

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

November 2022

Parent/Teacher Fall Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 10, 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 10, for all students, kindergarten through grade 12. District-wide, there is NO school on Friday, November 11.

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 recently 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.

Veterans Welcome

We are excited to be celebrating Veterans Day on November 10, 2022. 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 was recently sent out through Final Forms.



Counselor's Corner

The month of October is Bullying Prevention Month. Mrs. Francis and I went into classrooms to teach lessons on what bullying is, how to stand up to bullying, and how to be a good friend! We wanted to pass along some information to parents as well to explain what bullying is and what you can do if your child experiences, witnesses, or engages in bullying behavior!

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is NOT just conflict.

Bullying is:

-Repeated -On Purpose -Meant to cause harm -One-sided

There are different types of bullying, such as:

-Physical -Emotional -Cyber - Verbal

Tips for Standing up to Bullying:

If your child is the target of bullying, encourage him/her to:

-Tell an adult immediately

-Walk away

-Stay calm and not bully back

-Directly tell the other person to stop

If your child witnesses bullying, encourage him/her to:

-Tell an adult immediately

-Stay calm

-Not join in or laugh

-Help the person who is being bullied

What if my Child is Bullying Others?

Here are some strategies to support your child if you find that he/she is engaging in bullying behaviors:

-Explicitly tell your child that his/her behavior is not okay

-Work to find the underlying cause

-Establish "consequences" that involve the target

-Continue to monitor the situation

Student Council News

Student council members voted on officers in early October. Congratulations to the following: President Madelyn Batdorf, Vice-President Emma Havenar, Secretary Isaac Hartwig, and Treasurer Colton Townsend.

Members have been busy this last month. Student council members sold Pumpkin Grams to students and staff members the week of October 17th - 21st. These will be delivered on October 31st to students' homerooms.

All student council members worked hard to plan a fun-filled Red Ribbon Week. This year's national theme was *Celebrate Life, Live Drug-Free*. The student council decided to have a week full of parties while encouraging students to make smart choices and develop healthy habits and celebrate life!

Lastly, the students worked to get the school store ready to open. We are proud to say, the Covington Elementary school store is remodeled and ready for its grand reopening on October 31st! Inventory and prices will be available on the school website, as well as with their homeroom teachers.

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. Our Chair-Leader, Laura Pellman, did such an awesome job at getting the students excited for this event with the prizes this year! The weather was perfect and we had amazing volunteers! Congratulations to the Kindergarten class for being the most spirited and winning the donut class party! Our students raised over \$9,000! As our biggest fundraiser, this money is used for things like teacher-requested classroom materials, as well as fun educational programs such as the Starfall program. This money also allows us to help provide our students with field trips like Brumbaugh Fruit Farm, Muse Machine, Columbus Zoo, Carillon History Park and more. We are also bringing back some fun educational assemblies this year for 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!

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. We are also hoping to add a few new fundraisers and include the community in those as well. This may include another Culver's night, a book sale and food truck night and possibly many more new and exciting things!

Every Year we hold elections and would like to take the time to introduce our PTO board representatives to you and welcome our new Vice President Sarah Bennett and new Secretary Stephanie Maniaci.

President- Natasha Brown
Vice President- Sarah Bennett
Treasurer- April Hall
Secretary- Stephanie Maniaci

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, and your amazing ideas, at our next meeting on November 9th, at 6:30p.m., at the elementary school in the K-2 pod. Check out our Facebook page, Covington Elementary PTO to keep up to date on all our fun adventures and ideas for our students and staff. If you have questions, please feel free to email, call, or text Natasha Brown, PTO President, at covingtonpto@gmail.com or 937-561-8573.