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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT Elliott Co. Schools Annual Wellness Policy Assessment and Update

The Annual Wellness Policy Assessment and Update Meeting is scheduled for Friday January 31, 2025 at 3:15 p.m. at the Elliott County Board of Education. All Committee Members, Staff, and Community Members are invited to participate.

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<https://education.ky.gov/federal/SCN/Pages/US-DANondiscriminationStatement.aspx>

Updated school board meeting locations, dates and times are noted

The Elliott County Board of Education will meet as follows on the remaining dates for the year 2025.

- February 27th – The Feb. 20 regular meeting was re-scheduled for Feb. 27 and will be a special meeting.

- March 20th
- April 17.
- May 15.
- June 19.
- July 17.
- Aug. 21.
- Sept. 18.
- Oct. 16.
- Nov. 20.
- Dec. 11.
- Jan. 15, 2026.

All board meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Elliott County Board of Education Multipurpose Room.

School calendar cmte. is seeking members

If you are a community member who is interested in being on the school calendar committee for 25-26, please email Jennifer Whitt at Jennifer.whitt@elliott.kyschools.us

ECHS Varsity Cheer Team Claims Statewide Championship



On January 24, 2025 the Elliott County High School Varsity cheerleaders competed in the All A Classic state in game cheerleading competition during the Elliott County Lions versus Danville Christian Academy basketball game. During the competition, the cheerleaders performed pre game cheers, sidelines and floor cheers. Sixteen cheer teams competed in the competition from across the state. The ECHS Varsity cheerleaders placed first in the competition, taking home the state Championship for the first time since 2009. The 2024-2025 Varsity Cheer team include seniors Kailey McDaniel and Tasya Reeves. The team is coached by Tara Griffith and Sandy Holbrook. Pictured kneeling (from left to right): Delainey McDaniel, Madi Adkins, Mia West, Chandra McDaniel, Cora Honeycutt, Allyson Greene. Standing (from left to right): Brooklynn Ball, Kailey McDaniel, Jayden Barker, Zoe Holbrook, Camari Holbrook, Tasya Reeves, Kamryn Sturgill, Elli Simpson, Taylore Moore, Chloe Rose, Tara Griffith (coach).

School district installing metal detectors at high, middle school entrances

EDITOR'S NOTE
The following is a letter issued by Superintendent of Schools Dolly Fannin regarding the school district's installation of metal detectors at the middle school and high school entrances.

For additional information, contact Superintendent Fannin at by calling 738-8002 or emailing dolly.fannin@elliott.kyschools.us.

Jan. 28 – Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

This letter is to inform you of an important safety initiative that will soon be implemented in our schools. After careful consideration and with the priority of maintaining a safe, secure learning environment for all students and staff, the district will be installing metal detectors at the entrance of the middle school and high school this week. The intermediate students will not always go

through the detectors on a regular basis but at times may randomly do so.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. Metal detectors will serve as a proactive tool in preventing weapons, other dangerous items, vapes, and dap pins from entering our schools, helping to create a safer atmosphere for learning. We believe that these measures are necessary to ensure that all students can focus on their education without concern for their personal safety.

School staff will be trained to handle the equipment efficiently and respectfully, maintaining a positive and professional approach to screening. We will ensure clear communication with students and families to help everyone understand the new procedures and expectations.

We will demonstrate the process and how the detectors work prior to beginning use with students and staff. The students will go through metal detectors at designated

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Rep. White files bill to allow Ten Commandments in public schools

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 28 – Earlier this month, Representative Richard White of Morehead filed HB 116, a measure that would allow the 10 Commandments to be read or posted in public schools.

"The 10 Commandments have had an indelible impact on our nation's founding and society as a whole," said White. "I filed HB 116 to allow our teachers or administrators in public school districts the opportunity to post or read the 10 Commandments, if they so choose."

This measure would allow local boards to allow any

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Fields of Grace to sing at Stark Ch. Saturday, Feb. 22

Southern Gospel recording artist Fields of Grace will be in service Saturday, February 22, at 6 p.m. at Stark Church. The church is located at 3299 Stark Ridge. Refreshments will be served following the service. Pastors Brian Flannery and Dwayne Brewer invite all to attend. For more information, call 606-232-0008. E-1-3-3t

Route 504 Fire Dept. Auxiliary is seeking members

Route 504 Fire Department is asking our community members to join our Auxiliary. The members will be responsible for scheduling and running fundraisers, keeping the Frank Whitt Memorial Center clean, and advertising things that will be happening to help make our community a safer place.

Morehead State Univ. releases Dean's List for Fall 2024 semester

MOREHEAD, Ky., Jan. 16 — Morehead State University has released its Fall 2024 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher for the current semester.

Elliott County students who achieved Dean's List status include:

Caudill Collee of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

Hannah Jones, Sandy Hook
William Duncan, Sandy Hook.

Paige Osborne, Sandy Hook.
Shawna Gillum, Sandy Hook.

Joseph Ruwe, Sandy Hook.
Dalton Legg, Sandy Hook.

College of Science and Engineering

Blake Holbrook, Sandy Hook.

Samuel Williamson, Isonville.
Isabella Gilliam, Isonville.

Hali Price, Olive Hill.

Kailey Hamilton, Sandy Hook.

Kaitlyn Hutchinson, Sandy Hook.

Joslyn Simmons, Sandy Hook.

Ryland Brickey, Sandy Hook.

Caden Lewis, Sandy Hook .

Andrew Camarillo, Sandy Hook.

Lindsey Hay, Sandy Hook .

Skylar Copley, Sandy Hook.

Hannah Hamric, Sandy Hook.

Lilly Porter, Sandy Hook.

Michael Campbell, Sandy Hook.

Alyssa Howard, Sandy Hook.

College of Education

Natalie Sturgill, Sandy Hook.

Amy Greene, Sandy Hook.

Smith College Of Business And Technology

Connor GilliamRobert Adams, Sandy Hook.Nathan Whitley, Sandy Hook.

LIHEAP Crisis applications are open thru March 15th

Community action agencies now offering heating assistance across all of Kentucky's 120 counties

FRANKFORT, Ky. (January 6, 2025): Kentucky's Community Action Agencies (CAK) are set to begin accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis component from January 7 until March 15, 2025, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This program assists eligible households facing a home heating emergency, such as imminent loss of heat, low fuel supply, or eviction due to unpaid utility bills. Households must meet eligibility requirements, including income eligibility

of up to and including 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Prior LIHEAP assistance does not impact a household's eligibility.

Crisis benefits will cover the minimum needed to alleviate the crisis not to exceed the Community Action Agency's local cost for a deliverable supply of the household's primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric. Households can reapply each time they experience a crisis until they reach their maximum benefit. Benefits are paid directly to the fuel vendor.

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Subscribe: 606-743-3551

ECHS Academic Team Excels At District Governor's Cup Event



Elliott County High School Academic Team

Congratulations to the Elliott County High School Academic Team in the 62nd district Governor's Cup competition!

Elliott County results are as follows:

Quick Recall

Second Place – Ryleigh Riddle Jackson Kidd, Asher Pennington, Aiden Adkins Katy

Gilliam, Emily Black, Ryleigh Riddle and Katlynn Riggs.

Language Arts

First Place – Katey Gilliam.

Fourth Place – Emily Black.

Writing Composition

Fourth Place – Kathryn

Gilliam.

Social Studies

Fourth Place – Aiden Ad-

kins.

Arts & Humanities

Third Place – Kathryn Gil-

liam.

Fifth Place – Asher Pen-

nington.

Math

Fifth Place – Kendra Adkins.

We are so proud of our students!

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