



Wednesday, November 9th

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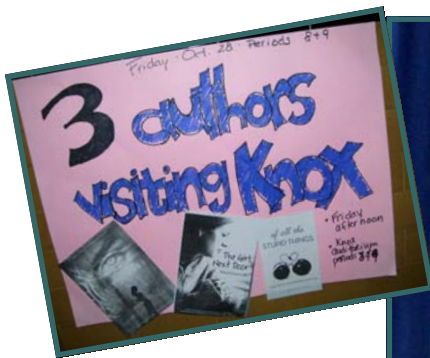
Knox Junior High School

General Admission \$3.00

*All proceeds to benefit
K.J.H.S. Positive Rewards Program*



The Knox Staff has been providing an opportunity for those students who demonstrate appropriate and positive behavior to receive special rewards. ALL Knox students are eligible to receive a positive reward but it must be earned. Ways to earn a positive reward include demonstrating good character, following all school rules, being helpful to classmates and teachers, and showing that you care about our school. Students who demonstrate some of these great characteristics earn a ticket. The tickets are then put into daily, weekly or monthly drawings. Some of the prizes that have been won so far include: school supplies, candy, gift cards. Winners may also choose from homework passes, locker passes, or take a friend and go to the front of the lunch line, etc. Thank you to the staff and local businesses for the donation of fabulous prizes.



Mysteries on Main Street and Mrs. Hallgren, Knox Library Media Specialist brought three authors in to speak to Knox students. We would like to thank

Shannon Delany, author of the 13 to Life Series, Selene Castrovilla, author of The Girl Next Door, and Alexandra Diaz author of Of All Stupid Things for sharing their stories with our students. The authors addressed topics such as the writing process, editing, and research.

Seventh grade student Laci Nellis said that she learned that "writing is a lot of work and is a process, not just boom and then it's done." Alura Ambrosino said she was inspired to read more books after listening to the authors speak. Joel Woodard said that he was not normally inclined to write, though if he had some free time and an idea came to him that he would now give it a try. Noah Weiderman thought it was interesting that you can get your inspiration from listening to music and sometimes he is inspired to do something when he is listening to his ipod. All of the seventh grade students quoted above thought that their English teacher, Mr. Greco, was an interesting person and should try his hand at writing a book!

Eighth grade student Amber Bentley learned that it takes a long time to get published and to keep trying even if someone tries to tell you that you are not good enough. Daviannah Spencer and Kaeleigh Lozier found the authors stories about how they came up with their ideas interesting, especially that Author Selene Castrovilla's book, The Girl Next Door, was based on a dream.

"Even though it takes a lot of effort and time to write, it always pays off in the end because you feel good about yourself."

-Whitney Western, eighth grade student

***Important Dates to Remember!

Nov 2 PTSA Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
Nov 3 Picture Retakes
Nov 6 Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour!
Nov 9 1st Quarter Marking Period Ends
Nov 9 Talent Show 6:30 pm at Knox
Nov 10 Superintendent's Conference Day-
No school for students
Nov 11 Veterans Day Observed-No school
Nov 15 McDonald's Night 5-7 pm
(Please join us to raise money for the Maureen
Clark Scholarship Fund)
Nov 18 1st Quarter Report Cards Issued
**Nov 22 Thanksgiving Recess Begins with early
dismissal at 1:54 pm**
Nov 28 School Resumes



Dec 2 Knox Yearbook Dance 7-9 pm
Dec 6 Winter Concert 7 pm @
Johnstown Performing Arts Center
Dec 7 PTSA Mtg. 6:30 pm
Dec 16 Progress Reports Issued
Dec 26-Jan 2 Holiday Recess
Jan 3 School Resumes

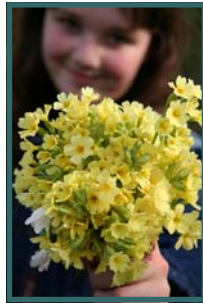


Remember Our Veterans

Thank You From the Knox PTSA!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the t-shirt and Celebrating Home fundraiser.

Also thank you to parents, students, and staff who were very patient and understanding in regards to the last minute date change of the October Dance.



Visit Your School Website
www.johnstownschoools.org

What is an Emergency Early Release Drill?

Tuesday, November 22, is the annual COUNTYWIDE drill. Knox students will be dismissed at 1:54 pm. This drill is to provide students and parents the opportunity to discuss and practice what should happen when school must be dismissed early in the event of an emergency. Please take the time to discuss with your child:

- Where your child should go if no one is home?
- Who should the child call if no one is home?
- Does the school have accurate information for emergency phone numbers?
- If your phone number or address have changed, have you notified the school?

On Tuesday, November 22nd, students are to leave the building promptly and go directly home or to the designated place. Students who need rides should make prior arrangements to be picked up promptly. School personnel will be asked to "Go Home," so it is very important that you make arrangements for your children.

Yearbook Dance "Under the Sea"

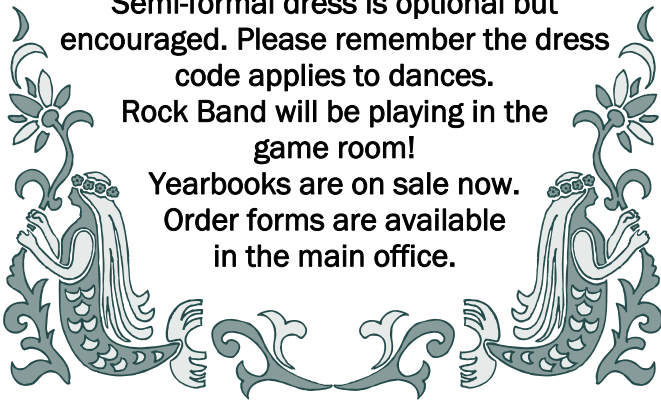
Friday, December 2

Tickets are \$5.00

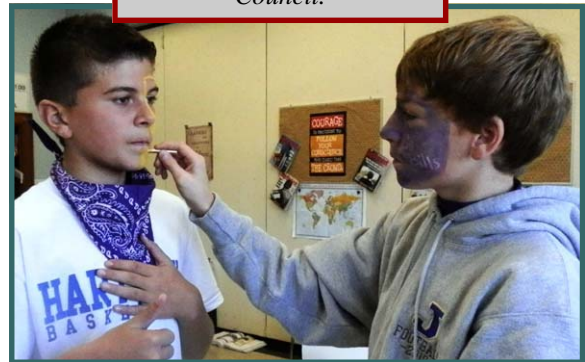
Semi-formal dress is optional but encouraged. Please remember the dress code applies to dances.

Rock Band will be playing in the game room!

Yearbooks are on sale now. Order forms are available in the main office.



School Spirit could be found in the halls of Knox on Purple and Gold Day sponsored by Student Council.



Mrs. Sue Elliott's Spanish classes celebrated El Día de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead. It is a Mexican holiday that takes place October 31 through November 2 when people of Mexican heritage celebrate with friends and family and remember loved ones who have passed away. Knox Spanish students made some typical Mexican treats as well as posters to mark the occasion.



DAY OF THE DEAD

A Spanish Celebration of Heritage





History Fair



Students in Mrs. Gloria Bruno's and Mrs. Jennifer Sweeney's Social Studies classes completed a 6-week unit on American History with a "History Fair" covering the time period of 1865-1890. Students working in small groups, researched and created a fictional identity based on some of the main characters of this era: cowboys, ranchers, carpetbaggers, immigrants, Plains Indians, sod busters, railroad workers and robber barons. Each group presented their fictional characters through visual displays and games they had created. Knox students and staff had a chance to view the projects.

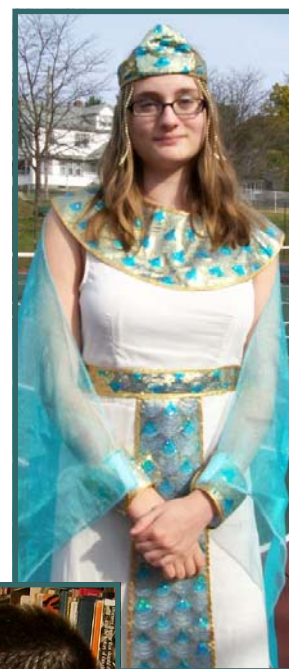
**Congratulations
"Students of the Week"
For October**

**Trevor Sweet
Brandon Snell
Branden Hohenforst
Zachary Sitterly**

***Congratulations to our
Student Council Officers for the
2011/2012 school year:***

***Co-Presidents
Mia Franko & Jordan Vose
Secretary
Jack Truckenmiller
Treasurer
Bridget Spagnuola***

HALLOWEEN FUN





**Welcome to the
Knox Library
Media Center!
Welcome back to
learning!**

The Knox Library is the place where most students come to sign out books and/or to carry out research. A middle school library is a very valuable resource that should reflect the curriculum and interests of seventh and eighth grade students. We work very hard to ensure that all students and staff are successful in locating and accessing information.

Because so much research is done, I have a few suggestions to the students and parents of seventh and eighth grade students:

Don't procrastinate! Take advantage of the open hours of the library. Our Knox Library Media Center links to databases on the school web site offering great opportunities to assist students in all kinds of assignments and research. One of my favorites is the Online World Book and Teen Health and Wellness. Students need to check with the school library for the user/password names for access. If school is closed, use the Johnstown Public Library. Their web site is: <http://pac.sals.edu/polaris> . Or visit them in person for further assistance.

Research projects come in all shapes and sizes. Make sure you check the due date! **Students should stop in to talk with their teacher or the Certified Library Media Specialist at Knox to help with any problems they may be having.** But don't wait too long!

**Mary Hallgren
Knox Library Media Specialist**

Children who read succeed.
Simple but true.



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The Friends of the Johnstown Public Library sponsor a contest each year which encourages students to create a storybook which would appeal to children three to seven years old. Students are asked to create the story as well as to illustrate the book in any way they would like. As part of their study of plot, seventh grade students create these storybooks as an in-class project. Their English teachers then retain the books and submit them the following year.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

1st Place- Taylor Hill & Jon Bearden for "Ron Gets A Sore Throat"

2nd Place- Sara Shaffer for "Bob The Tree"

3rd Place (a tie) - Victoria Baker for "The Tale of Ryder and Angela's Adventure", Erica Wagner for "Ace's Cookie Jar"

4th Place- Mia Franko for "Emily's Forgotten Birthday"

Honorable Mention - Kassidy Palmateer & Amber Bentley for "Colors of the Rainbow"

The winners will read their stories at the Library November 16.

Severe Weather Bulletins When weather emergencies or other unforeseen problems cause school to be closed or delayed, announcements will be made on the following stations:

WIZR 903 AM WENT 1340 AM WGY 810 AM
TV Channel 6 TV Channel 13

If it appears that there might be a delay or a closing, you should listen to the above stations and check the schools website www.Johnstownschoools.org. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME INTO THE BUILDING PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCED STARTING TIME! WHEN THERE IS A DELAY, THERE ARE NO SCHOOL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF SCHOOL.

The schedule for a delay is as follows:

Two Hour Delay - Knox will open at 9:30 and NO breakfast is served

