# Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

August/September 2021

#### WELCOME

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and your child(ren) is/are ready for a fantastic year of learning! This includes not only academic learning but social learning, too. Teaching students to be respectful, responsible and kind, are all important aspects of becoming a great person and student. These are all traits that are reflected through our "PBIS" program.

CES continues to sponsor a home reading program. Each child must complete a reading log signed by a parent. There are special rewards given when a student reaches 50 days, 100 days, 150 days, and 200 days.

### School Pictures

School Picture Day scheduled Thursday, September Picture order forms will be sent home the first week Of school. We encourage families to order online, if possible.

#### Hats Off To:

Mr. Stephan, Mr. Yingst, Mr. Schafer, Mr. Naff and Mr. & Mrs. Boyer for their hard work this summer to get our school ready.

#### **COVINGTON PTO**

The Covington Elementary PTO meets the second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. The PTO is always looking for additional active members, so please plan to attend a meeting this year.

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

Covington Elementary would like to welcome two new staff members to our building this year. Morgan Grunkemeyer is our new second grade teacher. She will be replacing Mrs. Schaurer, who will now be serving as a Title 1 teacher. Briana King has been hired on as long-term sub.

Please help make these new staff members feel welcome.

#### **Third Grade Guarantee**

If you have a child in Kindergarten through grade 3, they are under Ohio's Third Grade Guarantee. The goal is to get all students to read on grade level before 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Busing**

Please be patient the first few weeks of school as bus schedules are adjusted for times. The first few days may see students being a little late coming home from school, as we make sure our first graders and kindergarten students are on the correct bus.

Bus drivers are not allowed to answer cell phones while driving. If there is a busing concern about a child, the office will leave a message for the bus driver. The driver will return the call, when able to do so.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

If you have questions concerning bus routes and/or transportation issues, please contact Miss Ashley Johnson at 473-2552.

## Student Arrival and Departure

Covington Elementary School is in session from 8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the tardy bell ringing at 8:10 a.m. Students who walk, ride bicycles, or are brought to school in the morning, will be permitted to enter the building at 7:50 a.m.

At 2:57 p.m., students riding the bus will be dismissed. Those who walk, ride bicycles, or are picked up will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. We ask that only parents with students in grades K-2 use the car loop and parents that have students in grades 3-6 park in the lot to pick up their students.

#### **Chestnut Chatter**

Future issues of the Chestnut Chatter will be available online throughout the year. If you do not have internet access and would like a copy sent home, please contact your child's teacher.