

# Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

October 2022

## Muse Machine

Our third and fourth grade students had the opportunity to perform in front of an audience on September 28. Our third grade decided on the theme of Math Magicians. They explained how to figure out math problems using dance and songs. Our fourth grade chose the theme of Definition Detectives. They explained how to use context clues through dance and songs.

Thank you to Mrs. Shaffer for organizing this wonderful event and to the rest of our staff for helping get their students ready for this awesome educational experience. Also, a huge thank you to our PTO for helping fund our MUSE performance.

## PTO

Our PTO has been busy since the beginning of the school year. They purchased Kona Ice for all of our students that attended our open house and then they had their annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, September 23. Thank you to all of our PTO members that helped plan these activities and to all of our volunteer parents/grandparents that came in to help.

Our PTO meetings for the 22-23 school year will be held at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade pod area. Please join us...all are welcome!!

## Spirit Tags

This year, students will continue to earn spirit tags for various accomplishments. These tags fit on a key chain that students can place on their book bags.

Students new to Covington Elementary should have already received a Covington Buccs key chain. Students must be responsible for their own key chains, reflecting on the sail of "Responsibility".

From the office, students can earn "Happy Birthday" tags. Each grade level will be rewarding students with a variety of other tags, such as Honor Roll, Great Character, Bringing Up Grades, among others.

Please celebrate with your child as he or she earns a tag.

## Fall Book Fair

The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be here at our school the week of October 17-21. All students will visit the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library class.

Due to policy changes with the Scholastic Book Fair, we will be charging tax on all purchases. Payments are accepted by cash, check (made payable to CES), or e-Wallet through the Scholastic Book Fair. Visit [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair) for more information on how to set

up an eWallet account. As always, we would like to thank you for your support of the Book Fair.

## Third Grade Guarantee

If you have a child in kindergarten through grade three who has trouble reading, help is on the way.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee directs schools to identify students in kindergarten through grade three who are having trouble reading, and provide them with extra reading help. The goal is to get those boys and girls caught up in reading as soon as possible.

If you have a son or daughter who still struggles with reading at the end of grade three, we will talk with you about *placing* your child in fourth grade and continuing with third grade reading. This may be for all, or only part of the school year.

Read more about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov), or talk with your child's teacher for more details.



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## *Red Ribbon Week*

October 23rd-31st is National Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon week takes place each year during this time to inspire kids to be happy, brave, and drug-free. The 2022 National Red Ribbon Week Theme is, **Celebrate Life. Live Drug-Free.** The theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free! We will have special-themed days where we are asking students AND staff to participate to help elementary students learn to say no to drugs! Let's make this a fun-filled, educational week!

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### Counselor's Corner

#### **Meet Your School Counselor Mrs. Bell**

I am so happy to be your school counselor again for the 2022-2023 school year! The counseling program at Covington Elementary provides a variety of programs and services including class lessons, small group counseling, and individual student counseling. If you would like to refer your child at any point this year, please check out the parent referral link on the school counselor site:

<https://es.covington.k12.oh.us/our-school/school-counselor/referral-process>

You may also reach out at any time through email: [bellL@covingtonk12.org](mailto:bellL@covingtonk12.org) or phone: (937) 473-8335. Please let me know how I can help your child feel prepared, supported, and confident this school year!

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Traditional Box Tops clips have been phased out of production. Therefore, we encourage you to download the new Box Tops mobile app. You can then scan your store receipts and the app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**No More Clipping!!**

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## **Student Council News**

The Student Council elections were held mid-September. One representative from each 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class was elected, along with two representatives from each fifth and sixth grade classroom. Congratulations to the following representatives:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Zeke Feight, Rhia Moore, Trent Tobe

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Eden Pellman, Rylynn Palser, Levi Hartwig

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aubree Faight, Xander Feight, Makylia Kenworthy, Mikayla Jacomet, Kendal Ullery, Kennedy Shively

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Colton Townsend, Gabriel Brown, Madelyn Batdorf, Isaac Hartwig, Emma Havenar

Student Council members will be running for officer positions during their upcoming meeting. Congratulations to all!!

