

# Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

March 2023

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023/2024

Covington Elementary School is in the process of planning for our 2023-2024 kindergarten registration. Any child who will be five on or before August 1, 2023, is eligible to attend kindergarten. **Our kindergarten screenings will be held May 3 & 4.**

**Step One** - Complete the online Registration Forms in Final Forms, available starting the week of February 13. Go to the district website and look for the Kindergarten Registration Link located under school news. You will follow the instructions and complete all the forms online.

**Step Two** – Once you have completed the online forms, you will receive an email with a link to sign up online for a screening time for your child. These appointment times on May 3 & 4, are 1 ½ hours in length. You will need to bring the following required documentation to the screening:

- \*Certified Birth Certificate
- \*Proof of Residency, lease or deed, or utility bill
- \*Immunization Records

- \*All special education records/504 documents, if applicable
- \*Drivers License for identification
- \*Custody Papers (if applicable)

**Please Note: A parent or legal guardian must be present during the kindergarten screening process.**

## Family Literacy Night March 2, 2023

Please join us this Thursday, March 2, 2023, as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with our family literacy night. We will have live characters, a photo booth, crafts, snacks, bingo, flashlight reading, games and birthday cake! Every student who comes gets a free book and spirit tag. Don't miss this event! Hope to see you from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. on Thursday!



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for a successful parent teacher conference night. These conferences can have a tremendous impact on the success of your student. When parents, teachers, and students work together for a common goal and then work hard to achieve that goal, only good things can happen. Please feel free to contact me at the office if you have any other questions or concerns.

## Spring Pictures

Lange Photographics will be here March 8, for Spring Pictures. Every student will be photographed and a proof will be printed and sent home about 1-2 weeks after picture day. Look for more information to be sent home soon.

## Elementary State Testing Dates

The following are our dates for the upcoming AIR testing. **Please try to refrain from scheduling appointments for your child during these times.**

3rd Grade— ELA March 28-29, Math April 18-19

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - ELA April 4-5, Math April 20-21

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – ELA April 4-5, Math April 20-21,  
Science April 27-28

6<sup>th</sup> Grade -ELA March 28-29, Math April 18-19

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## Search For Children with Disabilities Underway

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.

## Counselor's Corner

This month I wanted to talk a little bit about ways to build your child's confidence and self-esteem!

### **Set a Culture of Confidence:**

- Give your child opportunities to learn and try new things.
- Help your child set goals and work with them to accomplish their goals.
- Give your child age-appropriate responsibilities
- Model positive self-esteem.
- Avoid comparing your child to peers and/or siblings
- Encourage your child to pursue their interests.

### **Address Failure:**

- Let your child know that you are there if they need help but encourage them to do as much as possible on their own.
- Praise your child for their effort - not the outcome.
- Talk to your child about how they can learn from their mistakes and failures.
- Remind your child that their mistakes and failures do not define them.
- Talk with your child about challenges they have overcome in the past.

### **Daily Practices:**

- Share one reason that you are thankful for your child
- Encourage your child to begin each day with a positive affirmation
- Ask your child to share one thing from the day that he/she is proud of.

Being a parent is powerful. With each interaction, parents have the ability to either build their child up or tear them down. Although this can seem daunting, I hope that these tips will help you create a culture of confidence in your home.

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