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## Purple Pride

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*East Knox Local School District*

*From the Superintendent*

15 July 2022

Greetings!

What another incredible summer at East Knox! You should drive by the school campus if you have not done so recently to see at all the many changes over the past several years. The modular trailers that housed our Jr/Sr High students the last 18 months or thereabouts have been disassembled and are in the removal process. Construction workers continue to finish up the current Jr/Sr High School project both inside and outside. The remaining portion of the indoor project is installation of the Jr/Sr High School Gymnasium floor and bleachers. The new floor looks absolutely incredible!

On that note, we will dedicate the new Jr/Sr High building on **Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Gym**. Please join us as we celebrate this momentous milestone and give everyone the chance to tour the entire building from the conclusion of the dedication ceremony through 3:00 p.m. that day.

Some of the rest of this article was in our last Purple Pride, however, it is certainly worth repeating especially since the Board approved the Elementary Addition project at their June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

East Knox received just over \$3.2 million late last summer in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) from the federal government. The Board is able to use \$2.6 million of these funds towards building additional Elementary educational space without any additional cost to our taxpayers. The project will include eight new classrooms that will greatly alleviate current overcrowded conditions within the building. The new addition should be ready for students and staff at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. We expect to break ground on this project before Labor Day at the latest.

Once again, it continues to be an exciting time for our East Knox community. Our students will continue to thrive thanks to the generosity, foresight and thoughtfulness of this incredible community that makes us all proud to be Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

*Steve Larcomb, Supt.*

### Elementary (K-6 grades)

23081 Coshocton Road  
Howard OH 43028  
Phone: 740-599-7000  
Mrs. Melissa Moreland, Principal  
Ms. Sarah Martin, Assist. Principal and District  
Curriculum Director  
Mrs. Amanda Wilson, Secretary,  
X3002  
Mrs. Krista Reese, Secretary/Aide X3003

### Jr./Sr. High School (7-12 grades)

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Howard OH 43028  
Phone: 740-599-7000  
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Mrs. Fawnda Stahl, Building Secretary, x2002  
Ms. Marjorie Williams, Attendance/Athletic  
Secretary, x2003  
Ms. Stephanie Whitesel, Guidance Counselor,  
x2008  
Mrs. Alicia Simmons, Guidance Secretary,  
x2004

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Ed. Secretary x1088

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Transportation Supervisor  
Ms. Angela Wells, x1016

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**Matt Schwartz**



My name is Sarah Martin, and I am the new assistant elementary principal and curriculum director for East Knox. I have 22 years of experience in education, most recently as the assistant principal for Bucyrus Elementary School. I have extensive training in education, and I will receive an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education in September. My other degrees are in music education, elementary education, teaching and learning, and educational administration. My family and I currently reside in Shelby, and I have a 17-year-old son who will be a senior in high school this year. As a family, our favorite pastime is creating music. I am a classically trained flutist, my husband is a jazz bassist and jazz band leader, and my son is a gifted young composer and performer on multiple instruments. I am very excited to join the East Knox team!

**Open House dates for the coming school year are as follows (student schedules, locker assignments and technology to use our FinalForms system will be available):**

**Wednesday, August 31st**

**5:30-7:00—Jr./Sr. High School**

**6:00-7:30—Elementary School**

### East Knox Elementary Jump Start for ALL Incoming Kindergarteners

We are excited to offer another year of our 2-week Kindergarten Jump Start program. It will take place at the Elementary School Monday-Thursday, August 14-18 and August 22-25 from 9:00-11:30. It is a program that is designed to be a full 2 weeks. Meaning, attendance is expected each day. However, missing a day or two, due to a prior commitment, is fine. Transportation and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sheri Ryals, the Summer School Coordinator at [sryals@ekschools.org](mailto:sryals@ekschools.org) or 740-599-7000 ext. 3040.



Graduating classes of 2022 and 2034



## Graduating Class of 2022—Congratulations

### ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The East Knox District is made up of Knox and parts of Licking and Coshocton Counties. Our district covers an area of 144 square miles and geographically services the community of Howard, Apple Valley, Bladensburg, and Millwood.

East Knox Junior/Senior High and Elementary school buildings are located on U.S. 36 in the town of Howard. Both are located on the same campus and are situated in beautiful rural settings which complement the learning environment. There are several colleges within commuting distance, and the area provides numerous cultural and recreational opportunities.

We encourage you to visit our schools and facilities. The East Knox staff and residents strive to maintain high standards for education in our schools, working together for our children, our future leaders.

**STAFF**—A professional staff of approximately 81 licensed personnel and administrators provide an excellent learning atmosphere for district students. A dedicated teaching force with quality education is offered in an environment which promotes excellence, knowledge and skills. The East Knox Schools are a reflection of the community they serve. With strong support of the parents and interested caring citizens, this district will continue to improve as partners in education.

### ABOUT THE AREA—

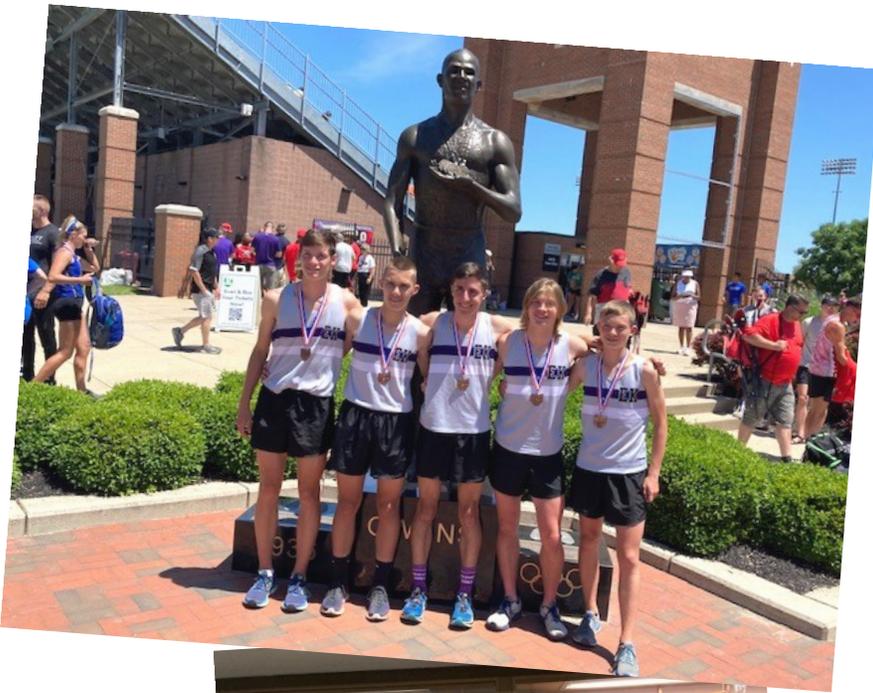
Knox County is located in central Ohio and is within an hour of northern Columbus, Mansfield and Ashland. Knox County is home to Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Kenyon College. Mount Vernon is an “All American City” and provides many nationally known shopping venues while still maintaining the small town feeling.



We are very excited to announce that East Knox Local Schools has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign enrollment and back-to-school forms for your students. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice and you only change information that has changed from the previous school year. Finalforms also pre-populates information whenever possible, for each of your students, saving you time. Please check our new (under-construction) District Website ([www.ekschools.org](http://www.ekschools.org)) for further updates on FinalForms and instructions to register/enroll.



The Boy's Track Team won the Crestline Invitational and the Girl's Track Team finished in 2nd place. Congratulations teams!



## Annual Hog Roast

Submitted by: **East Knox Athletic Boosters**

It is that time of the year again, time for the Annual 201 Club Hog Roast. The date is **August 13, 2022**, with serving beginning at 6 pm. The event, will once again, be held at Campbell's Sportsman's Club, 22430 Coshoc-ton Road, Howard. They will be serving up their great meal of roasted pork, scalloped potatoes, green beans, garlic salad, relishes, rolls and brownies.

As you know, by joining the 201 Club, you are helping to support all our great athletes with your generous contribution, by helping us provide meals, equipment and any other way that may be needed.

Tickets are still \$50 which includes dinner at the hog roast for TWO, your name will be listed in our Fall Sports Program and you will be entered into the drawing for nine \$100 prizes and one drawing for \$1,000 which will be announced at our last home football game.

You may still join even if you can not attend the hog roast, but please try and join us as we will have many great door prizes as well as a silent and a live auction.

If you have any questions or would like to donate a door prize or auction item, please call Darcy Knight @ 740.501.3278 or Josh Lester @ 740.507.3689

You can mail the below form back early or you may also pay at the door on the 13th: **East Knox Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 15, Howard, OH 43028**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_





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Thank you,  
*East Knox Local School District*

## Athletic Department News

### Baseball

The baseball team had another successful season, finishing the regular season with a record of 15-6 overall and 8-4 in the KMAC, good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference. In the postseason, the Bulldogs defeated Harvest Prep 20-0 in the Sectional Final, and then defeated Madison Christian by the score of 2-1 at home in the District Semifinal. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs fell to Fairfield Christian Academy 7-5 in the next game, finishing the season as District Runner-Ups. While the athletes received many honors, **Peyton Lester** and **Bryar Householder** received the highest honor, with both of them being named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohioans. Congratulations to our baseball squad and their coaches on a very successful spring season!

### Softball

The softball team had an excellent season, and dramatically improved as the season progressed. The Bulldogs finished the regular season at 13-10 overall and 6-7 in a very tough KMAC this year. Playing those tough teams paid off, however, as the Bulldogs went on a tear once they hit the playoffs. After shutting out Sectional opponent Harvest Prep 15-0, the Bulldogs also shut out Ridgedale in the District Semifinal by a score of 10-0. Next up in the District Final was Newark Catholic, and the Bulldogs rose to the challenge winning the first District Softball title in East Knox history by a score of 6-1 over the Green Wave. Unfortunately, our softball team fell in the Regional Semifinal to #1 Russia by a score of 7-5, but nothing can take away from the historic accomplishments this year. In addition, pitcher **Maddy Cotsamire** was named All-Ohio Honorable Mention for the season. Congratulations to our softball athletes and their coaching staff on a remarkable campaign this spring!

### Track

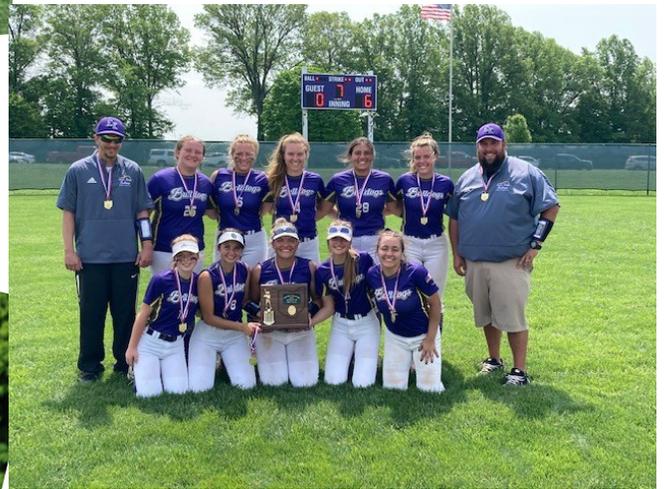
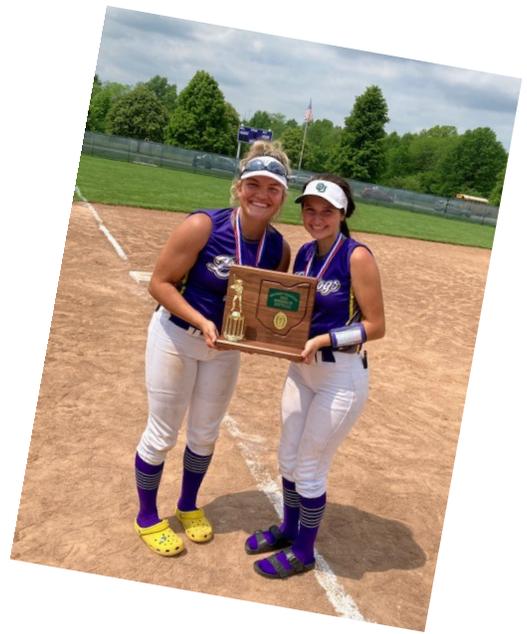
The track team had an amazing season, with a remarkable run in the postseason. At KMACs, our boys team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and our girls finished 4<sup>th</sup>. In all, 16 Bulldog track athletes received KMAC honors at the Championship meet. At Districts in Granville, our boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, with our girls 7<sup>th</sup> and as a result, seven of our Bulldogs advanced to the Regional Meet at Chillicothe Southeastern HS for their shot at getting to the State Championship. Our Bulldogs responded and the 4 X 800 team and 4 X 400 team both made the State meet, as well as **Nathan Streby** and **Dillon Moreland** in the 800 meter run. In Columbus at Jesse Owens Stadium, our Bulldogs shined. In all three events, our athletes made the state podium, a remarkable accomplishment.

The team of **Samuel Whitney**, **Logan Whitney**, **Dillon Moreland** and **Nathan Streby** finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 4 X 800 Relay on Friday. On Saturday, **Nathan Streby** ran a school record time of 1:53.49 and finished as State Runner-up getting the silver, while Senior **Dillon Moreland** finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the race to receive his medal on the podium as well. Later that day, the 4 X 400 team of **Samuel Whitney**, **Hayden Baker**, **Dillon Moreland** and **Nathan Streby** finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place for the day, resulting in more medals. At the end of the State meet, the Bulldogs had five athletes named All-Ohioans, including Senior **Samuel Whitney** twice, and Senior **Dillon Moreland** and **Nathan Streby** as THREE time All-Ohioans. Congratulations to all of our Track athletes on a historic and record breaking Track season this Spring.

# Athletic Department News—continued

Sam Whitney	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team & KMAC All-Academic; Regional Qualifier in Long Jump; State Medalist in 4 X 8 Relay & 4 X 4 Relay
Logan Whitney	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; State Medalist in 4 X 8 Relay
Dillon Moreland	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; State Medalist in 4 X 8 Relay, 4 X 4 Relay and 800 Meter Run
Nathan Streby	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; KMAC Running Event Athlete of the Year; State Medalist in 4 X 8 Relay, 4 X 4 Relay and 800 Meter Run
Hayden Baker	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team & Honorable Mention; State Medalist in 4 X 4 Relay
Isabella Grennell	Track	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; KMAC Field Event Athlete of the Year; Regional Qualifier in shot put & discus
Alexandria Magers	Track	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team & KMAC All-Academic; Regional Qualifier in 400 Meter Dash
Seth Madden	Track	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team & Honorable Mention
Adrian Clutter	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Hiba Ezzarouali	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Ella Vannatter	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Taylor Severt	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Gabe Hanners	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Tyree Skelton	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Zechariah Kaulia-Volk	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Ethan Rine	Track	KMAC Honorable Mention
Peyton Lester	Baseball	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team & KMAC All-Academic; District 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; All-Ohio 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team
Bryar Householder	Baseball	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team; District 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; All-Ohio 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team
Carson Steinmetz	Baseball	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team; District 1 <sup>st</sup> Team
Cole Delaughder	Baseball	KMAC Honorable Mention
Landon Spearman	Baseball	District Honorable Mention
Natalie Smith	Softball	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; District 1 <sup>st</sup> Team
Shanda Melick	Softball	KMAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; District 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team
Maddy Cotsamire	Softball	KMAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team; District 1 <sup>st</sup> Team; All-Ohio Honorable Mention
Kayla Finch	Softball	KMAC Honorable Mention
Anjel Montgomery	Softball	KMAC All-Academic





Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs Softball team as they won Districts for the first time in school history.



# 7th-8th Grade Supply List for 2022-2023

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

Agenda  
Pencil pouch  
4-24 count boxes of pencils  
Scissors  
Colored pencils  
4 pack of glue sticks  
Earbuds/headphones  
1 box of Kleenex (**give to homeroom teacher**)

### Math:

1 Pack of Loose Leaf Paper - College Ruled  
1 1/2" or 2" Purple—3 ring binder  
1 package of 5 tab dividers  
Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS Scientific Calculator  
Book Cover

### Science:

1 1/2" or 2" three ring binder-Red  
1 package of 5 tab dividers  
1-college ruled spiral Notebook-Red  
Loose leaf paper for the year  
Girls-one roll of paper towels-**give to Science Teacher**  
Boys-on roll of masking tape-**give to Science Teacher**

### Social Studies:

Blue Folder with pockets and prongs  
1-college ruled spiral notebook-Blue

### Language Arts:

1/2" three ring binder-Green  
1 package of 5 tab dividers  
2 Packages of college ruled loose leaf paper

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

### Math

5 subject notebook  
1 folder  
Calculator- Texas instrument TI-30X-IIS

### Social Studies

2" BLUE 3 ring binder  
5 Tab Dividers  
2pkg notebook paper

### Language Arts

Red -- 2 inch three ring binder OR Red 8+ subject folio  
Package of five tab dividers with folders  
Package of college ruled loose leaf paper 1 folder with three-hole punch

### Science

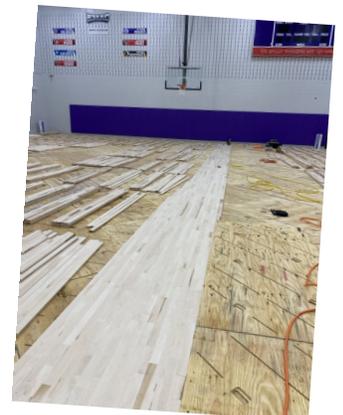
4- folders with pockets  
1 pkg notebook paper  
Girls – One roll of paper towels-**give to Science Teacher**  
Boys – One roll of masking tape-**give to Science Teacher**

### All classes - Keep in pencil case

Pencil case  
72-144 box of Pencils Scissors  
Glue Sticks Colored Pencils  
Handheld pencil sharpener

### Give to 1st period teacher:

2 box tissues



# K-6 Supply List for 2022-2023

## KINDERGARTEN

4-boxes of 24 count crayons  
2-composition books  
12-glue sticks  
1-pkg. Expo dry erase markers (**BLACK ONLY**)  
1-Fiskar scissors  
1-plastic school box  
2-boxes of tissues  
1-roll of paper towels  
1-headphones (**NO EARBUDS**)  
Boys-gallon sized Ziploc bags  
Boys-box of band aids  
Girls-sandwich sized Ziploc bags  
Girls-pack of baby wipes

## 1ST GRADE

1-refillable water bottle  
Boys-1 hand sanitizer  
Girls-1 pkg. disinfecting wipes  
1 pkg. Of #2 pencils (**NO DIXON**)  
Scissors (blunt end, Fiskars work best)  
Eraser (block style)  
4-large glue sticks  
6x9 plastic school box (**NO LOCKS**)  
2-box of tissues  
2-roll of paper towels  
3 boxes of 24 count crayons  
2 pkgs. Of dry erase markers (**BLACK ONLY**)  
Headphone (**NO EARBUDS**)  
2-pocket folders  
1-wide-ruled journal/notebook

## 2ND GRADE

Headphones (**NO EARBUDS**)  
Scissors  
2-large erasers  
2 pkgs. pencils (**NO DIXON**)  
2-box of 16 count crayons  
2 pkgs. colored pencils  
1-box of (thick) colored markers  
12-glue sticks  
1-small plastic school box  
4-plastic folders with pockets  
1 pkg. of expo-whiteboard markers  
1-box tissue  
2-rolls paper towels  
Individual pencil sharpener  
2-composition notebooks

## 3RD GRADE

Comfortable headphones  
Crayons  
8-large glue sticks (**NO LIQUID GLUE**)  
Colored pencils  
Markers  
6-pocket folders  
5 pkgs. of 12 #2 pencils (no mechanical)  
1-small plastic school box  
1 pair of scissors  
Highlighters  
2-large erasers  
1 pack of pencil top erasers  
2 pkgs. dry erase markers  
2-boxes of tissues  
3-composition books  
1-roll of paper towels  
**NO TRAPPER KEEPERS**

## 4TH GRADE

Earbuds  
Crayons  
One of each:  
1" white binder  
1" black binder  
1" blue binder  
3 pkgs. of 5 tab dividers (needed for all 3 binders)  
1-scissors  
2-large erasers  
1 pkg. pencil top erasers  
2 pkgs. glue sticks  
2-12 count box of colored pencils  
3 pkgs. of notebook filler paper (wide-ruled)  
1-composition book (**NO PERFORATED PAGES**)  
4 boxes of pencils (**NO MECHANICAL**)  
Zippered pencil pouch  
1-folder with 2 pockets  
1 pkg. Expo Markers  
1-box of tissue  
Last name A-M 1 roll paper towels  
Last name N-Z 1 pkg. Expo markers  
1 pencil sharpener

## 5TH GRADE

One of each:  
1.5" white binder  
1.5" red binder  
1.5" black binder  
1.5" blue binder  
4 pkgs. of 5-tab dividers (needed for all 4 binders)  
Hole reinforcement stickers for binders  
1 pkg. highlighters  
Crayons  
Pencils-many (**NO MECHANICAL**)  
Erasers- pencil cap  
Earbuds  
4 pkgs. notebook filler paper  
1 pkg. Expo markers  
Scissors  
Glue sticks  
Zippered pencil pouch  
2-boxes of tissues  
4 packs of index cards  
1 box of Ziploc sandwich bags  
1 package of colored pencils  
1 pencil sharpener

## 6TH GRADE

One of each:  
1" white binder  
1" red binder  
1" black binder  
1" blue binder  
3-composition notebooks  
1-three-subject notebook wide-ruled 3 pkgs. of notebook filler paper  
Crayons  
Highlighters  
Pencils-many  
Erasers-many  
2-boxes of colored pencils  
1 box of tissues  
Glue sticks  
Scissors  
Earbuds or Headphones  
2-folders  
1 pkg. Expo markers  
1 pkg. of sticky notes  
2 pkgs. note cards  
1 pencil sharpener



May Students of the Month

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## East Knox Local School District

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.”

*~George Washington Carver~*

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**—This publication, a report to the residents of the East Knox Local School District, fulfills the requirements of section 3313.94 of the Ohio Revised Code. Suggestions or questions should be directed to the Board of Education Office, 23201 Coshocton Road, Howard, OH 43028.

### The Safe School Helpline

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