

Employer Education Network Newsletter



1st Quarter 2011

Important Dates and Events

Information sessions regarding the STEM Academy:

- Thursday, Feb. 3 from 5-6p at Vine Middle School
 - Thursday Feb. 3 from 7-8p at South Doyle Middle School
 - Monday, Feb. 7 from 6-7p at Carter Middle School
 - Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 5-6p at Bearden Middle School
 - Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 7-8p at Farragut Middle School
 - Thursday, Feb. 10 from 5-6p at Powell Middle School
 - Thursday, Feb. 10 from 7-8p at Gresham Middle School.
- www.knoxschools.org.

Partners in Education Conference

February 15, 2011

For more information about becoming a Partner In Education or to register for this event please click [here](#).

Knox County Schools Teacher In-Service (No School for Students)

February 21, 2011

Companies needed to host Math and Science Teachers. Please contact [Ahanna Estes](#).

Knox County Schools Career Day Event

February 24, 2011

Knoxville Expo Center 4pm—7:30pm
Students attend with their parents. Companies needed to showcase the types of careers in their field. For more info click [here](#).

FIRST Robotics Competition

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

March 30—April 2, 2011

To volunteer click [here](#).

Career & Technical Education

(CTE) goes Idol

April 8, 2011

Market Square

Student from Knox County's 14 High School participate in a singing competition. For more info contact [Buck Coatney](#) or visit the [CTE website](#).

President Obama's Call to the Nation

As part of his State of the Union address President Obama discussed the need for the nation to do what's necessary to give every child a chance to succeed. All citizens can have an impact on our youth, our legacy, our future. One way to accomplish this is through volunteerism. Joining StudentsFirst is a step in answering the President's call. StudentsFirst is dedicated to establishing control over bureaucratic spending, decreasing our nation's high school drop out rate (currently close to 30percent), and improving our nation's economic future. Members help this cause by spreading the message that there must be changes. The website is full of valuable information about the need for and activities taking place to reform our educational system. There are opportunities and suggestions for educators, parents, students and everyone else for participating in changing our educational climate. To learn more visit <http://www.studentsfirst.org/pages/take-action>.

Parent Teacher Conference Time is Just Around the Corner

Most schools in Knox County will be holding parent teacher conferences in the month of February. This is a great opportunity for you to speak teachers and learn how your student is doing. Here are 10 tips for a successful conference from FamilyEducation.com:

1. Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
2. Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
3. Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
4. Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
5. Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
6. Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
7. Keep your emotions under control.
8. Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.
9. Express appreciation for the conference.
10. Do not stay beyond your allotted time.

Important Sources for Information

Here are some resources of information about what is happening in Knox County Schools:

[Knox County Schools Website](#)—Check out district info, individual school sites, and school board meetings.

[Knox County Schools Career & Technical Education \(CTE\) Partnerships](#)—Learn about opportunities to support CTE in Knox County.

[Knox County Council PTA](#)—For information about the Teacher Supply Depot, Clothing Center and other PTA activities around the county.

[Great Schools Partnership](#)—Donate to our schools, explore volunteer opportunities and find out about events in the area.

[Vols4STEM](#)—For volunteer opportunities and local events for students.

[SCORE](#)—For up-to-date information on school reform efforts in Tennessee.

[TN Dept. of Education School Report Card](#)—Find school performance information for individual schools, districts and the entire state.

[Tennessee State Board of Education](#)—Information on state standards, and Basic Education Program (BEP).

[Tennessee Energy Industry & Construction Consortium \(TEICC\)](#) - Provides information on career planning for students and parents in these fields.

For More Information

Contact Jennifer Evans at jevans@knoxvillechamber.com