

EAST ROCKS!

A MONTHLY EAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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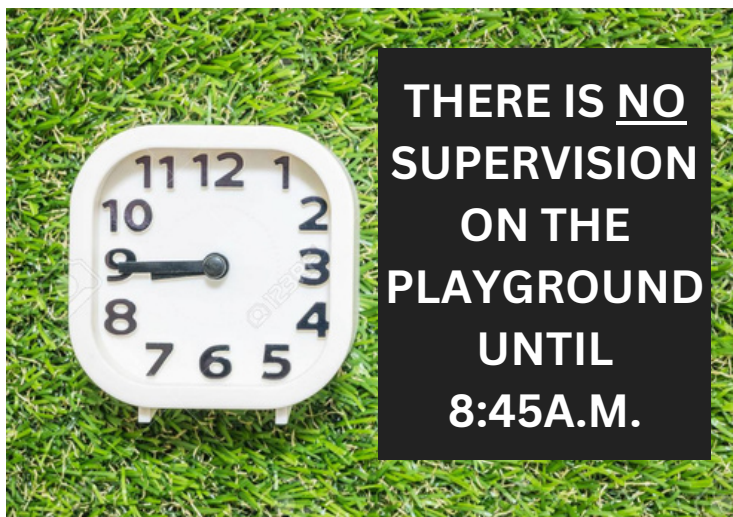
3RD / 4TH QUARTER

MARCH / APRIL 2025



THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TO OUR STEAM FAMILY NIGHT!

**DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF
AT SCHOOL UNTIL 8:45A.M.!**



We're
Looking For

PTO Officers for 2025 - 2026

Nomination Forms will be
emailed out on April 1st.

More information at:
mt-vernon.k12.oh.us/EastPTO.aspx

ROCKIN' READ-A-THON

Encourage your East Rockstar to READ EVERY DAY, but especially March 7th - March 14th during our Rockin' Read-A-Thon! An envelope with details went home with your student on Friday, March 7th with all the details! Students are to collect pledges and return them in their envelopes by March 19th. Prizes will be distributed after Spring Break!

**CONTINUING AND NEW OPEN ENROLLMENT**

CONTINUING Open Enrollment is for students who are currently Open Enrolled to Mount Vernon School District and desire to continue open enrollment with the District for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Complete your application through the Parent Portal on the District website.
- Instructions for Continuing Open Enrollment are located on the Parent Resources Page.
- Continuing Open Enrolled opens March 1, students will have until April 10 to complete this process.

If your address has changed since your last application, please update your child's emergency medical form in the Parent Portal on the District website and you will also need to provide proof of residency.

Instructions for Change of Address are also located on the Parent Resource Page.

NEW Open Enrollment is for students **NEW** to the district and opens on APRIL 1st.

If you have any questions concerning Continuing Open Enrollment, please contact Jessica Shelton jshelton@mvcsd.us or contact John Frye jfrye@mvcsd.us

**SEARCHING FOR 2025-2026
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

If you have someone in your family or have a friend or neighbor with a prospective kindergarten student (must be five years old on or before August 1, 2025), who will be attending East Elementary School next year, please contact Ginny at 740-393-5985 x6300 or at gshively@mvcsd.us

Kindergarten Registration at East is on Friday, April 25th.
Call Ginny to schedule!

*East Elementary's
Rockin' Read-A-Thon*

Student Name: _____
Teacher Name: _____

HOW DOES IT WORK?
From March 7th-14th, you can work at home and in school to read up to 100 minutes to earn several rockin' rewards and raise money for East. As you read in ten-minute increments, track your progress by coloring in a section of your electric guitar.

This same week, you can gather pledges from friends and family, asking for flat donations (\$10, \$25, etc.) or a pledged amount per minute read (For example: If someone pledges \$.10/minute and you read for 100 minutes, that would be a \$10 donation.)
Forms and pledges are due Wednesday, March 19th.

ROCKIN' REWARD LEVELS

- \$10- One item from the East Prize Box
- \$20- Free popcorn one day at school
- \$30- Extra recess and a treat
- \$40- Color changing East cup
- \$50- 2 SPI Spot tickets
- \$60- Wear pajamas to school on a designated day
- \$75- No Homework for a week
- \$100- Rock painting party after school one day
- \$150- 2 Altitude Trampoline Park tickets

- Our top two earners will receive a family season pass to Hiawatha Water Park OR a ride to school one morning in a fire truck (the top fundraiser will get to choose first).
- The top earner in each class will get to choose the PE activity for their class one week.
- The top earning class will celebrate with a pizza party for lunch.



East Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and
2nd Grades Present:

Rock and Roll is Here to Stay

Tuesday, April 15
at 6:30pm

Where: Mount Vernon
High School Theater
300 Yellow Jacket Drive



Student/Family Information:

Time: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students need to arrive at Mount Vernon High School at **6:15pm**

What to wear: School appropriate clothing. If your student would like to, they can dress like a rockstar! **No hats or sunglasses please.**

Dress Rehearsal: Students will take a bus in the morning on April 15 for a dress rehearsal at the high school. Transportation that evening will be on your own.

Any questions, email Mrs. Japikse at rjapikse@mvcsd.us

K - 2 SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

Join us Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30pm at the High School Auditorium as our Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders perform 'Rock and Roll is Here to Stay' directed by our music teacher, Mrs. Japikse.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

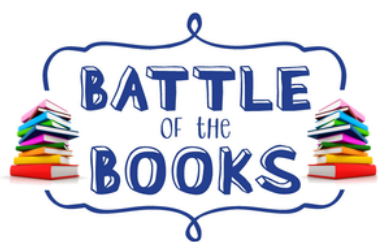
Reminder: Spring Picture Day is
Friday, April 4th



WE'RE BIKING IN PE CLASS!

Through the generosity of United Way of Knox County, East's kindergarten and first grade students get to learn how to ride a bike during PE class! Students have learned about bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet while riding a bike as well as maneuver their 2-wheeled bikes through cones to demonstrate control while they are riding and driving around the gym.

What a fun activity to get kids excited about staying active!



24/25 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM

Mac, Ian, Addyson, Bea, Kate, and Ella (led by Mrs. Berger) have been working hard all year in preparation for this year's Battle of the Books Competition that will be held on March 18th from 6-8pm at the MVNU Chapel.

Battle of the Books has been a competitive game for over 100 years. The game was created to encourage and give students the opportunity to develop their potential through the discovery of reading. This year, as a team, they had to read 70 books and prepare to answer questions from all 70 books. The team which scores the highest amount of points in the competition will be named the 2024 Knox County Battle of the Books Champion.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 7 - 14 = Read-A-Thon
- March 13th = Author, Jonathan Miller, Visits East
- March 14th = Author, Troy Cummings, Visits East
- March 14th = EAST SHIRT DAY!
- March 18th = Battle of the Books Competition
from 6-8pm at the MVNU Chapel
- March 18th = EAST SHIRT DAY!
- March 20th = End of the Third 9 Weeks
- March 21 - 30 = NO SCHOOL! SPRING BREAK!
- April 3rd = PTO Meeting at 4:30pm
- April 4th = Spring Picture Day
- April 8th = STEAM Club 3:30 - 5pm
- April 15th = K-2 Spring Music Program at 6:30pm
at the HS Auditorium
- April 15 & 16 = State Testing (ELA) for grades 3-5
- April 18th = NO SCHOOL!
- April 24 - 25 = State Testing (Science) for grade 5
- April 29 - 30 = State Testing (Math) for grades 3-5

PTO INFO

PTO meetings are once a month, are held at East School in the library (childcare is provided), and usually last about an hour.

Join us at our next PTO meeting of this school year

-April 3rd @ 4:30pm

-May 1st @ 4:30pm

EAST IS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL

East Elementary School is a Title 1 School and benefits from this designation. Mrs. Peterson, a reading intervention teacher, is funded by Title 1 and in turn support our building's academic initiatives. Our building also receives resources to support parent involvement.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Office Hours are from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday.
- Students may be dropped off as early as 8:45am on the playground. **Please do not drop off earlier than 8:45am.**
- 9:00am is the tardy bell. If your student arrives at 9:00am or after, please have them enter the building through the front door.
- Breakfast is from 8:45am - 9:00am.
- Lunch is from 11:45am - 12:45pm.
- Dismissal is at 3:30pm. If you are picking your student up, please designate a pick-up location to meet.

DID YOUR NUMBER CHANGE?

If your contact information changes, please update it in the Parent Portal or call Ginny 740-393-5985.

SHOW YOUR EAST PRIDE:

E - Exhibit Respect
A - Aim For Excellence
S - Safety First
T - Treat Others Kindly

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFO

For the latest news and information, go to our website: mvcsd.us and select East Elementary.

You can also follow us on social media:



@East-Elementary-School



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