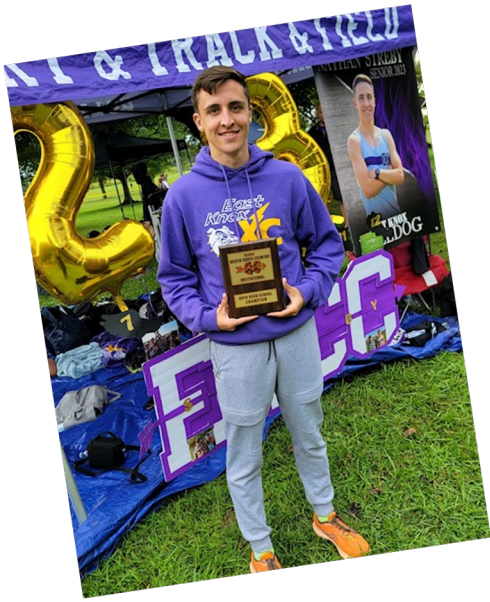
## FOOTBALL

The football team battled through a difficult 2022 schedule, facing 3 Regional Semifinalist teams during the season. The Bulldogs finished the regular season 2-8, but played their hearts out in every game with the same Bulldog pride and effort we have come to

expect. This year was a learning and growing year for the team, with hopes that the lessons learned translate to future success. The team still earned many awards for their outstanding play: **Carson Steinmetz** made 1<sup>st</sup> Team KMAC as well as KMAC All-Academic, while **Bracen Davis**, **Cole Delaughder** and **Jacob Neighbarger** all earned KMAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team honors. **Blake Elliot** earned KMAC Honorable Mention. In terms of District honors, **Carson Steinmetz & Jacob Neighbarger** were 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District, while **Bracen Davis**, **Blake Elliott**, **Cole Delaughder** and **Jaxon Lester** were Honorable Mention All-District. Congratulations to our honored Bulldog football players!

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country team had a very successful season again, with leaders like **Nathan Streby** breaking the Bulldog XC school record once again! Injuries slowed the team going into postseason however, with both Boys and Girls teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the KMAC Meet. At the District Meet, both **Taylor Severt** and **Adrian Clutter** qualified for Districts and their chance at States. At the District meet at Pickerington North HS Adrian finished 46<sup>th</sup> and Taylor finished 25<sup>th</sup>, just missing State qualification by one spot. Both girls ran their hearts out and we are proud of them and the entire Cross Country program, which won several events during their season! As a result, for the boys, **Gaetano Capodicasa** earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Team KMAC Honors and **Nathan Streby** earned KMAC All-Academic. For the ladies, **Taylor Severt** and **Adrian Clutter** were both 1<sup>st</sup> Team KMAC (as well as Regional Qualifiers) and **Raelyn Todd** earned KMAC All-Academic. Congratulations to our Bulldog Cross Country team on an excellent season!



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