

Employer Education Network Newsletter



4th Quarter 2010

Important Dates and Events

Knox County Council PTA Snowflakes & Packages Fundraiser

December 7, 2010

For more info visit the [KCCPTA](#) site.

Knox County Schools High School Final Exams

December 17-20 2010

For more info visit your student's schools website by clicking [here](#).

Partners in Education Confer- ence

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 [Ahnna 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](#).

Companies Supporting Education Through Employee Volunteers

Corporate citizenship has been highlighted recently as more companies step up to support the communities around them. One of the most impactful ways a company can do this is through employee volunteerism. We desperately need volunteers in our schools, particularly STEM businesses adopting local schools and encouraging employees to speak and/or work with students. Programs such as Eastman Chemical's [GEM4STEM](#) (Growing Educational Mentors for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) positively impact the community, the state and the nation. The GEM4STEM program encourages employees to act as mentors for students by tutoring, counseling, substitute teaching, providing classroom presentations, laboratory demonstrations, helping with academic competitions and more. Green Mountain Coffee Roasters' employees select volunteer opportunities through their Community Action for Employees (CAFÉ) program. Employees can spend up to 52 hours per year—2.5% of scheduled work hours—volunteering in the communities **during normal work hours**. Some companies such as Dow Chemical, SAIC, and Pepsico are using [Volunteermatch.com](#) to manage their employee volunteer programs. Employee volunteer programs offer support and innovation to our schools, our educators and our students. For more information on forming an employee volunteer program contact Jennifer Evans at jevans@knoxvillechamber.com. To get engaged locally please visit [Vols4STEM](#).

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Partnerships

Knox County School's CTE mission is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's opportunities. They have adopted a vision to achieve this; "To provide Tennessee students the opportunity to participate in a rigorous and relevant career and technical education program that leads to academic achievement and successful employment in a global economy." This cannot be accomplished without the support of the business community. [Buck Coatney](#), CTE Rep for Business & Industry Partnerships for Knox County Schools is driven to ensure success. The department is recruiting companies to partner, has developed a [website](#), formed an advisory board, is securing internships and scholarships for students and has planned a concert for this spring.

Tennessee Formally Adopts Standards for Family School Partnerships

Spurred by the desire to ensure that parents and family members play an integral part in a student's education the State of Tennessee this year formally adopted Tennessee Standards for Family-School Partnerships. These standards are based on the National Parent Teacher Association standards for family engagement.

Standard 1: Welcoming all families into the school community

Standard 4: Speaking up for every child

Standard 2: Communicating effectively

Standard 5: Sharing power

Standard 3: Supporting student success

Standard 6: Collaborating with community

These standards are intended to encourage collaboration between families and their student's schools to ensure student success. For more information about these standards click [here](#).

For More Information

Contact

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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.