

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

November 2021

Parent/Teacher Fall Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 11, from 1:30 to 9:00 p.m. Parents should have received a letter from their child's teacher regarding online conference scheduling. If you did not receive information from your child, please call the school at 473-2252. Due to the considerable amount of students, we highly encourage everyone to attend their conference at the pre-scheduled time.

~Reminder~

There will be an early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, for all students, kindergarten through grade 12. District-wide, there is NO school on Friday, November 12.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Please remember to observe the "Drop-Off Zone" when bringing students to school. Pull over to the curb, have your child exit on the curb side, and pull out to make room for others to drop off their children.

Walkers and car riders should not arrive at school before 7:50 a.m.

Thank you for following the rules to help keep all children safe.

Learning Experiences



Our first graders went on a field trip to Brumbaugh Fruit Farms in Arcanum. They learned about different types of apples, how apples are picked and sorted, and how bees make honey.

Once again, our third grade students enjoyed their visit to the Mountain Man Encampment at the Fort Rowdy celebration. Students were able to be involved in several hands-on learning activities while on their visit.

Search For Children with Disabilities

Covington Schools are participating in an effort to identify, locate, and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability in this instance means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotionally disturbed, multiple disabilities, cognitive disabilities, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Before school districts can serve children, they must be found. Many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability or that there are programs and services available. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact Mrs. Cindy Johnson at 473-3628 for more information.

Veterans Welcome

We are excited to be celebrating Veterans Day on November 11, 2021. All veterans are welcome to attend this special event in the new gym. Our high school FFA will be hosting the event again this year. Breakfast will be served, starting at 8:20 am and our assembly will follow. Detailed information will be sent home soon. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.



Student Council News

Student Council members voted on officers during their meeting on October 1. Congratulations to the following: President Madelyn Batdorf, Vice-President Emma Havenar, Secretary Mackenzie Gear, and Treasurer Isaiah Mumford.

Members have also been hard at work planning a fun-filled Red Ribbon Week. This year the focus for Red Ribbon Week was on the importance of making smart choices and encouraging healthy habits! Students were given a healthy habits challenge to take home each day and were entered into a drawing for prizes each time they completed a challenge.

Student Council also held a school-wide service project this week. Items were collected to be donated to a pet in need living at the Miami County Animal Shelter!

Medicine at School

Prescription (Rx) Medication – Students are encouraged to take Rx medication outside of school hours, whenever possible. If Rx medication must be administered during the school day, a written “Physician’s Request for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel” must be completed by the physician and signed by the parent. This form is available in the school office/clinic, as well as on the school’s website. All Rx medication must be brought to school by the parent and in the original container.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication – In order for students to receive OTC medications at school, including cough drops, a “Parent Request for the Administration of OTC Medications at School” form must be completed by the student’s parent. This form is also available in the school office/clinic, as well as on the school’s website. The school stocks some OTC medication, however we encourage parents to provide any medication they wish their student is to be given. All unused medication may be picked up at the end of the school year. These medications must also be in the original container.

~ ~ PTO News ~ ~

The beginning of the year has been a busy time once again for the Covington Elementary PTO! We started off the school year with our annual Walk-a-Thon in September. We were so excited to start this back up after having to put it off last year with COVID restrictions! The students had such an amazing time. The weather was perfect and we had amazing volunteers! We had a three way tie for the spirit award- congratulations 1st, 3rd and 5th grades! Our students raised over \$10,000, the most we have ever brought in! Being our only fundraiser, this money is used for things like teacher-requested classroom materials and needs, as well as fun educational programs such as the Starfall program. This money also allows us to help provide our students with field trips to Brumbaugh Fruit Farms, Victoria Theater, Carillon History Park and more, all pending COVID restrictions. We also provide spirit tags for our teachers to hand out to the students! None of this would be possible without the support of the parents and community. Thank you for supporting the PTO and Covington Elementary!

During conferences we will once again have the Wishing Tree in the school lobby. If you are interested in purchasing a Christmas gift for your child’s teacher, this is a great way to know what is needed in his or her classroom! In December, we will hold our annual Santa Shop once again. This is a great opportunity for students to shop for their family members and everyone always has a great time!

After 8 years of being the PTO President Betsie Moore has decided it is time to pass on the reins to another parent. We wish Betsie nothing but the best and thank her for her years of dedication to our school, staff and students!

Recently we held elections and would like to take the time to introduce our new PTO board representatives to you!

President- Natasha Brown
Vice President- Amber Cartwright
Treasurer- April Hall
Secretary- Laura Pellman

As you can see, the PTO is very busy! We love providing for our staff and students and couldn’t do it without our great volunteers. We would love to see you at our next meeting on November 9th, at 6:30 p.m., at the elementary school in the K-2 pod. Be on the lookout for a PTO information page on the Covington Schools website as it is currently being worked on. You will be able to see current officers, meeting times, and announcements. But in the meantime check out our Facebook page, Covington Elementary PTO. If you have questions, please feel free to email, call, or text Natasha Brown, PTO President, at covingtonpto@gmail.com or 937-561-8573.