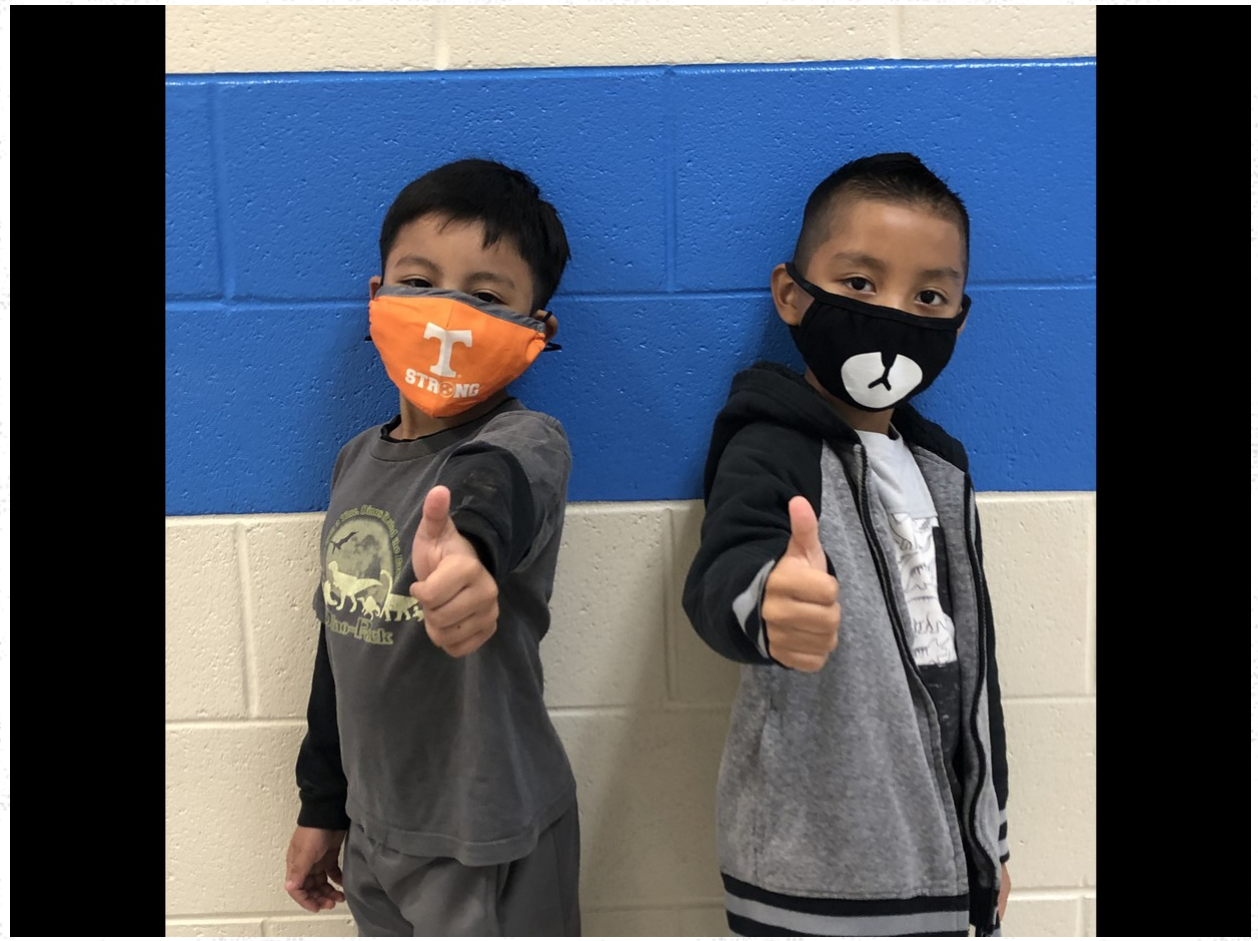


FAMILY NEWS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020



GREAT START TO A DIFFERENT YEAR!

Hi families! Whether you are in person or virtual, we have had a wonderful start to this year! Our in person students are doing a great job wearing masks and social distancing. Our virtual students have learned so much about technology! They are logging in on time, participating, and learning while not in the physical space. We appreciate all of our families who have had to make adjustments, learn with us, and remain very positive during this challenging time. We can look at this pandemic as a chance to find possibilities to enhance education and we are doing that now. We are certainly making history! #oneroaratatime

We are not only proud of YOU but proud of our staff members who have helped us think out of the box and make necessary adjustments to keep all of us safe while we continue to have fun learning. Our teachers are using outdoor learning spaces for masks breaks, keeping kids distant while still learning together, and still digging deep into their own professional learning

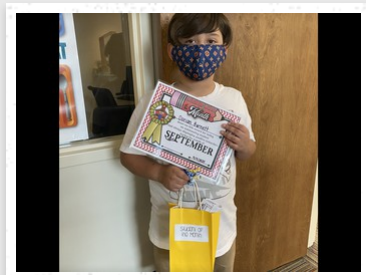
with standards and outside consulting from National Institute of Excellence in Teaching on a monthly basis. Both in person and virtual teachers are working hard to be the very BEST they can be for this well deserving community. Thank you for recognizing their work, their commitment, and especially their heart. They LOVE your children and so do I!

Thank you for taking the parent survey at the end of last year. We received data from over 30 surveys. Your feedback is always so helpful as we plan events, look at our school improvement plan, and how we provide communication to families. The area that stood out the most was communicating how your child is doing with academics. We are certainly making that a priority this year beginning with parent/student/teacher conferences starting this month. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you this week to set a virtual or in person conference. We have scheduled those to be located outside if weather permits. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher in what ever way is most comfortable for you.

Congratulations to Ms. Conley, 5th grade teacher, who was our September Teacher of the Month and Mr. Harrison, ESL teacher, who was nominated and awarded our October Teacher of the Month! YOU can nominate a teacher for Teacher of the Month! We put their names in and draw for the winner!

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month - Briana Zamora and Dorian Burnett! We get our Students of the Month from our Royal Roars that are given out by staff members for following expectations and going above and beyond with our 7 Habits and character traits.

We are INSKIP...hear us ROAR!

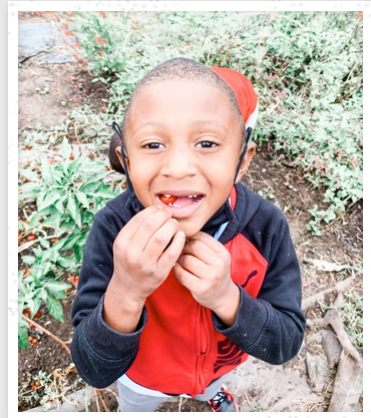


2 LEARNING OPTIONS OPEN FOR SPRING SEMESTER

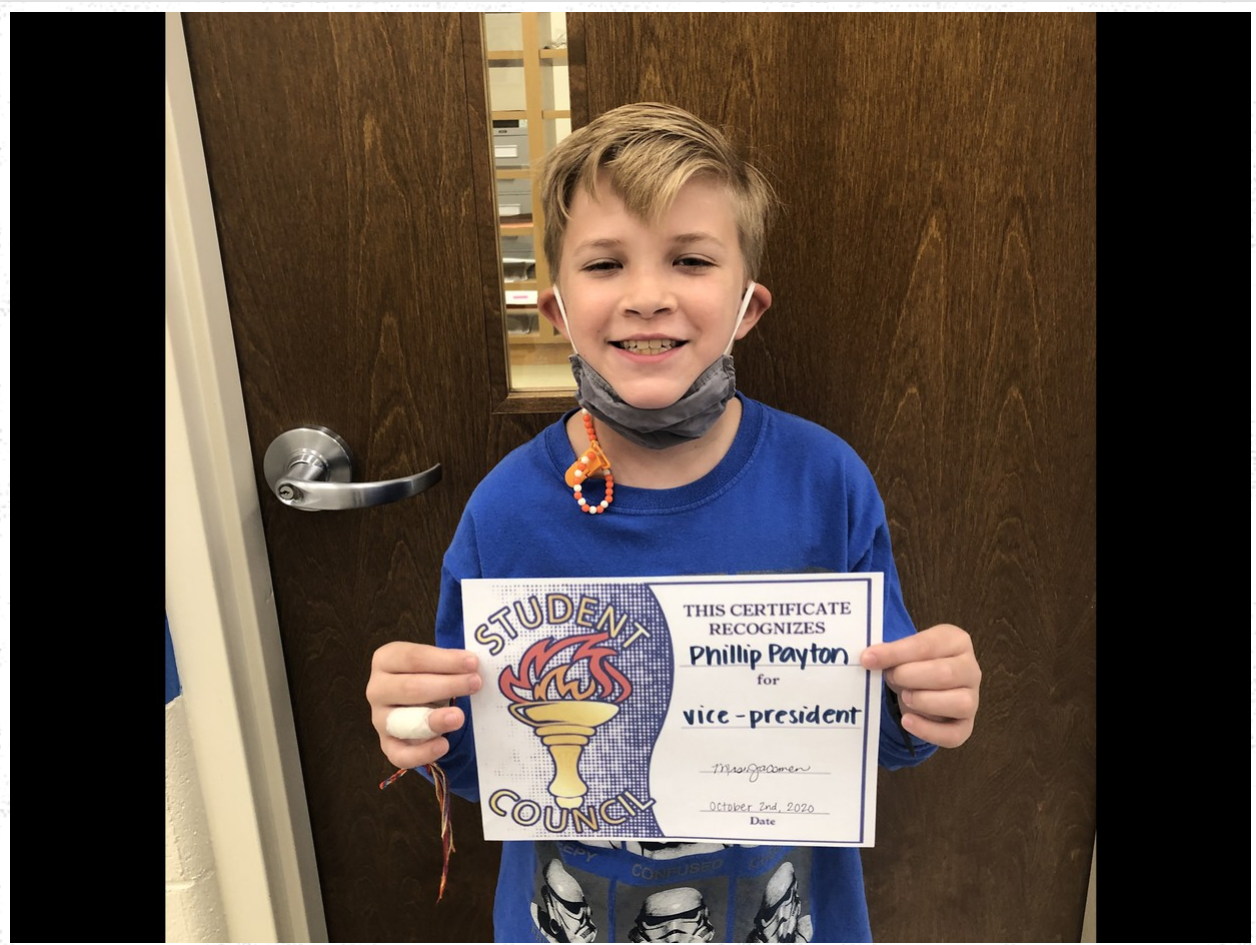
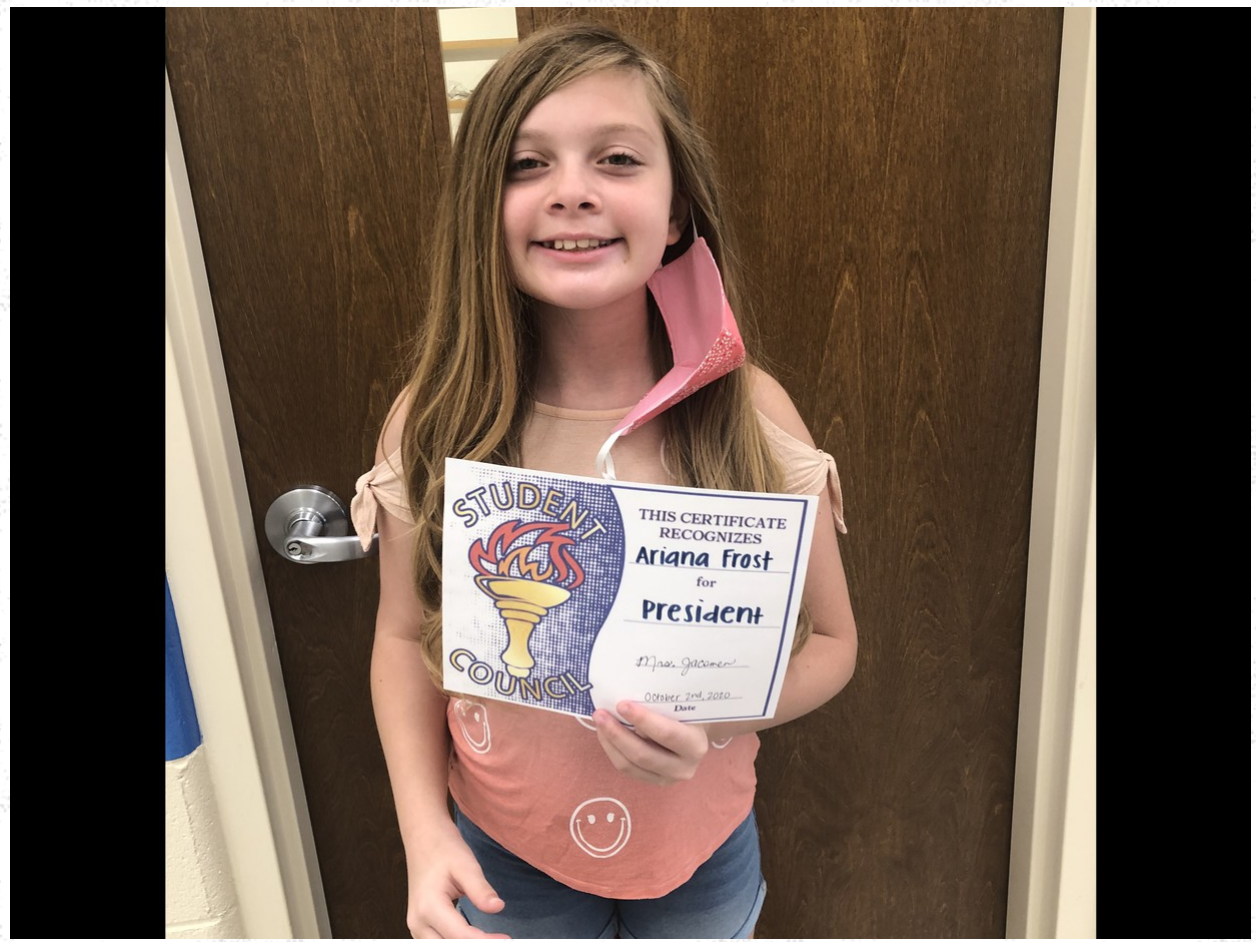
Knox County Schools will continue to offer two learning options in the semester that begins on Jan. 5. If you are happy with your current choice, you **do not** need to take any action. However, if you want to switch – from virtual to in-person instruction, or from in-person to virtual – you will have the opportunity to do so between Oct. 26 and Nov. 6. More specifically, the deadline will be **3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6**. You will be able to make this change using an online form that will be sent by email on Oct. 26 or by completing a printed form that will be available at each school.

OUTDOOR LEARNING!

Our garden and other outdoor spaces have been used so much already! This allows our kids to not only learn in a hands on fun way but to also get masks breaks throughout the day. STEM class has moved right beside the garden as well so this allows them to use the garden more.

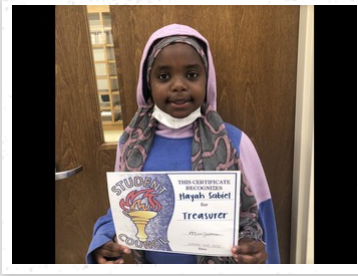


MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021!





HISTORIAN



TREASURER



SECRETARY

IN OCTOBER, WE CELEBRATE AND APPRECIATE OUR
CUSTODIANS! MEET OUR HEAD CUSTODIAN, MR. HAKEEM!



OCTOBER FUN

We are excited to announce that we will have our own Trunk or Treat during the school day on Friday, October 30th! We will have several trunks outside for classrooms to visit while remaining socially distanced while wearing their masks. Office staff and others will use gloves and spatulas to pass out candy as they come through. This will not be the same as our Monster Mash but we will definitely make it a fun time for them! Costumes can be worn as well but please remember no fake blood or fake weapon looking accessories allowed. We also still need students to wear their masks as they do on a daily basis.

On the same day, Friday, Oct. 30th, virtual classrooms will have a Halloween Drive Boo in the car rider line from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We certainly hope you can participate as well by dressing up and driving through the line! You will remain in your cars and staff members will be at their trunks giving you candy. Please note we are using gloves and large spoons to give out candy so safety is still #1 priority.

Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade will participate in their own Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, Oct. 29th. Our soccer field will be transformed into a pumpkin patch for them to be able to pick their very own pumpkin! All other classes, virtual and in person will have pumpkin learning and fun on that day.

If possible, please donate bags of candy or small pumpkins. Let me know if you can donate by messaging me on Dojo. We can arrange a time for you to drop off your donations. Thank you!

INSKIP 1ST ANNUAL LITERACY O' LANTERN

First Annual Contest! One winner per grade.

In honor of literacy month and our culminating event for One School One Book program, we are holding our 1st annual Literacy O'Lantern Event! Students may decorate a pumpkin or gourd based on a book character of their choice. Be creative and grab paint, fabric, glitter, markers, glue and of course, a BIG imagination to transform the pumpkin or gourd.



Due to Covid restrictions, please do not bring the pumpkins to school. Submissions are due no later than Wednesday, Oct. 28th. Pics of you and your creation can be emailed to Mrs. Jacomen at lynn.jacomen@knoxschools.org or via text to my work cell at (865) 321-5475. The school staff will be voting on the lanterns on the afternoon of the 28th and the winners will be announced on Friday, Oct. 30th at Friday morning assembly. There will be one winner from each grade level and a small prize will be awarded. The winning pumpkins will be displayed in the glass showcase in the front lobby and posted on our FB page, Twitter page, Class Dojo, and our website!

COUPON BOOKS - SALES END OCT. 22ND

Thank you so much for helping us with our county fundraiser! We have almost met our 700 book goal! Money raised will go to our playground and outside learning spaces. We have had pie in our face from Davion and Lyric and silly string in our hair from our top 2 sellers so far! Candy dashes are always popular and we still have more planned for the end! Congratulations to Mrs. Posey's 3rd grade class for being our top classroom sales up to date. They enjoyed a dance party last week! In the picture are our top boy and girl seller so far.



SPIRIT WEEK!



WACKY WEDNESDAY



WACKY WEDNESDAY



DECADES DAY



PAJAMA DAY



WACKY WEDNESDAY



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MONTH OF OCTOBER



WE CELEBRATE AND HAVE SO MUCH PRIDE IN OUR DIVERSE POPULATION OF STUDENTS!!



HABIT 2 FOR THIS MONTH! PLEASE USE THESE WORDS AT HOME!



CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH! PLEASE GIVE YOUR CHILD CHORES AT HOME AND OTHER WAYS TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

FORTEM IS OUR HOUSE LEADER SO FAR! WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR 9 WEEKS WINNER ON OCT. 23!



UPCOMING DATES:

October - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - teachers will notify you asap regarding their sign up dates. We are doing these by individual grade levels and teachers so we can socially distance.

Oct. 20- Virtual Library Day (sign up needed) 3:15

Oct. 22 - Coupon Book sales ends

Oct. 26 - Learning Options Open (info above)

Oct. 28 - Literacy O'Lanterns Due!

Oct. 29 - Pumpkin Patch for PK, K, and 1st

Oct. 30- Winners of Literacy O'Lanterns announced! Trunk and Treat during the day for students only (see info above)

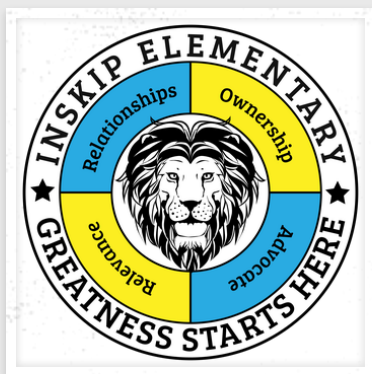
Nov. 3 - NO SCHOOL due to Election Day

Nov. 5 - PTO meeting - this will be virtual so info will be sent out on Dojo of how to join meeting!

Nov. 6 - Learning Options Closes

Nov. 24 - Virtual Library Day (sign up needed) 3:15

Nov. 25, 26, 27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break



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