

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

December 2022 / January 2023

Elementary Christmas Program December 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

The fourth and fifth grade students will be presenting a musical production entitled "Home for the Holidays". The story is about a family of five who run into some problems as they try to visit Grandma for Christmas. The fifth and sixth grade Music Club will also perform two songs. This program will take place in the Covington K-8 gymnasium.

Please have your child(ren) arrive at their homeroom by 6:45 p.m. dressed in their best clothes or assigned costume. The children will line up in the room with their teachers and proceed to the gym.

Because of the large number of people attending the program, we ask that all students stay for the entire program. *Students in fourth grade will be dismissed from the gym. Please keep your child's coat with you during the performance. Students in fifth grade will return to their classroom so they may return costumes and props used in the play.*

We look forward to seeing everyone as you join us to celebrate the holiday season with music!



The Gift of Sharing

Once again the students and staff will be sharing the spirit of Christmas by participating with our local AMVETS in the annual food drive. Food barrels have been placed in the main hallway. Everyone is encouraged to donate food items (no glass containers please!) to this worthwhile event through the morning of December 15th. The classroom with the highest tally of donated food items will earn a special reward. Please help support this food drive, which will supply many local families with wonderful food baskets for the holidays.

~ Veterans Honored ~

On November 10, 2022, grades three through twelve met in the elementary gymnasium in honor of Veterans Day. Mrs. Helsing and her high school FFA members organized this wonderful event and it was a great success. The junior high student council members also played a key role in the ceremony. There were just under seventy veterans who were treated to a breakfast that was prepared by our cafeteria staff and they got to enjoy the meal with the student that invited them. The assembly began with the presentation of the Colors and the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Cantrell, a CHS history teacher and veteran, then led the Pledge of Allegiance, while Mrs. Knick's 3rd grade class did the pledge in sign language. Throughout the ceremony, there were several students that spoke and they all did an outstanding job.

Counselor's Corner

This month I want to talk about tips and ideas to help you build and maintain a strong relationship with your child. Although building a strong relationship with your child might seem like a given at first, anyone who has been a parent can attest to the fact that relationship building with your child can often prove to be more challenging than it seems. Whether you are the parent of a teenager who seems distant, or an 8 year old who only wants to watch YouTube videos, keeping a strong parent-child relationship can be challenging.

Communication Tips

- Really listen to the things your child tells you – big or small!
- Let your child share without jumping to conclusions.
- Talk with your child about how you are feeling, and encourage them to do the same.
- Apologize for mistakes you have made.
- Consider what your child is communicating non-verbally

I hope you are able to find some tips and strategies to begin implementing with your children. Next month I will continue the conversation with some strategies for spending time together!

Principal's Breakfast

We had our Principal's Breakfast during the week of November 14, 2022. Over 150 students in grades 3-6 earned the opportunity to come to the cafeteria during first period and eat some yummy donuts. We do this at the end of each quarter for our students that receive all A's or all A's and B's. Please encourage your students to try to make this a goal for themselves at the end of next quarter. We would love to provide donuts for all students in grades 3-6.

Student Council News

The Student Council will be selling candy cane grams! Students, staff, and parents can purchase a candy cane gram from the student council Monday, December 5th - Friday, December 9th from 7:50-8:10 am on the Bucc head. Candy cane grams will be one dollar. They will be delivered on December 20th and 21st to homerooms. All proceeds will go to supporting the Elementary Student council and events hosted by the Student Council.

In celebration of the holiday season, the Student council is inviting everyone to participate in our "12 Days of Christmas Dress up Days. From December 6th through the 21st students will have various holiday-themed dress-up days. The homeroom teachers will be tracking participation for crews and the class with the highest overall participation will win a donut party! Please look for a handout from your child's teacher for more specifics about each day.

December/January Calendar

December 14	Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 21	1 pm Early Dismissal
December 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break – No School
January 3	School Resumes
January 13	End of 2nd quarter
January 16	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20	Report Cards go home

Principal's List and Honor Roll

The following students are on the Principal's List (all A's) for the first nine weeks of school at Covington Elementary.

3rd Grade: Hudson Apple, Zeke Feight, Allison Herron, Mitchell Hess, Allison Masters, Rhia Moore, Jase Robinson, Harvey Snyder, Madilyn Tackett, Trent Tobe

4th Grade: Annabella Aselage, Skylar Baker, Kaylee Barnett, Kenzie Beeman, Dalton Brown, Noah Brown, Eloise Campbell, Colton Foutz, Gabriel Hargrave, Levi Hartwig, Journey Holthaus, Gavin Hoying, Ivy Long, Kaiden McAtee, Eli McCord, Haven Moore, Eden Pellman, Kendall Peters, Sophia Sibert, Caitlin Vaughan, Christopher Willard, Gray Wilson

5th Grade: Claira Boothe, Taylor Flick, Mikayla Jacomet, Renee Johnson, Makylia Kenworthy, Tessa Lyons, Zella Nickol, Mason Ouellette, Natalie Parke, Kennedy Shively

6th Grade: Ellie Ayres, Madelyn Batdorf, Emily Eshelman, Conner Gibson, Isaac Hartwig, Emma Helsinger, Isabella Kerber, Kaitlyn Ray, Cutler Robbins, Cooper Turner, Claire Wiseman, Madelynn Wright, Kaidan Yamada

The following students are on the **Honor Roll** (all A's and B's) for the first nine weeks of school at Covington Elementary.

3rd Grade: Hadley Ashburn, Carter Barhorst, Easton Blair, Carson Bryant, Ayden Cheate, Liam Cline, Lucas Copeland, Brantley Covault, Jack Cross, Kaitleigh Kisner, Cheyenne McMillion, Bentley Miller, Breanna Miller, Tucker Plunkett, Hudson Reck, Anna Renner, Avery Rue, Summer Shoffner, Blakelee Silvers, Temperance Smith, Gillian Snyder, McKinley Sowers, Kelli Warner, Addi Weaver, Liam Willard

4th Grade: Carson Bailey, Candice Cartwright, Alice Cormier, Hannah Detrick, Lillian Dienstberger, Bella Gutman, Eliot Hoffert, Trevor Jones, Colt Maniaci, Tanner McDavid, Ayla Miller, Josie Mumford, Evalyn Niederbrach, Jonathan Owens, Rylynn Palser, Lucy Sparks, Taylor Stanfill, Layla Steele, Gaved Stringfield, Ava Ventura, Darren Warner

5th Grade: Devin Abke, Gage Abke, Kendale Adams, Dylan Barnhart, Emma Beach, Amelia Brown, Kane Bubeck, Riley Copeland, Liam Deaton, Aubree Faught, Xander Feight, Lucy Foutz, Sullivan Ganger, Alex Grilliot, Scarlett Laug, Samuel Leistner, Ian Marion, Carter McQuinn, Abram Napier, Avrie Owens, Addison Pritchard, Ayanna Reyes, Corbin Robinson, Mya Sampson, Zaidyn Sherman, Trig Skinner, Amiyah Staley, Amelia Taubert, Kendal Ullery, Quinton Walters, Malachi Weaver, Khloe Yowler

6th Grade: Chloe Aselage, Madison Avey, Gavin Brown, Ryan Brown, Amelia Bush, Emma Havenar, Alva Hess, River Holthaus, Wyatt Kerber, Jonny King, Alice Larson, Grant Maniaci, Ethan Martin, Karter Ouellette, Oliver Popp, Clayton Robinson, Raelyn Shoemaker, Gaven Tackett, Braylon Walters, Haydan Wintrow, Hank Yingst