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From the Superintendent

15 November 2021

Greetings!

It has been an interesting fall here in a number of respects. We had two cross-country athletes qualify and compete in the state meet. Our football team had another outstanding season finishing 10-3. Our students planned and implemented yet another outstanding Veterans Day program. We had more veterans attend this year than in the last several years. I think, in part, people are ready to get back out and about again especially with vaccines available. Construction of the new Junior/Senior High School continues under budget and now ahead of schedule. The school board and Administration is in the planning stages for additional space at the Elementary School without having to ask voters for more money!

East Knox, as other Knox County School Districts started the school year with in-person learning although it was quickly apparent that facial coverings were needed to ensure that we could keep the greatest number of students in class versus quarantined due to exposure to a COVID-19 positive person. Initially, health department rules required exposed students and staff to quarantine whether or not they had COVID-like symptoms. Fortunately, common sense finally prevailed and the rules were adjusted that exposed students and staff can remain in school as long as they wear a facial covering during what would otherwise be a quarantine period and show no illness symptoms.

You may have noticed that there are a great many businesses with "help wanted" signs in their windows. Our District continues to experience these same issues as we attempt to fill staff positions. We experienced a nearly 25% teaching staff turnover rate this summer as some staff retired, others moved out of the area and additional members sought positions closer to home and/or for more money. We heard about a nationwide teaching shortage for the past couple of years, but fortunately had not experienced it until now.

As I close in on ten years as Superintendent of East Knox, it is truly mind boggling to think of the positive turnaround East Knox continues to experience year after year. It has been a real team effort to get where we are. Countless East Knox community and staff members do their part year in and year out to make it all happen. Thank you sincerely to each one of you!

As I close, it is my sincerest hope that you and your family have an especially Merry Christmas and a joyous new year. I pray that you and your families travel safely wherever that may be.

Sincerely,

Steve Larcomb, Supt.

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Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Cody Reese

After-School Tutoring Program has been a success in which the number of students attending has increased each week, giving students extra help on homework, makeup work, and skill practice needed in their classes.

Alexandria Magers was the recipient of this year's Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. She received the most nominations from school staff on the basis of dependability, service, patriotism, and leadership.

HS Band

Three of our high school band students were accepted into the District 10 Ohio Music Education Association's Honor Band: **Lucas Barnard** 12th Grade, **Paige Stover** 12th Grade, **Colin Baxter** 10th.

All applicants had to audition for the group. Applicants include all the band students from Knox County and all surrounding counties. It is a major honor to make it into this group.



FFA

State Ag Soils Event

East Knox placed 4th in the State out of a field of 50 teams.

Individually: **Alexandria Magers** placed 7th, **Andrew Poff** 13th, **Hailey Frazee** - 53rd, and **Nic Steinweinder** - 90th.

The top 5 teams in the state will represent Ohio next May in the National Contest in Oklahoma.

Urban Soils Category

East Knox placed 16th in the State out of a field of 50 teams.

Individually: **Miale Hurlow** placed 34th, **Blake Elliott** 56th, **Hayden Baker** - 59th.

These were all first year East Knox FFA students. Great Job!

Forestry Career Development

East Knox placed 2nd in the State out of a field of teams all across Ohio.

Individually: **Dylan Springer** placed 5th, **Andrew Poff** 7th, **Hailey Frazee** - 9th, and **Nic Steinweinder** - 15th.

Others competing were: **Ryan Hubbell**, **Colvin Guthrie**, **Hayden Baker**, and **Nate Cunningham**. The Team will now represent Ohio in the Eastern States Exposition next September in Massachusetts.

County Forestry Career Development

East Knox placed 1st in the County.

Individual placings: **Andrew Poff** - placed 2nd, **Will Jensen** - 4th, and **Hayden Baker** - 5th.

Other competitors were: **Hailey Frazee**, **Ryan Hubbell**, **Alexandria Magers**, **Nic Steinweinder**, **Dylan Springer**, **Nate Cunningham**, and **Jon Cisco**.

District Forestry CDE

East Knox placed 1st.

Individually out of 79 contestants: **Andrew Poff** placed 1st, **Nic Steinweinder** 2nd, **Colvin Guthrie** - 10th, **Ryan Hubbell** - 12th, and **Hailey Frazee** - 13th.

County Ag Soils CDE

East Knox placed 2nd in the county event.

Individual Placings: **Andrew Poff** placed 5th, **Alexandria Magers** - 8th.

Other Competitors were: **Hailey Frazee**, **Ryan Hubbell**, and **Nic Steinweinder**.

County Urban Soils Contest

East Knox placed 3rd.

Individual Placings: **Miale Hurlow** placed 5th, **Molly Totten** - 6th.

Other Competitors were: **Dylan Springer**, **Hayden Baker**, **Blake Elliott**, **Braylon Evans**, **Angel Simmons**, and **Jon Cisco**.

KCCC Honor Roll

Brock Bailey
Amberlynn Bowles
Maria Burwell
Trenton Comer
Arianna Coontz
Garry Cooper
Levi Cunningham
Jack Davis
Nollynn Delaughder
Aaden Elswick
Braylon Evans
Dezirae Fetty
Emma Frazee
Emily Friel
Janyka Goheen
Eric Hauke
Joshua Henwood
Nicholas Hornsby
Eden Kirk
Haleigh Landis
Morgan Leisure
Peyton Lester
Trevor Mayle
Aubrey McCoy
Shanda Melick
Laveda Moran
Mataya Mories
Ryan Morton
Dayna Muck
Allie Myers
Zyeith Oswald
Alyssa Peters
Natalie Price
Dylan Reed
Brenna Remy
Joslynn Rine
Elise Robertson
Kaya Salyers
Gracie Sheasby
Caleb Short
Brylan Smail
Anna Smeby
Justine Smeby
Jade Smith
Natalie Smith
Mia Tynes
Tyra Warth
Quentin White
Alisha Wicks-Evans

KCCC Merit Roll

Colin Brabb
Stephen Brazeal
Rylan Dale
Mackenzie Ernsberger
Joshua Johnson
Nicholas McVay
Ernesto Sica Sica
Kyleigh White

CTEC Honor Roll

James Broseus
Nathaniel Streby

Principal's Roll—1st Qtr. (All A's)

7th Grade

Isabelle Bostic
Reese Ferenbaugh
Kayden Gordon
Olivia Huffman
Jayden Kirk
Shaymus Lashley
Wyatt McDowell
Alexis Neighbarger
Ava Page
Ryan Peck
Quentin Rose
Malena Streby
Cloe Tucker
Imogen Winkler

10th Grade

Hiba Ezzarouali
Jordan Hull
Joshua Keith
Ethan Rine
Ella Vannatter

11th Grade

Hailey Baker
Riley Cree
Hailey Frazee
Joshua Henwood
Ethan Phillis
Lily Rine
Dustin Springer
Mitchell Williams

12th Grade

Lucas Barnard
Taylor Breighner
Trenton Comer
Jesse Fawcett
Abigail Griffey
Mann Gualnam
Nataley Hull
Alexandria Magers
Taylor Mann
Anjel Montgomery

8th Grade

Thomas Ary
Lily Bentz
Jacob Blakely
Addyson Bocock
Bella Brady
Logan Fawcett
Macie Fawcett
Zoey Huffman
Gavin Kidwell
Jaxon Lester
Carlie Pratt
Peyton Riel
Aidan Riggle
Brayden Savage
Jasmine Smith
Carver Stephens

9th Grade

Aubrey Breckler
Zandria Carson
Hayden Merritt
Sydney Opfer
Gabriel Rine
Dylan Springer
Reese Todd
Reagan Tokasz
Logan Whitney

***Thank you to our
Veterans and
their families for
all the sacrifices
you have made
for our nation.***



Honor Roll—1st Qtr. (A's and B's)

7th Grade

Wesley Boggs
Weston Bostic
Michael Brady
Derek Carson
Logan Clark
Dakota Cooper
Savannah Crawford
Robert Downes
Miranda Fawcett
Nathan Gardner
Hannah Hershberger
Madison Huffman
Braxton Lahmon
Tucker Lukas
Kali Marshall
Lily May
Alaina Nastasi
Zachary Rhinebolt
Hunter Schrienk
Grace Shank
Gracie Slone
Angel Smith
Aiden Stapleton
Evy Williams
Rylan Winkler

8th Grade

Daniel Adams
Spencer Bennett
Joslyn Campos
Macy Cotsamire
Jaxon Crawford
Landen Davis
Maxwell Dexter
Wyatt Frost
Brianna Goodman
Kellen Grigsby
Carson Hammond
Katelynn Johnson
Ethan Kapper
Beau Keller
Kyla Kidwell
Samuel King
Emma Metcalf
Brooklyn Morand
Addison Mostaka
Zoey Parker
Gracie Wengerd
Carter Wesley
Porsha Wilhelm

9th Grade

Elizabeth Aeppli
Brody Casebolt
Addison Davis
Ella Divan
Shane Gardner
Ethan Garrett
Jala Hogan
Parker Kimball
Kadence Mickley
Elise Robertson
Chloe Stevens
Molly Totten

10th Grade

Colin Baxter
McKayla Blakely
Aidric Bocock
Lauren Campos
Derrick Field
Jackson Garton
William Kirk
Kiara Knepp
Lane Lashley
Seth Madden
Georgia Morris
Dacia Robinson
Taylor Severt
Caleb Smith
James Smith
Cameron Stephens
Jesse Wolford

11th Grade

Edward Aeppli
Gavin Calbert
Taylor Copass
Madalynn Cotsamire
Alivia Elliott
Christopher Neighbarger
Spencer White

12th Grade

Chloe Baker
Blake Bonham
Kaylyn Campos
Haley Cochran
Chloe Crawford
Ryan Hubbell
Dominik Kimball
Shane Knepp
Breece Looney
Leah McAvoy
Mason Mitchell
Marissa Pitkiewicz
Kiley Sayers
Jonathan Smith
Paige Stover



East Knox Veterans Day Breakfast

5th and 6th Grade Spelling Bee



6th Grade Spelling Bee Participants



Rhyan Williams is the winner and Caylynn Kieber is the runner-up for sixth grade.

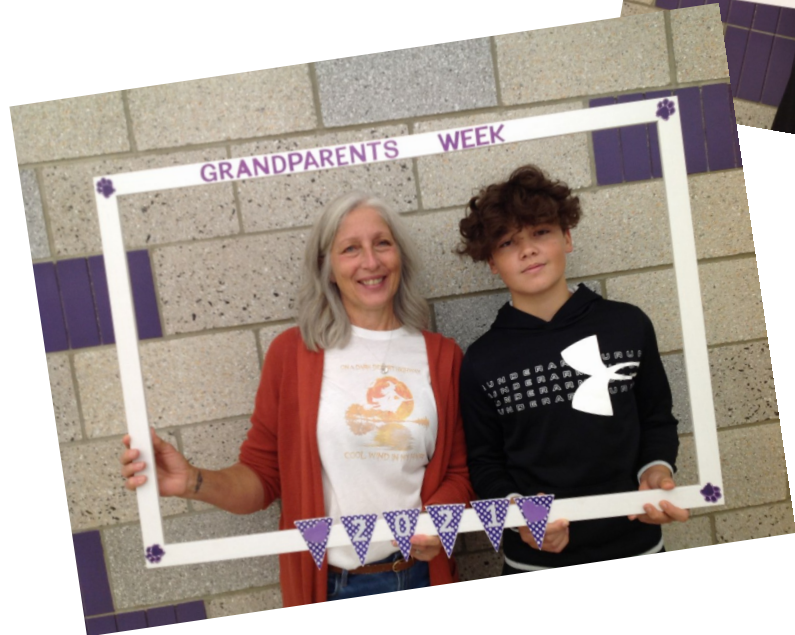
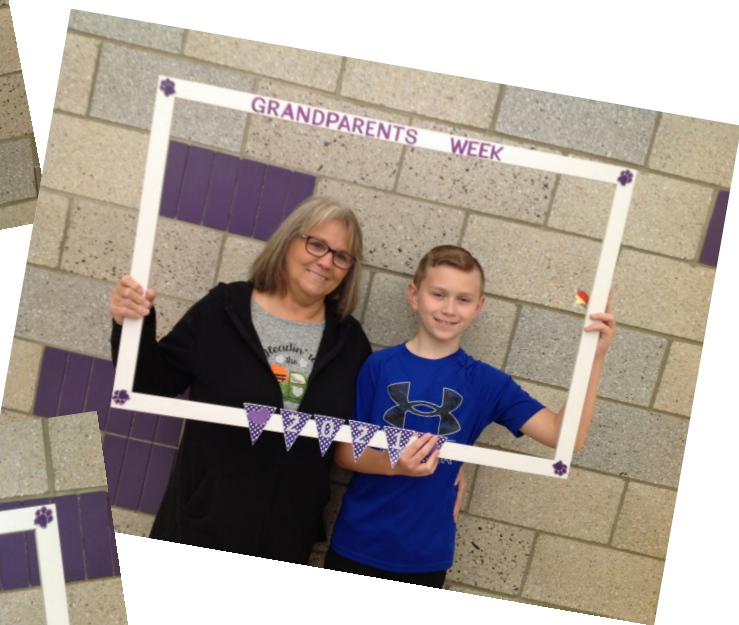
Dylan Keirns is the 5th grade runner-up and Reem Ezzarouali was the 5th grade winner.



5th Grade Spelling Bee Participants



Grandparents week, October 25th-October 28th, was a huge success! Our students, kindergarten through sixth grade, enjoyed reading books and spending valuable time with their grandparents. We appreciate our grandparents taking time out of their busy schedules to come and spend some time with us.



MAKING MEMORIES

Elementary Recognitions

Character Awards

	CLASSROOM TEACHER	1ST QUARTER
KINDERGARTEN	OWENS	Aurora Nelson
	TODD	Lake Eash
	GRIFFITH	Olivia Murphy
GRADE ONE	BEAM	Kempton Newsome
	HENTHORN	Hollis Banks
	KELLEY	Dylan Undercoffer
GRADE TWO	LEGROS	Leeanna Gray
	WARNER	Isaiah Bland
	KING	Gianna Baker
GRADE THREE	GILBERT	Elaina Koontz
	NOLL	Jordan Adams
	RINE	Jordyn Murphy
GRADE FOUR	MCELROY	Lola Fratangelo
	MEADE	Caralexis Muncie
	WOBBECKE	Grace McDonald
GRADE FIVE	WILES	Madison Rambo
	JACOBS	Lucas Colopy
	HARDER	Adelyn DeCosky
	SABO	Ella Duncan
GRADE SIX	BUCKINGHAM	Marcus Dunn
	WALTERS	Austin Anderson
	BOOKMYER	Addison Smith

Character Awards are given to students who exemplify outstanding character, are willing to help others, exhibit good school work habits, do not have any discipline problems, and complete all of their schoolwork to the best of their ability. These students are great role models and have been chosen to represent East Knox as outstanding characters.



Elementary Student of the Month

SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021
Adeline Heston	Ellouise Kidd
Bently Ansley	Walid Ezzarouali
Aaliyah Smith	Khloee Sapp
Savannah Brady	Berta Gomez-Sica
Lane Baker	Reecie Lowe
Ellie Clark	Noah Beckley
Curtis Divan	Alex Guinsler



Jr./Sr. HS Principal Reese Celebrating with a Veteran.

Elementary—Honor Roll and Principal Roll—1st Quarter

THIRD GRADE

All A's

Jordon Adams
Zachary Besancon
Rylee Black
Mileyah Brady
Savannah Brady
Jace Daugherty
Ava Hoobler
Jillian Kelley
Samuel Kinsey
Elaina Koontz
Gaige Loudon
Jordyn Murphy
Jolene Rice
Kendall Schwartz
Garrett Smith
Owen Snider
Ajia Warth
Claire Wengerd

A's & B's

Kane Davies
Noah Davies
Raylee Dunn
Conor Frost
Jaiden Frost
Bryson Good
Kaelynn Grennell
Braxtynn Hurst
Pyper Kelley
Jaxson King
Zach Lahmon
Kora Logan
Kennedy Maidel
Leslie Neighbarger
Jeslyn Oswald
Karsyn Pauley
Tristen Reese
Emma Ridenour
Emily Schwartz
Hunter Schwartz
Kennedy Smith
James Thomas
Shawn Wears
Audrey Williams
Kalivia Wythe

FOURTH GRADE

All A's

Zachary Adams
Collin Beltz
Marissa Claggett
Ryan Evans
Morgan Graham
Kaydenlee Henderson
William Houston
Lilly Larner
Reecie Lowe
Callie May
Caralexis Muncie
Haley Page
Vienna Salyers
Ellie Schonauer

A's & B's

Lane Baker
Joshua Bennington
Pierce Bocek
Kayden Burke
Henrik Clester
Braxton Crouso
Brayden Davis
Addy Delagrange
Ella Doane
Vincent Frazee
McKaylee Garman
Hanley Harrmann
Alexis Horlacher
Ava Hughes
Keagan Knepp
McKenna May
Chase McConnell
Grace McDonald
William McDowell
Olivia McNeil
Jaxyn Murphy
Jackson Scoles
Zoey Shelley
Brayden Spellman
Caleb Stein
Merin Stone
Dixon Weaver
Kora Willis

FIFTH GRADE

All A's

Paizley Barner
Raegan Beatty
Noah Beckley
Ellie Clark
Lucas Colopy
Reem Ezzarouali
Kiren Grigsby
Payton Hudson
Kelsey Jensen
Dylan Keirns
James Keith
Brent Link
Camden Muncie
Owen Undercoffer

A's & B's

Eli Brady
Cody Campbell
Dezmond Cole
Jordan Dalton
Adelyn DeCosky
Ella Duncan
Olivia Frost
Jaxson Graves
Carter Hammond
Emmett Keener
Chyenne McElroy
Rylei Moran
Robbie Passwaters
Mason Payne
Madison Rambo
Landon Rocha
Jaxson Roush-Nichols
Seth Sapp
Delaney Schlaegel
Mckenzie Schwartz
Rylie Stephens
Kylie Stephens
Jazmin Strouse
Garrett Wesney
Bryar Wilson

SIXTH GRADE

All A's

Curtis Divan
Brooklyn Kahoe
Colton Kidwell
John Chadwick
Rhyan Williams
Aaron Snider

A's & B's

Avrianna Bocock
Gavin Brooks
Ellie Cly
Landon Dawson
Ava Decosky
Frederick Evans
Hayden Garman
Kendall Griffith
Alexander Guinsler
Bristyn Guthrie
Peyton Hull
Caylynn Kieber
Bryce Knepp
Kenlie Moore
Hailey Osborn
James Price
Erica Sapp
Mason Savage
John Schillinger
Parker Schwartz
Alivia Scoles
Tanner Severt
Addison Smith
Natalie Smith
Savannah Trager
John Tucker
Kylie Willis

Athletics Update

Volleyball

- Finished 2-19 on the season
- Shanda Melick** was KMAC 2nd Team
- Isabelle Schlaegel** was KMAC Honorable Mention
- Brenna Remy** was KMAC All-Academic Team



HS Bowling

Team grew from 4 members last season to 26 this season!

Golf

- Finished 16-9 (3rd in KMAC)
- Ashton Priest** was KMAC 1st Team
- Ryan Morton & Dylan Reed** were KMAC 2nd Team
- Aidric Bocock** was KMAC Honorable Mention
- Stephen Sterling** was KMAC Coach of the Year
- Boys Team advanced to District Championship and finished 6th

Cross Country

-For the girls, both **Adrian Clutter** and **Taylor Severt** qualified for Regionals, with Taylor advancing to the State Championship Meet, finishing 39th in Division 3.

- For the boys, the team qualified for the Regionals for the first time in school history.
- At Regionals, the boys team finished 10th, with **Nathan Streby** qualifying for the State Meet, where he finished 72nd.
- Nathan Streby** and **Taylor Severt** were named All-Ohio Academic.
- Nathan Streby** was KMAC 1st Team
- Sam Whitney** was KMAC 2nd Team
- Logan Whitney** was KMAC Honorable Mention
- Sam Whitney** was KMAC All-Academic
- Adrian Clutter** was KMAC 1st Team
- Alexandria Magers** was KMAC All-Academic

Football

- Team finished the season 10-3 (KMAC Champions)
- Regional Semifinalist, finishing as one of the top 16 teams in the state.
- Peyton Lester, Nathan Burwell, Caiden Slone, Blake Elliott, Shane Knepp** were all KMAC 1st Team
- Cole Delaughder, Carson Steinmetz, Dillon Moreland** were all KMAC 2nd Team
- Blake Bonham** was KMAC Honorable Mention
- Peyton Lester** was KMAC All-Academic
- Cody Reese was KMAC Coach of the Year

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~~Helen Keller~~

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