



Knowlton News



Special Points of Interest:

- School Closed Monday 1/20 for MLK Day
- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, January 24th
- January is School Board Appreciation Month
- Fall 2020 Preschool & Kindergarten Registration is Open
- Yearbooks are now on sale



**Congratulations to Paityn
our KTES Spelling Bee Champion
and to 1st runner up Scott and 2nd runner up Jocelyn!
Congratulations to all the participants!
You all did a SUPER JOB!**



Good Luck to Paityn in the next round!

**Congratulations to our
6th Grade All Star Band Members for 2020!
Faye A - Billy B - Tessa E - Owen M - Tayech Y**

**The concert date is February 26th at 7 PM
Location: North Warren Regional HS**



IF YOU ARE STILL HAVING TROUBLE ACCESSING THE PARENT PORTAL...

Still experiencing difficulties in getting on the Parent Portal? If you are getting a message regarding “no district” detected, try this...

- Go up to your browser and highlight “no district” to the end, delete that, and then type in knowlton and hit enter. The parent portal login page should now appear asking for your portal code, user name & password.
- ***If that does not work, go to the school website, www.knowltonschool.com and click on the “For Parents” Tab, Resources, then Parent Portal. The parent portal login page should now appear asking for your portal code, user name & password. Do Not Click on the Parent Portal Icon the first time you are accessing the portal.*** Once you have successfully accessed the portal the Parent Portal Icon Tab should work correctly.
- Should you still have trouble, please call the main office and we will try to help you gain access.

Regarding Student Lunch Accounts:

Periodically we run a report showing lunch accounts that are in the negative. A letter is then sent home with your child or an automated phone call is made to alert parents that money is owed on the account.

Upon receipt of such, please remit payment via the parent portal or by sending a check or money to school in an envelope with your child’s name on it.

Contact Mrs. Ventura at 908-475-5118, ext 204 if you have any questions or concerns.



School Breakfast is available daily (except on delayed opening days) Served Grab & Go from the breakfast cart in the main office between 8:30 - 8:45 a.m Cereal & Bagel Bags are available every day . Yogurt Parfaits are available on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Student Breakfast is \$1.50



Knowlton Board of Education

will meet on

Monday, January 27th at 7 PM
in the school library.

Board of Education Members:

Tammy Smith, President

Don Biery, Vice President

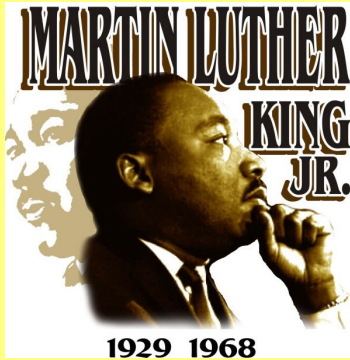
Matthew Baley, Dawn Bates

Joann McCormack, Rhonda Moritz

Ali Stiehl



**Thank you Knowlton Twp
BOE Members for your dedication
to KTES, our community and
our students!**



School will be closed on
Monday, January 20th
in observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.



2019-2020

Knowlton Twp. Elementary School
Yearbooks are now on sale.
Order a full color yearbook, sponsor an
ad or purchase line sponsor messages
to recognize your child!
Order form is attached and on the
school website -
www.knowltonschool.com



Rated PG

KTES Multi Purpose Room
Friday, January 24, 2020

6pm

Sponsored by the Knowlton Twp PTA
Bring your chairs and blankets!
Parent/Guardian must remain with children.
Popcorn and water will be available. BYO additional snacks.

**KEEP CLIPPING BOX TOPS
AND /OR SCANNING YOUR
GROCERY RECEIPTS
USING THE APP
for Knowlton Twp.
Elementary School.**

Help us raise funds for our
school. Questions regarding
the APP or the program may be
directed to the
Knowlton Twp. PTA
at:
ktespta@gmail.com





Knowlton Twp. Elementary Preschool Program for Fall 2020:

We are now accepting registrations for our Preschool Program for fall 2020. Children must be 4 years old by October 1, 2020 and must be toilet trained. The program runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am when school is in session.

Transportation for this program is not provided. If interested, please contact the school office at: (908) 475-5118, ext. 200.

Attention Parents of Future Kindergarten Students:

Knowlton Twp. Elementary School is planning for the 2020-2021 school year. At this time we would like to identify as many children as possible who will be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2020. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by October 1, 2020. If you have not already done so, and you have a child who will be eligible for next year's kindergarten class, kindly call the school at (908) 475-5118, ext. 200 as soon as possible. Dates for screening of next year's kindergarten students will be released at a later date. Parents will receive details in the mail. Please pass this information along to anyone in Knowlton Twp. who may have a child eligible for kindergarten in September 2020.



To: All Current Parents

From: Jeannine DeFalco

Plans are already underway for the 2020 - 2021 school year. To help us with our planning for next year and beyond, we ask your cooperation in filling out the information below and returning it to us as soon as possible. Please do not list students already enrolled at the Knowlton Township Elementary School this year.

Additionally, if you have any friends or neighbors in the Township who have pre-school children, please have them contact school so we can obtain the necessary information. I would really appreciate your help in this regard.

List every child in your household not presently in school:

Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Does your child have any special needs that the school may have to provide? _____

If yes, please briefly describe below:

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

Exact location (not mailing address) of your home (for future bus route information): _____

Telephone Number: _____



NFC



AFC



January/February 2019

**FIFTH Annual! “Soup-er Bowl” Drive
IS COMING!!!**

For Our Local Food Pantry Friends

The EarlyAct club will highlight their month of LEADERSHIP and FRIENDSHIP

by focusing on a

“Soup-er Bowl” Canned Food Drive

Starting January 21st EarlyAct will collect canned goods for our local food pantries. Donations may be placed in the bin of your “Super Bowl” choice. The bins will be located outside the Main Office at Knowlton School. EarlyAct club members will be keeping a daily tally of which Super Bowl team is in the lead for our canned good collections. Please help restock our FRIENDS at the local food pantries this winter!

For more information, please feel free to contact the club’s advisor, Jenna Maxman at maxmanj@knowltonschool.com or phone at the school’s number extension 107.

**KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Jeannine DeFalco
Superintendent

Dana Carroll
Vice Principal

January 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year our district has been randomly selected to participate in the English Language Arts(ELA) Field Test for the Spring 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA). Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program. Field test items do not count towards a student's score.

What is Field Testing? The main purpose of field testing is to “test the test questions” to ensure that all questions that appear on operational assessments do a good job of measuring the content and skills they are intended to measure. The field testing also ensures the questions are clear and are fair to all students. Every question goes through multiple rounds of review by assessment professionals and committees that include New Jersey educators prior to being field tested. A final determination regarding the quality of each question is made only after it has been included in a test taken by students and the resulting field-test data has been analyzed.

How is Field Testing Implemented in New Jersey? For math field testing, an embedded census field testing model is used. This means that all tested students in all New Jersey schools respond to a few field test questions that are embedded within an operational unit. Each math field test set consists of 5 to 10 questions, depending on how many points each question in each set is worth. In math, like ELA, the field test questions are distributed in different positions across the testing units in each form, so students don't know which questions “count” towards their score and therefore expend a similar amount of effort while answering all questions.

For ELA, New Jersey samples approximately one-third of schools across the state. Each tested student in a sampled school takes one ELA field test unit, or section. The field test unit may contain a Narrative Writing Task unit, Literary Analysis Task unit, or Research Simulation Task unit, and may appear as the first, second, or third unit on the test. This helps ensure that students do not know which questions “count” towards their score and which are field test questions, and therefore expend a similar amount of effort while answering all questions.

Schools are selected for ELA field testing so that the annual sample is representative of the state's overall testing population in terms of achievement and demographics. All students in tested grades in the district will participate in the field test. Students taking the ELA field test will be given a total of three units instead of two units. The district has taken this into account in planning the Spring 2020 testing schedule. Districts that were selected to participate in field testing this year will not be required to participate again for the next two years of assessment administration (i.e. 2021 and 2022).

If you should have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 908-475-5118.

Thank you,

Dana M. Carroll

Providing a Comprehensive Education in a Nurturing Environment



FREE DENTAL SERVICES

for children ages 12 and younger

January 8, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We'd like to make you aware of a remarkable program that is available to your students that might not otherwise have the means to visit a dentist for emergency or preventative care.

Every February dentists throughout NJ offer **free dental care** for children ages 12 and younger. In 2020, **Give Kids A Smile Day is Friday, February 7th**. There are over **100 participating dental offices** available for parents to schedule an appointment at a location of their choice.

Give Kids A Smile NJ would like to help your students start each school day with a healthy smile!

Parents and families can participate in GKAS by:

- Marking their calendar - Friday, February 7th, 2020
- Calling the location of their choice to set up an appointment
- Visiting our website www.njda.org/gkas for more information

Attached is a list of all participating locations near your area.

Additional information is available on the New Jersey Dental Association website: www.njda.org/gkas.

Best regards,

Cavan M. Brundsen, DMD
Statewide Chair, GKAS NJ



FREE DENTAL SERVICES

for children ages 12 and younger

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD TODAY

Hunterdon

Zufall Health Center, Flemington- 908-968-4440

Morris

Armento Family Dental, Chester - 908-879-8530

First Care Dental Center, Parsippany - 973-882-5005

Flanders Pediatric Dentistry, Flanders - 973-927-2260

Kidz World Pediatric Dentistry, Cedar Knolls - 973-585-6756

Metro Dental Associates, Morristown - 973-538-2563

Michael Armento, DMD, Randolph - 973-361-6500

Pediatric Dental Associates of Randolph, Randolph - 973-989-7970

Zufall Health Center, Dover - 973-328-3344

Warren

My Children's Dentist, Washington - 908-835-3500

Richard L. Lachenmayr DMD, Alpha - 908-454-8400

Zufall Health, Hackettstown - 908-452-5366



BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Come see your favorite teachers in
Drive-Thru, make fries and serve you your
favorite food at the front counter!

20% OF PROCEEDS FROM THESE HOURS BENEFITS
SCHOOL NAME: KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

DATE: 11 MARCH 2020
TIME: 4:00 – 7:00 PM



Thank You!

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting of the North Warren Cluster
Blairstown, Frelinghuysen, Knowlton & North Warren Regional



When: January 28, 2020

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Knowlton Township Elementary School Library

Topic: Understanding the process and pieces of an
Individualized Education Program

The Special Education Parent Advisory Group is a joint venture of Blairstown,
Frelinghuysen, Knowlton and North Warren Regional

DONATE YOUR JEANS!



Did you know that 40% of our country's homeless population is our youth, and their #1 most requested clothing item is jeans?

Make a Difference!

Help fight teen homelessness by donating your denim jeans!

Clean out your closet and send in your clean, gently-used jeans to Knowlton Township Elementary School to support the 5th-grade "Teens for Jeans" campaign. Jeans will be taken to Aeropostale and donated to local homeless shelters.

All sizes are appreciated!




Donation bins will be in the front lobby and near the gymnasium and at the township municipal building.

\$1 Smencil Grams for Valentine's Day!

The KTES Advanced Band will have Smencil Grams available for purchase this year, just in time for Valentine's Day! Purchase a Smencil for \$1.00 each and send it, with a personalized message attached, to your child, favorite teacher, staff member, or let your child send it to a friend! Smencil colors and scents will be distributed at random. *Smencil Grams will be delivered to the students on Thursday, February 13th, 2020. They must be ordered by Friday, February 7th.*

Complete the message card below and the band will attach the tag to the Smencil Gram! Please remember the following when ordering your smencil gram:

- ♥ Include receiving child's first and last name along with the classroom teacher on EACH smencil gram
- ♥ Attach payment for EACH Smencil Gram (please use exact cash or check to KTES). There are 3 grams on this form. If you would like more, you can find them in the office or on our website.
- ♥ Send Smencil Gram forms and money in envelope labels "SMENCILS" to Mrs. Lestrangle with your child's name and class.
- ♥ Please contact Mrs. Lestrangle at lestranges@knowltonschool.com if you have any questions

	First/Last Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____ Message: _____ _____ _____ From: _____
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Knowlton Community News

- **You're invited to attend a workshop on: Making the future of your loved one with Special Needs more secure.** Information about how to retain Government Benefit Eligibility and more. Presented by Donald T. Brown, ChFC,ChSNC. Wednesday, January 29 at 7 PM at the Administration Building at 2 Windsor Ave in Hopatcong, NJ. RSVP to 973-770-8821. The presentation will run approximately 30 minutes with plenty of time afterwards to answer your questions. Pizza & Refreshments will be provided. Special Needs Funding Coach.com
- **Township of Knowlton Yearly Dog License Applications** are available on the township website and are due in the Month of January each year. For the application go to: <http://knowlton-nj.com/> Once there click on the FORMS tab. The application is the first one listed.
- **ROTARY CLUB OF BLAIRSTOWN OPEN HOUSE**, Serving North Warren area for 70 years. Interested in learning more about how to HELP YOUR COMMUNITY? You're invited to an OPEN HOUSE, Blairstown Rotary International. Please join us for FREE DRINKS AND APPETIZERS on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Dalton's Columbia Inn, 31 Decatur Street in Columbia, NJ. Stop by any time between 6 PM and 8:30 PM. Please RSVP by January 15, 2020 to: info@BLAIRSTOWNROTARY.org
- **FREE Parent /Toddler Play Group at Knowlton United Methodist Church**, 509 Route 94 in Columbia. Every 3rd Friday of the month (excluding holidays) from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. For families with children ages newborn through Pre-K. Small, Informal Group Setting with free play, story and simple craft. For more information contact the church at 908-496-4313 or via email to: knowltonumc@gmail.com
- **The Newton Theatre Arts Academy**, Winter Classes start in January. Visit skypac.org for more info & to sign up. 234 Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860, 973-940-NEWT
- **Indoor Soccer & Spring Tryouts** - Go to www.westjerseysoccerclub.org for registration. 908-294-1308

