



# JOHN SEVIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2001 Sequoyah Avenue Maryville, TN 37804

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Brandee Easterly, *Principal*

Brian Tinker, *Assistant Principal*

**School Start Time - 7:50 a.m.**  
**Dismissal Time - 2:50 p.m.**

## Fox Focus

**August 12 – August 16**

### Upcoming Color Days And Lunch Menu

<b>Monday August 12</b>	<b>Tuesday August 13</b>	<b>Wednesday August 14</b>	<b>Thursday August 15</b>	<b>Friday August 16</b>
<b>No Color (swim week)</b>	<b>No Color (swim week)</b>	<b>No Color (swim week)</b>	<b>No Color (swim week)</b>	<b>No Color (swim week)</b>
Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Broccoli, Mac & Cheese OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Homemade Chili, Fritos Crackers, Tater Tots, Let/Tom, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Veggie Sticks OR PB & Jelly Un crustable, Carrots, String Cheese, Teddy Grahams	Chicken Sandwich, Bun, Seasoned Potatoes Wedges, California Vegetables, Let/Tom/Pickles OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	Steak & Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Peas OR PB & Jelly Un crustable, Carrots, String Cheese, Teddy Grahams	Baked Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Green Beans, Marinara Sauce, Tossed Salad OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich
After School Activities (Students must be enrolled in the activity to attend.)				

## Swim Week

JSE students in 1st through 3rd grade will be swimming during the school day this week (August 12 – August 16). The first portion of swim time is devoted to small group lessons. The rest of the time will be free swim time. Please remember to pack your child's swimwear and/or change of clothes, shoes to wear to the pool, sunscreen, and towel every day. Students may have a Coast Guard approved flotation device. Please no inflatable floaties. Puddle jumpers are fine.

Our PTO will be hosting a JSE swim party for families on Saturday, August 17 from 11-2. See you there!

## Returning Student Online Registration

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades should have received an e-mail link to update important contact information, as well as to digitally sign various beginning of the year paperwork. We still have just over 100 families who still need to complete the process. If you have not done so yet, please take a moment to do so. If you did not receive the e-mail, please contact:

[JSE.annualverification@maryville-schools.org](mailto:JSE.annualverification@maryville-schools.org).

## PTO

Our PTO invites parents to follow John Sevier PTO on Facebook to keep informed of upcoming activities and volunteer opportunities. The first PTO sponsored event this year will be a school wide swim party at John Sevier Pool on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11-2. There will also be a variety of food trucks outside of the pool entrance for anyone wishing to purchase meals or snacks!



The Rebel Run is a fundraising event for the Maryville City Schools Foundation to provide the ongoing enrichment of educational programs for all students in Maryville City Schools. Rebel Run 10K, 5K and 1 mile run/walk will finish on the 50 yard line of Renfro Field in Shields Stadium at Maryville High School. The run will be held Saturday, August 24, 2019 starting at Maryville High School, 825 Lawrence Avenue. Participants in all three events should plan to be at the starting line at 7:30 a.m.

Each year the schools in our system have a friendly contest to see which school has the most runners and/or virtual runners participating. JSE would like to win this year!! So if you register or have friends that are registering please make sure to select John Sevier Elementary as the school you are supporting through the Rebel Run! The JSE grade level with the most Rebel Run participants (teachers, students, and family members) will win an extra period of recess! You may sign up using the link below.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Maryville/MCSFRebelRun5K>

## Fox's Burrow

The JSE PTO is coordinating the planning for our memorial area to honor Keith Burroughs. This project will honor Keith's focus on exercise and activity. Multiple areas will be developed including a playground, kickball field, Frisbee golf area, gaga ball pits, a sensory garden, an outdoor classroom / amphitheater, and walking trails. You may use the link below to find out details about the project, along with information about how to donate. Donations are tax deductible. If you know of any corporate sponsors who would be interested in donating, please share the attached brochure with them. Donation link:

<https://jse.maryville-schools.org/parents-students/the-foxes-burrow>

Upcoming Events	
August 12 - 16	Swim Week for Grades 1-3
August 14	Kindergarten Lists Posted by the end of the day
August 17	JSE Pool Party
August 24	Rebel Run
August 29	Individual Picture Day
September 2	Labor Day – No School

Fox Guard Schedule August 12 – August 16		
AM	Emma S.	Caroline J.
PM	Logan W.	Blade B.

# MUSICAL MONDAYS

For students grades 1-6



**Beginning Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church Maryville  
202 W. Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Maryville, TN 37801**

Lead by:

Bill Robinson – career music educator, MCS

Katie Russell – music educator, MCS

Elizabeth Hostin – career educator/admin. In Texas

Cindy Williams – career music educator in Michigan

Contact: [bill.robinson@fbcmaryville.org](mailto:bill.robinson@fbcmaryville.org)



August 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Maryville City Schools has partnered with the Helen Ross McNabb Center to provide services to our students should you be interested. The partnership with The Helen Ross McNabb Center provides services to students to include mental and behavioral health assessments, individual, group, and family counseling, medication monitoring, and education.

If you feel that your child would benefit from these services, please sign the bottom of this form allowing the counselor from Helen Ross McNabb to communicate with school personnel. If you believe that these counseling services would be helpful for your child, we encourage you to consider this opportunity and sign and return the required form. Please know that no child will participate in these services without written permission from their parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Helen Ross McNabb Center at 865-681-6990 or your child's School Counselor.

Sincerely,

Brandee Easterly  
Principal  
John Sevier Elementary School

**My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to participate in the counseling services provided at my child's school by the staff of Helen Ross McNabb Center.**

**Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**MARYVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**  
**833 Lawrence Avenue, Maryville, TN 37803**  
**(865) 982-7121, FAX (865) 977-5055**

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM**

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize  
Name of parent(s) or legal guardian

Maryville City Schools including John Sevier Elementary, Maryville Junior High, Foothills Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary, Coulter Grove Intermediate, and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate, to release to and receive from Helen Ross McNabb Center the following information:

**All written or verbal communication that the following agency's representative deems beneficial for the educational/personal well-being of the child/student. Information will be shared with only the Maryville City Schools educational staff that the agency representative finds appropriate and specific (i.e. student's counselor, referral teacher, etc).**

**Other:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to the:  
Name of Student Date of Birth

Helen Ross McNabb Center  
Name of school/agency or professional

1704 East Broadway Ave., Maryville, TN 37804  
Complete Address

865-681-6990  
Phone Number

This consent is subject to revocation at any time, but not retroactively. This consent will expire September 1 of the following school year, or at the time that the child ceases to be enrolled at Maryville City Schools. All other disclosure without the written consent of the person to whom they pertain or from the parent or empowered guardian or such person is prohibited.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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Dear Elementary Parents,

The State Law regarding compulsory student attendance has been modified in recent legislation and the Maryville City School Board has updated local policies to match the Tennessee State Statutes. These changes clearly indicate that the parent, guardian, or other person having control of the student must monitor the student's school attendance and require the student to attend school. These new policies impact all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Unexcused absences and habitual truancy are of concern for all schools across the country. Truancy has been identified as one of the early warning signs of student headed for educational failure, potential delinquent activity, and social isolation, according to the National Center for School Engagement. Daily attendance in school is one of the factors shown to positively contribute to student success, and requires a school-home team working together.

In order to meet the new expectations, all elementary schools have made changes to our attendance expectations for students and parents. These attendance expectations are now aligned with MRIS, CGIS, MJHS, and MHS. The K-12 attendance plan includes a progressive truancy intervention plan to support students who may exceed five or more un-excused absences for the school year.

All students will be limited to ten (10) excused absences with a parent note. All absences that occur above the limit of ten will be considered unexcused absences. Exceptions would include absences with documentation of a doctor's visit, religious holidays, or a death in the family. All parent notes should be submitted within three days of the absence. For example, let's say a student is home sick for three days due to the flu, and the parent sends in a note upon the return for the three days. The parent note counts as three excused absences for the student. Another example might be a family who is taking a family trip outside of the vacation times indicated in the school calendar. If the family trip lasts four days, then the parent note will count as four excused absences for the student, as long as they have not already used the maximum of 10 parent notes.

The progressive intervention plan outlined below begins once a student has unexcused absences:

- If a student reaches **three (3) unexcused absences**, the school will make parent contact through phone, email or mail to help determine ways to improve attendance.
- If a student reaches **five (5) unexcused absences**, then Tier 1 of the progressive truancy intervention plan begins. Administration will contact the parent to hold a conference, start an attendance contract, and monitor student attendance every 30 days.

- If a student has **two (2) additional unexcused absences** after the attendance contract is put into place then Tier 2 interventions will begin.
- Tier 2 interventions will include a parent conference with administration, an individual assessment detailing the reasons the student has been absent, discussion of supports that are needed for the family, and follow up meetings every 30 days with administration and other district representatives.

If a student accrues two more unexcused absences, Tier 3 of the progressive truancy plan is initiated.

- Tier 3 interventions include a mandatory parent conference with administration and the district attendance coordinator. Per School Board policy, interventions at this level may consist of one or more of the following:
  - School based community service
  - Participation in a school-based restorative justice program
  - Referral to school based teen court
  - Saturday or after school courses designed to improve attendance.
- Additional unexcused absences will result in a petition to juvenile court for truancy.

Maryville City Schools Administrators, in accordance with the Tennessee State statutes on attendance and truancy hope that by reemphasizing the importance of school attendance with parents, guardians, and students, we can reduce and eliminate truancy, and help every student take advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. We also hope to help parents understand the importance of regular attendance and its impact on student success in starting in Kindergarten.

Yours in Education,



Karen Schito  
Principal, Foothills



Brandee Easterly  
Principal, John Sevier



Heather Hilton  
Principal, Sam Houston