



Knox County Schools

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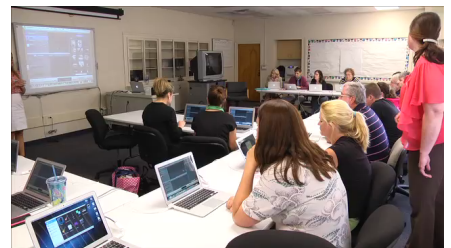


COMMON CORE

## JULY 2013

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## ***Full Implementation of Common Core Underway: What Does it Mean?***

During the past several years our students have been on a journey toward Tennessee's new and more rigorous academic standards. Historically, every state had its own set of academic standards, meaning public education



students in each state across the country were learning at different levels. Now, the [State of Tennessee](#) has joined 44 other states in adopting the [Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#).

**What does this mean?** Essentially, the goal of Common Core is to provide students with a deeper understanding of academic content and greater skills in connecting and applying knowledge so that they are better prepared for college and career. All students must now be prepared to compete not only with their peers in neighboring communities, but with students from across the country and around the world.

After adopting the CCSS, states have partnered to develop common assessments of the new standards. As such, beginning in the fall of 2014 we will again take another step toward increased rigor for children as the State of Tennessee moves to new assessments through



the [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\)](#). PARCC is a group of 22 states working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English/language arts and mathematics.

These new K-12 assessments will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, marking students' progress toward this goal along the way and providing teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support. The PARCC assessments will replace our current TCAP and state EOC tests in English/language arts and mathematics, will be ready for states to administer beginning in the fall of 2014, and *will be administered entirely online*. Social studies and science content will still be administered via TCAP.

The Knox County Schools has excellent resource materials to help parents understand Common Core and to address common [myths and misconceptions](#). Please visit our website at [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org) and click on the "Common Core" logo for comprehensive information.

Thank you for supporting the education of our children. Together we will ensure that every student in the Knox County Schools receives an outstanding education, and has the opportunity to be academically successful, economically competitive, and personally fulfilled in our increasingly complex world.

# Tune in nightly at 7pm for KCS-TV Spotlight News

Make it a nightly news sweep. Catch your favorite station's local news as 6:00 p.m., follow it with national news as 6:30 then tune in to KCS-TV at 7:00 each night for Knox County Schools **Spotlight News**.

Each night at 7:00 p.m. KCS-TV broadcasts short news stories about current happenings in the system. Knox County Schools Television offers twenty-four hour seven days a week live programming simulcast on Comcast Channel 10, and [AT&T U-Verse](#) Channel 99.

The weekly program schedule of major programs including board meetings, community forums, Musical productions, KCS History Interviews and more can be found on the KCS website. ([KCS-TV Program Guide](#)).



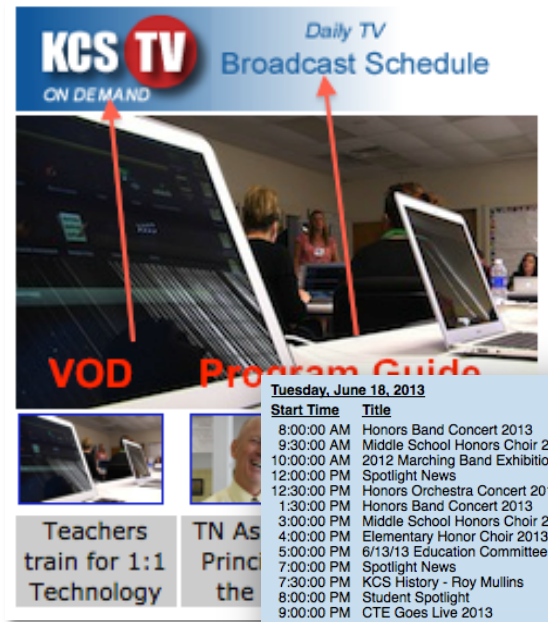
The Board of Education meetings are broadcast live and then are available as rebroadcasts on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Programming includes timely videos related to current issues facing the Knox County Schools, student musical performances, previous State of the Schools addresses and much more.



## Video on Demand

You can watch any of the KCS-TV programming on the web at anytime. Click the "Videos & Live Streams" then select from channels, years, and video you want to watch.



Tuesday, June 18, 2013	
Start Time	Title
8:00:00 AM	Honors Band Concert 2013
9:30:00 AM	Middle School Honors Choir 2013
10:00:00 AM	2012 Marching Band Exhibition
12:00:00 PM	Spotlight News
12:30:00 PM	Honors Orchestra Concert 2011
1:30:00 PM	Honors Band Concert 2013
3:00:00 PM	Middle School Honors Choir 2013
4:00:00 PM	Elementary Honor Choir 2013
5:00:00 PM	6/13/13 Education Committee
7:00:00 PM	Spotlight News
7:30:00 PM	KCS History - Roy Mullins
8:00:00 PM	Student Spotlight
9:00:00 PM	CTE Goes Live 2013

Wednesday, June 19, 2013	
Start Time	Title
8:00:00 AM	Choral Showcase 2013
10:00:00 AM	06/03/13 Work Session
1:00:00 PM	06/05/13 Board of Ed. Meeting
4:00:00 PM	Middle School Honors Choir 2013
4:30:00 PM	Elementary Honor Choir 2013
5:00:00 PM	06/05/13 Board of Ed. Meeting
7:00:00 PM	Spotlight News
7:30:00 PM	KCS History - Juanita Cannon
9:00:00 PM	Common Core Implementation Plan
9:30:00 PM	KCS History - EJ Huddleston
11:30:00 PM	KCS History - Allen Morgan

Thursday, June 20, 2013	
Start Time	Title
8:00:00 AM	Honors Band Concert 2013
9:30:00 AM	Middle School Honors Choir 2013
10:00:00 AM	2012 Marching Band Exhibition
12:00:00 PM	Spotlight News
12:30:00 PM	Honors Orchestra Concert 2011
1:30:00 PM	Common Core Implementation Plan
2:00:00 PM	2013 State Of The Schools
4:30:00 PM	6/13/13 Education Committee
7:00:00 PM	Spotlight News
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[On the Web](#)

[Live Broadcast Programming Guide](#)

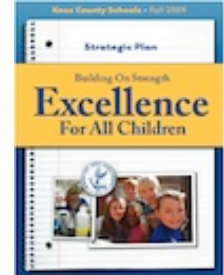


## Getting Started 2013 Helpful Information, Links for Parents and Students

### [Strategic Plan: Excellence for All Children](#)

The Strategic Plan outlines the long range goals and objectives of The Knox County Schools.

**Main Phone:** Please call (865) 594-1800 if you cannot find the office or individual with whom you need to speak.



### Contacts:

[Contact Information](#) for various administrators, directors, supervisors, and other KCS personnel including a complete KCS personnel directory and school information.

### Frequently Asked Questions

These 20 questions provide links and answers to the most often asked questions about school times, enrollment requirements, immunizations, bus routes, lunch menus, and more.

## Individual Schools

[Directory of schools](#) - principals, address, phone number  
[School Websites](#)

## School Start Times

Please check your school for special start/stop times

### Kindergarten:

Full Days: 7:45 - 2:45  
Half-days: 7:45 - 11:15

### Elementary: (Grades 1-5)

Full Days: 7:45 - 2:45  
Half-days: 7:45 - 11:15

### Middle School: (grades 6-8)

Full Days: 8:30 - 3:30  
Half Days: 8:30 - 12:00

### High School (grades 9-12)

Full Days: 8:30 - 3:30  
Half Days: 8:30 - 12:00

**Emergency School Closings** (Inclement weather, etc.)

[Policy AFC](#) | [Procedure AFC](#)

## Calendars

[2013-14 School Calendar](#) - Yearly one-page calendar you can print and keep

[School Times](#) - Please note that [Kindergarten is a FULL DAY](#) program.

[On-line calendar](#)- Updated with "What's Happening Now" throughout the year.

[School Calendars](#) - Each school maintains a calendar of events. Your student's classroom teacher or coach may also provide a calendar specific to their class or team.

[Your Personal Calendar](#) - Parents and students have a personal calendar as part of the KCS website services. Login with your account to use your personal calendar. You may view and combine calendars from any group to which you belong.



## Bus Stops, School Zones and Bus Safety

[Locating my student's bus stop](#) - Use Web Query to pinpoint bus stops locations, pickup and drop-off times.

[Transportation Department](#)

[School Zones](#) - Use the interactive KGIS system to find your school zone

[School Bus Safety](#)

## Cafeteria Services

[Menus on-line](#) - This on line cafeteria menu can be printed. There is also a pdf file that can be downloaded from this on line menu.

[Payment on line](#) - parents can deposit funds into their student's cafeteria account on line for convenience

[Reduced Lunch Requirements, Application](#)  
[School Nutrition and Food Services Department](#)



## CAFETERIA PRICES

### Breakfast Prices:

Student \$1.75  
Reduced Student \$.30  
Adult KCS Personnel \$2.00  
Adult Visitor \$2.25

### Lunch Prices:

K-5 student \$2.50  
6-12 Student \$2.75  
Reduced Student \$.40  
Adult KCS Personnel \$3.25  
Adult Visitor \$3.75

Milk \$.50

Ice Cream \$.50

## School Supplies, Fees

Each [school website](#) has a listing of school supplies. Please check your [student's school website](#) for more information about needed supplies.

**Course Fees:** Some courses/activities also require a fee. Please check with your school or teacher about individual course or activity fees.

## Enrollment Requirements

A birth certificate or officially acceptable proof of birth date.

Proof of up-to-date immunizations and of a health/physical examination, recorded on a Tennessee Child Health Record completed by a medical provider or a County Health Department. The form to be completed may be obtained from a medical provider or from the Health Department. The health/physical examination must have been completed within the past year. No student will be enrolled or allowed to attend school without a completed Tennessee School Immunization Certificate.



Proof of residency within the school zone – Utility bill, or some document with address

## Curriculum Guides and Information

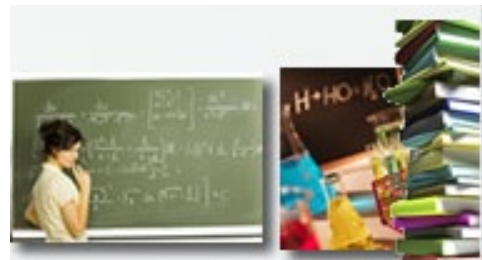
[An index to curriculum departments, programs](#), and more

[Instructional Services index](#) - a listing of departments and subjects; High School course offerings

Middle school course offerings

[Elementary Education](#)

[Special Education Services](#)



## Grade Scales, Testing Schedule

[Middle and High School Grade Scales](#)

[Elementary Grading Scale](#)

[Tests and Testing Schedule](#)



## Parent Communications

**School Messenger** - the school system's telephone, email, and web-based messaging system for parents, teachers, staff. Daily attendance reports are made via the system as well as messages related to your school and from the district. It is important that you have an updated, accurate phone number registered with the system.

**Parent Portal**- Middle and High School parents can track assignments, attendance, grades, and more. **Parent's must get user-names and passwords for Parent Portal from their local school**

**Website "Personal Dashboard"** - After log-in, this is your personalized guide to various functions related to your account on the web.

**Parent Forms**- A listing of forms often used by parents.

**School Web Sites:** Each school maintains its own website where you may find announcements, news, calendars, and information specific to that school.

**Classroom websites:** Teachers may also maintain individual classroom sites for each subject or grade level.



## Volunteering at your school

**How to Volunteer** - Parent involvement is always welcome at Knox County Schools. Please visit your school to see how you may help support your child's education. The Knox County Schools also has a Volunteer Registry on line where you may register your skills or search for a specific kind of volunteer activity at any or all schools or the district.

**School Support Organizations** - These are approved support organizations listed by school. Included are booster clubs, PTA and PTSO groups and more.

**Family and Community Engagement** - The Knox County Schools Family and Community Engagement Department offers hundreds of activities, conferences, and resources throughout the year. Please visit their site for more information.

**Partners In Education** - hundreds of businesses, civic groups, and other organizations work actively in many ways to support education in Knox County. Visit the Partners In Education site for more information on how you may become involved.

## School Board Policies

**Campus Gear** - Some schools have adopted a Board approved dress standard that varies from the basic Knox County Schools Dress Policy. [Policy Manual](#), [Student Policies](#), [Dress Code](#), [Attendance](#), [Student use of cell phone](#), [Additional Information](#)



## **Orientation Day for Knox County Middle and High School Students is August 9**

Students, who will enter the sixth and ninth grade in the fall, are invited to participate in an orientation day on Friday, Aug. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at their zoned middle or high school.

Orientation is a valuable opportunity for students to become acquainted with the new school and meet friends. Each student will receive his or her fall schedule, be introduced to teachers and

counselors, take a tour of the building, and learn more about the school's policies and procedures.

Transportation will also be provided for students attending orientation. To locate your assigned bus stop, please visit the '[Bus Stop Locator](#)' page on [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org) beginning Monday, July 29 or call Knox County Schools at (865) 594-1550. Letters with detailed information will be mailed to all registered sixth and ninth grade students, later this summer.



## ***Rising Seventh Grade Parents:***

### **Knox County Schools, Knox County Health Department Remind Parents of State-Required Immunizations**

The Knox County Schools and the [Knox County Health Department](#) would like to remind parents of the state-required immunizations for rising seventh grade students. In Tennessee, [students entering the 7th grade](#) are required to have the Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster and two doses of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. Parents must present a certificate of immunization to the school by Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

“Pertussis, or whooping cough, can be very serious for those most at risk, like infants,” said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. “The Tdap booster protects seventh graders and their infant siblings at home who may be too young for immunization.”

Tennessee’s vaccine requirements follow recommendations from the national [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Both immunizations and the certificate of immunization are available at pediatrician offices or at any KCHD location.

#### **KCHD [clinic locations](#):**

- Preventative Health Clinic, 140 Dameron Avenue (main KCHD facility); (865) 215-5071  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Teague Clinic, 405 Dante School Road; (865) 215-5500  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- West Clinic, 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road; (865) 215-5950  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Note: All KCHD locations open at 12:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.*



## Summer Transfer Window Concludes Friday, July 12, 2013

The Knox County Schools [summer transfer window](#) will close on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 4 p.m. The summer transfer window is open to students meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- 2013-14 kindergarten students
- Students new to the Knox County Schools (i.e. coming from private school, home school, out of county or out of state)
- Students who have had a change in family circumstances such as custody or guardianship since Feb. 18, 2013
- Students with a change of address since Feb. 18, 2013
- Students seeking a transfer to a “magnet” program where space is available.

Proof of one of the above circumstances must be provided with the transfer application (with the exception of kindergarten students). An example of proof documentation can be a lease agreement, closing statements for the purchase of a new home, court documents, and/or end of year report cards from a private school. The child’s name and birth date is required on the proof being supplied and must be submitted with the application.

There are three ways to apply for a transfer during the summer window:

1. In person, by completing a transfer application form available at 912 S. Gay Street. The Transfer Office is located in Suite 103.
2. By downloading an application form on the Internet from [transfers.knoxschools.org](http://transfers.knoxschools.org) and faxing to (865) 594-1504 or mailing to: Supervisor of Enrollment, P.O. Box 2188, Knoxville, TN 37901.
3. Current Knox County School students may [apply on-line](#) by using their Parent Portal login.

Please note that out-of-county transfer requests will only be considered after all Knox County students have been approved. The Knox County Schools will use a “lottery-style” process to determine transfer placements.

For more information, please visit [transfers.knoxschools.org](http://transfers.knoxschools.org) online or [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org).

## New Bus Routes Available July 29

Northshore Elementary School opens this fall and with the opening comes a change in bus routes serving several west Knoxville schools.

The Knox County Schools [Transportation Department](#) is preparing new bus routes for the west side schools. New routes will be available July 29 on the KCS website through [Web Query's Bus Stop location system](#). The system will not be active for any bus route searches until new routes are posted.

When active, KCS WebQuery will provide locations of bus stops, pick up and drop off times, and which schools are served.

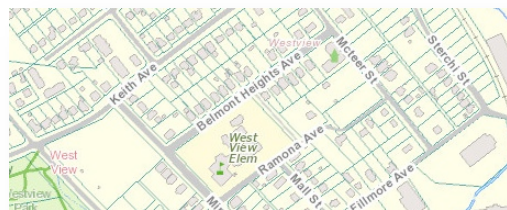


### About Transportation:

Knox County Schools contracts with independent service providers operating more than 350 buses on all instructional days. Our program travels in excess of 3,000,000 miles each school year. Approximately 36,000 students reside outside of the **parent responsibility zone** and are eligible for transportation services.

### Parent Responsibility Zones

[Students in grades K-5](#) residing greater than one mile from their zoned school, by the shortest route, are eligible for transportation services.



### Middle and High School Students

[Students in grades 6-12](#) residing greater than one and one-half miles from their zoned school, by the shortest route, are eligible for transportation services.

## Annual Sales Tax Holiday 2013 is August 2-4



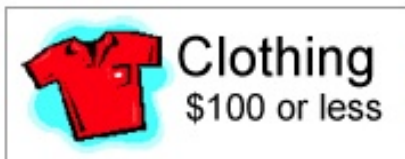
Tennessee's 9th annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013. During the three-day tax holiday, shoppers can save nearly 10 percent clothing, school and art supplies and computer purchases.

The holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4. During the designated three-day weekend, shoppers will not pay state or local sales tax on select clothing

with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less.

Please visit [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com) for more information. The Tennessee Department of Revenue also assists consumers via e-mail at [salestax.holiday@tn.gov](mailto:salestax.holiday@tn.gov), and through its toll-free hotline, 1-800-342-1003. Exempted items include:

- **Clothing:** Shirts, dresses, pants, coats, gloves and mittens, hats and caps, hosiery, neckties, belts, sneakers, shoes, uniforms (both athletic and non-athletic) and scarves
- **School supplies:** Binders, book bags, calculators, tape, chalk, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, pens, pencils, lunch boxes, notebooks, paper, rulers and scissors
- **Art supplies:** Clay and glazes, acrylic, tempera and oil paints, paintbrushes for artwork, sketch and drawing pads, and watercolors
- **Computers:** Laptop computers, desktop computers, tablets, central processing units (CPUs), along with various other components including monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables to connect components and preloaded software



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies Scheduled for Two Knox County Schools: Carter Elementary, Northshore Elementary

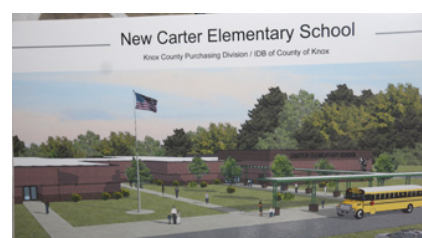
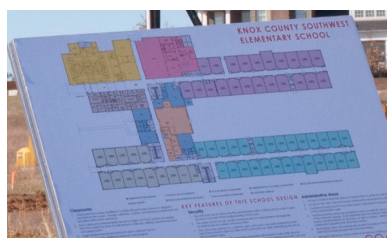
Ribbon cutting ceremonies have been scheduled for two Knox County elementary schools. Please join the Knox County Board of Education, Superintendent James P. McIntyre, Jr. and faculty of the Knox County Schools in marking these momentous occasions.

[Northshore Elementary](#), located at 1889 Thunderhead Road, will hold its ribbon cutting and grand opening on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. Principal Susan Davis and her staff also invite families to stay for an open house from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and tour the new facility.

Principal Shay Siler and the staff of [Carter Elementary School](#) will also host an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 8455 Straw Plains Pike on Friday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. A 'Meet Your Teacher' event is scheduled immediately following and again from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to welcome students back to school.



***From Groundbreaking ceremonies to new beginnings:*** Top right: The Carter community broke ground in November 2011 to set their dream of a new elementary school in motion. Above, officials broke ground in February 2012 for a new school in the southwest sector of the county. The school officially opens this Fall as "Northshore Elementary."



## 1:1 Technology Plugs Students Into Today's Digital World, Creates Personal Learning Environment



They text, share photos, capture video, get directions, take notes, plan activities and more on a routine basis with their smart phones, tablets, and computers outside school, and now students from 11 Technology Challenge Grant Winners will discover that learning can be just as personal when school starts this fall.

Students and teachers in each of the winning schools (see list) will use either a tablet or laptop this school year. Facilitating personalized learning supported by technology is one of four resource priorities in the 2013-14 budget adopted by the Board of Education.

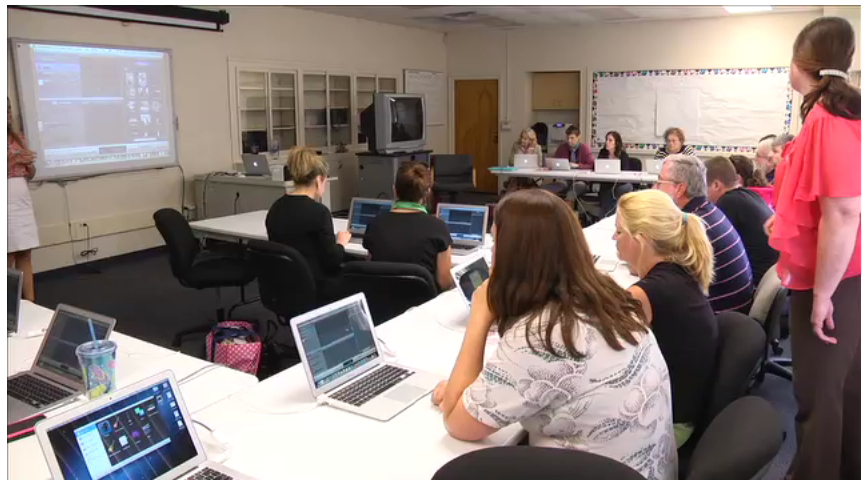
Teachers from each of the 11 schools spent a week this summer in training. Theresa Nixon, formerly the Science Supervisor for KCS, was recently appointed Director of Instructional Technology/Personalized Learning and will oversee the 11-school project.

This School Technology Challenge is part of FY14, Facilitated Personalized Learning Supported by Technology, which will bring 1:1 technology into Knox County Schools.

The winning schools were selected from an internal competition for selected schools to begin a 1:1 technology effort (one technology device for each one student, and each one teacher). Interested schools went through an application process, and a total of 28 schools applied for consideration in this pilot initiative.

“We believe selecting a small, representative sample of schools to embrace instructional technology will leverage the creativity and expertise within our schools, build capacity for future expansion, and demonstrate success in schools across our community,” said Dr. Jim McIntyre, superintendent of schools.

“With this initiative, parents, teachers, stakeholders and taxpayers will be able to see how instructional technology is enhancing education right in their own neighborhood.”



## *Winners and their plans*

[Bearden High School](#), “The future is now. Students must be able to find, understand, create and communicate information. Technology is a valuable tool to excite and energize the next generation of learners.”

[South-Doyle High School](#), “This is not about the simple acquisition of technology, but the opportunities to use tools in a way that supports a complete transformation in the way we are able to teach our students.”

[Holston Middle School](#), “Personalized learning environments will enable, empower, and engage all students. It will enhance learner-centered instruction facilitated by teachers utilizing problem/project based learning.”

[West Valley Middle School](#), “This opportunity meets students where they are and allows them to move forward at an individualized pace. It will create experiences that appeal to each student’s interests.”

[Vine Middle School](#) - Per the recommendation of Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent of the Knox County Schools, on March 18, 2013, the Board of Education supported efforts to expand the magnet theme at Vine Middle School to a rigorous “STEAM” curriculum to further enhanced offerings in the performing arts and STEM disciplines.

[Halls Elementary School](#), “Because of the move to Common Core in Tennessee, we see the need to also transition our instructional practices. This will allow us the opportunity to do that.”

[Corryton Elementary School](#), “Staff will be able to continuously challenge students at their own instructional level.”

[Mooreland Heights Elementary School](#), “Personalized learning environments will incorporate various technological components to meet needs and further aid educators to close achievement gaps.”

[Norwood Elementary School](#), “Because information is dynamic in nature, technology becomes the vehicle for students to find information and make discoveries and connections, which might be cumbersome, or even impossible, in a static “book” focused world.”

[Sterchi Elementary School](#), “We are primed to take the next steps to seamlessly integrate further technology into our daily learning process. It will ensure success for every child.”

[Bonny Kate Elementary School](#), “Our focus is on the visionary shift in how teachers will present instruction and the excitement that will further spark student ownership in their learning.

*Preparing to Meet the Needs:*

## **Future School Leaders Begin Rigorous Training**



*The Knox County Schools recently selected the 2013-2014 cohort of fellows for its innovative Leadership Academy, which prepares talented professionals to become outstanding new school principals through an intensive 15-month fellowship program. Members of the 2013-2014 Leadership Academy fellowship class include (L to R) Brad Corum, Tara Howell-Spikes, Christopher James, Shelly McGill, Scott Reed, Dexter Murphy, Megan O'Dell, Melissa Stowers, Janene Ward and Steven York.*

Meeting the needs of our 56,000+ students requires vision, innovation and a drive to provide [\*Excellence for All Children\*](#). One way the Knox County Schools prepares for the future is by identifying and training effective school leaders, and right now, 10 bright future leaders are undergoing intensive training to prepare for leadership roles in our schools.

The journey for the 10 professionals began in April 2013 when they were presented as the 2013-2014 cohort for the [Leadership Academy](#). A collaborative venture between the University of Tennessee and the Knox County Schools, the Leadership Academy prepares talented individuals to become outstanding new school principals through a full-time, intensive 15-month fellowship program.

During the summer, fellows attend a variety of training sessions that examine communities and groups that comprise and surround our schools, including students and their families, school professionals, business and community organizations, the media and state and other officials. Projects, assigned reading, small-group activities and more consume much of the summer months for the 10.

“The academy focuses on practitioner leadership and principles that can be applied to real-life leadership settings and scenarios,” said Brad Corum, Fellow.

Fellow Janene Ward agrees. “One important realization for me has been the power of being intentional in leadership and the importance of learning how to frame situations from a variety of perspectives in order to best meet the needs of the students, teachers, families, organization and community at-large,” she said.

“How often do we get the chance to spend 15 months focusing on ways to improve what we already love to do?” asks Shelly McGill, Fellow. “This is a rare opportunity.”



When school starts, Leadership Academy fellows begin the next phase of training by spending four days each week working in schools with experienced mentor principals. The fifth day is spent in coursework and seminars with professors and expert practitioner partners.

Betty Sue Sparks is the Principal-in-Residence for the Leadership Academy. “In my 45 years in education, this is the most important leadership initiative I can remember,” she said. “When we invest in leadership skills, we are investing in students. Research shows us that when leaders are prepared, student achievement increases.”

Fellows will graduate from the program with a master's or education specialist degree and a state principal license.

“The Leadership Academy was created to develop a pipeline to the principalship and ensure we have a great leader in every school,” says Elizabeth Alves, Ph.D., Chief Accountability Officer for the Knox County Schools. “Each cohort will raise the bar for the next one.”

The 2013-2014 Leadership Academy fellowship class includes these professionals:

- Brad Corum, Assistant Principal, West Valley Middle School (recently named principal of Karns Middle School)
- Tara Howell-Spikes, First Grade Lead Teacher, Mount Olive Elementary School
- Christopher James, Special Education Teacher, Fulton High School
- Shelly McGill, Assistant Principal, Carter Elementary School
- Dexter Murphy, Fifth Grade Teacher and Mentor Teacher, Pond Gap Elementary School
- Megan O’Dell, Assistant Principal, Brickey-McCloud Elementary School
- Scott Reed, District-wide Lead Teacher
- Melissa Stowers, Graduation Coach, Carter High School
- Janene Ward, Instructor, South College
- Steven York, Sixth Grade Teacher and Team Leader, West Valley Middle School

The Leadership Academy selected its first cohort of fellows in 2010. A collaborative venture of the Knox County Schools and University of Tennessee, Knoxville, [Center for Educational Leadership](#), the Leadership Academy strives to identify and prepare talented individuals to become effective school principals in the future in support of the vision of the Knox County Schools: *Excellence for All Children*.

# Important Information and Dates

## Central Office Hours for Summer

The Knox County Schools' Central Office is open during the summer months. Please call (865) 594-1800 for assistance.

## School Office Hours for Summer

Knox County elementary and middle school offices are currently closed for the summer break and will reopen on Monday, July 15 to prepare for the upcoming school year. Knox County high school offices are available on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to assist students and parents.

(NOTE: Summer School and Summer Bridge will be held as scheduled)

## First Day of School for Students – Monday, August 12, 2013

Monday, Aug. 12 is a half day for Knox County Schools. The [2013-2014 School Year Calendar](#) is available at [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org) in both English and Spanish.

## The Original Knox County Schools Coupon Book Kicks Off 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Thursday, Sept. 5

The Knox County Schools will officially kick off its 25<sup>th</sup> annual coupon book sale campaign on Thursday, Sept. 5 to help provide funds to meet school needs identified by parents, teachers and school administrators. Students sold 153,642 [coupon books](#) during the 2012 campaign representing a profit of \$1,355,122.44. Since 1989, over 3.2 million coupon books have been sold, rising over \$27.5 million for Knox County students.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Conference “Discovering Treasures of Success” – Saturday, Oct. 12

The Knox County Schools will present “Discovering Treasures of Success” at its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual [Parent Conference](#) at Central High School located at 5321 Jacksboro Pike on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided along with a variety of free materials to all parents and caregivers of Knox County Schools' students. Parents will have the opportunity to attend multiple workshops on topics identified through input from parents throughout Knox County Schools, such as homework help, resources for English language learners, special needs advocacy, college prep, and more! Exhibitors at the event will include a variety of local non-profit organizations, community-wide educational resources, along with colleges, universities and institutes.

Registration for the free conference will officially open in August. More details will be available as the 2013-2014 school year begins. Visit [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org) or call (865) 594-1192 for more information.