

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is about to embark on potentially one of the most life changing opportunities available by becoming a member of 4-H! 4-H is a free, educational experience made possible by the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University's Cooperative Extension. Your child's school is participating in this partnership, and on behalf of Davidson County 4-H, we want to extend the welcome to you as well!

If you aren't familiar with 4-H, it is the youth development aspect of UT-TSU Extension. UT-TSU Extension helps Tennesseans to improve their quality of life and solve problems through the application of research and evidenced-based knowledge about agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and community development. The mission of Tennessee 4-H is to provide research-based Extension educational experiences that will stimulate young people to gain knowledge, develop life skills, and form positive attitudes to prepare them to become capable, responsible, and compassionate adults.

Lindsey Harrison or Andy Lantz, the two Davidson County 4-H agents, will come to your child's classroom once a month to conduct a 4-H club meeting during school alongside their regular classroom teacher. Within this 4-H club, we will elect officers, use parliamentary procedure, and prepare the students for our three main competitions: public speaking, the poster contest, and the demonstration/interactive exhibit contest. For each competition, students will be awarded for their efforts and have the potential to qualify for the county and sub-regional levels. Along with these competitions, educational content that aligns with Tennessee State Standards will be covered. Topics such as communication, teamwork, citizenship, nutrition, STEM, self-esteem, and leadership are just a few topics that may be discussed.

If you have any questions about 4-H or Extension, please don't hesitate to ask! You can find all of our contact information at the top right corner. If you would like to learn more about what is going on in Davidson County 4-H, follow us on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook @4hnashville. The best part about 4-H is that it is all provided to youth at NO cost! So if you see anything else you would like your child to be involved in, please let us know! We look forward to helping your student "learn by doing!"

Sincerely,
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