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Snow Day Pictures of Dragons



The History of Pine

Knot Intermediate



By: Lazarus Larson

Have you ever wondered what our school was like before it was Pine

Thirteenth Edition

Knot Intermediate? Did you know that it even existed before it was named Pine Knot Intermediate? Our school is a historical landmark and has been around since 1940.

Pine Knot High School

Our school began life as Pine Knot High School. It was one of the two high schools located in McCreary County. The high school housed 7th thru 12th grade students from the Pine Knot area. Mr. Sims' gym is the gym that was in the building during the high school years. The upper parking area is where the old classrooms were located. The library was upstairs. The lunch room was in the lower part of the parking lot.

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The music room was at the end of the lunchroom. You had to go outside to get to the gym, music room, and lunchroom. The front office was a parking lot for the buses. The class of 1978 was the last class that graduated from Pine Knot High School. The students at Pine Knot High School and Whitley City High School got to vote on the name for McCreary Central High School. Interesting fact, Mrs. Simpson was one of the students who got to vote on the name.

Pine Knot Middle School

The middle school housed 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Many of our teachers attended Pine Knot Middle School during these years. I sat down with two of our teachers to find out about the years this building was a middle school.

Mr. Duncan was kind enough to give me a statement about his time at Pine Knot Middle School. "The school was a different building that was later torn down and rebuilt into this school. I enjoyed my time at PKM and my favorite subject was math. The principal was Ray Ball. Some of my teachers were Mr. Herman Jones, Ms. Gala Stephens, Mr. Norman Strunk, Mr. Howard Floss, and Mrs. Sharon McKinney. The librarian was Mr. Elmer Smith, the

gym teacher was Cotton Jones. The music teacher was Mr. Eves. The shop teacher was Mr. Stephens and the health teacher was Mr. Darren Denney. I have lots of great memories of my time at PKM."

Next, I talked with Mr. Darrell King who was a student at PKM right before it became Pine Knot Intermediate. He told me that the building he attended is the building we currently attend. Sixth grade was in the third grade hall. Seventh and eighth grade were in the fifth grade hall. In the morning, they played basketball and had a good basketball team. The coaches were Kevin Tucker and Derrick Smith.

Pine Knot Intermediate

Around 2005, Pine Knot Middle School turned into Pine Knot Intermediate. Mrs. Mitzi Stephens was the principal at the time. Interesting Fact, she is Mr. Stephens' wife. Pine Knot Intermediate housed 4th, 5th, and 6th grade at this time.

Pine Knot Elementary

The decision was made to combine Pine Knot Primary and Pine Knot Intermediate. Pine Knot Elementary Building 1 housed kindergarten thru second grade. Third grade was moved over to

Pine Knot Elementary Building 2 that housed third thru fifth grade. Sixth grade was moved to McCreary County Middle School. Mrs. Blakley was the principal to both buildings where she traveled between them. Mr. King assisted her in our building as the assistant principal until Mrs. Taylor took over the position. Mrs. Cindy Moore became principal of Pine Knot Elementary the last couple of years that it was an elementary.

Pine Knot Intermediate

Today, our school is once again known as Pine Knot Intermediate. It is the home of the Dragons. Our principal is Dr. Cindy Moore with our assistant principal, Mr. Tim Stephens. We have an amazing staff and students in this building. Go Dragons!

There you have it, the history of our school building. Parts of our school have been around since 1940. It is a great milestone to be in a school that is considered a historical landmark. This one more reason to be proud to be a Dragon.



Dear Reagan

By: Reagan Owens

"Dear Reagan, my dog recently passed away and I'm having a hard time coping. Can you help me find some ways to cope?"

I'm so sorry that happened to you. You can take walks to clear your mind, find a hobby that can distract you, you can draw/color. You can do meditation, deep breathing, and positive affirmations. Seeking support, if it persists talk to the counselor.

Sincerely,
Reagan



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! Important Dates !

February 2 - GroundHog Day

February 11 - KONA

February 14 - Valentine's
Day/Picture Day/Special Edition of
Dragon Gazette

February 25 - Ice Cream Truck



Positive Vibes!



:Kylee Silcox!

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a **wonderful winter break** and a few more days off with all that **snow**! It's a new year and that means a new you, let's kick off the new year with a message that will be in the newspaper. You get to make a message for everyone in the school to see. Have a **great day** and **Happy Valentines day**!



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Help wanted!

By: Kylee Silcox

Help is wanted for the **archery** team, we are needing **one** more **girl** on our team. Any **girl** in **4th** or **5th** grade could do it. (Sorry **3rd** graders) And anybody that wants to do it, can do it! Please keep this in your **mind**, it would help the archery team out! There are sign up sets in the office if you want to do **archery**. Thank you for reading this and have a good day!

SPIRIT WEEK



Monday, Pajamas Day
Photo Credit: Hannah Perry and Layla Ball



Tuesday , Ugly Sweater Day
Photo Credit: Hannah Perry and Layla Ball



Wednesday, Santa Hat Day



Thursday, Country Christmas
Photo Credit: Hannah Perry, Reagan Owens, Taelynn Goins, and Asher Greene

Things that happened in December:



Madelyn Saunders and Mr. Burton



Map Rewards



Santa and Grinch visit PKI



Christmas Play