

Unicoi Elementary Afterschool Newsletter

December 2017

UT Extension Unicoi County -100 N. Main Ave. Suite 107, Erwin, TN 37650

Afterschool Staff: Kerry Taylor, Ashley Broyles, Patty Gibson, Linda Thomas

Office #: 423-735-1637 Cell #: 423-220-7186 Email: ktaylor75@utk.edu Website: unicoi.tennessee.edu

We are an afterschool program serving children in 1st-5th grade at Unicoi Elementary. This program is funded by the LEAPs Grant through the University of Tennessee Extension.



Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Please join Unicoi Elementary Afterschool at our Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party!

When: Monday, December 18 at 3:30pm

Where: School Cafeteria

Who: Afterschool students and parents

This year, we are asking for donations of candy for decorating. If you can help, please send one or two bags of candy to afterschool by Thursday, December 14. A candy list and sign-up sheet can be found at the parent table. We hope you will plan to join us for some holiday fun!



Run Club News

Our Run Club is off to a great start! Each student is working on his/her personal running goal each week. When the individual goal is met, each student will receive a "toe token"

award for the accomplishment. On Run Club days we will either be running on the playground, track, or gym/school halls- depending on the weather. Please remind your child to wear comfortable clothes and their running shoes every Wednesday!

Because Run Club takes place from 4:15-5:00pm, some students are not getting the opportunity to run when parents arrive early. To help your child participate to the fullest extent, please wait to pick up until 5:00pm. Parents are invited to come out and run/walk with us anytime!



Family Activity: Make a Wildlife Feeder

Looking for a fun activity during the winter months? A suet feeder is a popular wintertime mixture for feeding birds and other wildlife.

1 cup peanut butter 3 cups cornmeal
1 cup lard-any animal fat will do 1 cup flour

Mix well. You can add peanuts or seed to the mixture. You can apply this suet to a pine cone and hang from a tree. You can also put it on the ground or put in a feeder. You will no doubt see many kinds of birds, and maybe even squirrels or chipmunks. Be sure to store the unused mixture in a cool place.

December Highlights

December 1: Wildlife program with J.R. Arnold

December 6: Run Club

December 8: Christmas movie

December 13: Run Club

December 14: Christmas painting project

December 18: Gingerbread House Decorating party

December 19: Early dismissal-no Afterschool

December 20-January 1: Christmas Break



Afterschool Daily Schedule

3:00-3:30 PM-Snack Attack/
Bathroom break

3:30-4:15 PM-Take the Challenge-
Homework Time

4:15-4:45 PM- Sports Zone (indoor
or outdoor recreation)

4:45-5:15 PM- Enrichment Activities (art, science, computer lab, music)

5:15-5:45 PM- Clean up and transition home