

# Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

End of School 2022-2023

## END OF YEAR

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, I wanted to take a moment to share important upcoming dates and extend a thank you to all of the families for making the 2022-2023 school year a success. Our staff is truly blessed to be able to work with your children on a daily basis. We are extremely proud of all of our students and the wonderful work they do each and every day. As families, your efforts have been appreciated throughout the school year in helping provide a positive home to school connection. As we conclude the final month of the school year, we want to remind you of some upcoming dates.

### Upcoming Dates:

**May 22** Teacher Meet and Greet

**May 23** Field Day (rain date is May 24)

**May 24** Talent Show

**May 25** End of the year awards

K-2 @ 8:30

3-4 @ 11:00

5-6 @ 1:30

**May 26** Last Day – 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal

### Looking ahead to next school year.....

- ▶ Homeroom teacher postings will be online the afternoon of Monday, August 14, 2023.
- ▶ Our elementary Open House is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- ▶ School begins on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, for all grades.

### Counselor's Corner

This month I would like to focus on ways to encourage your children to be safe on the internet. This information can be applicable for online gaming, cell phones, and even tablet devices!

#### Establish Expectations

- Talk with your child about the websites/apps he/she is allowed to use.
- Talk with your child about privacy. Remind them of the importance of not sharing information like their full name, address, passwords, phone number, or even their upcoming plans.
- Discourage your child from talking to strangers online.
- Help your child set up their privacy settings on devices, websites, and apps.

#### Monitor Internet Use

- Talk to your children about what apps or websites they are using.

Research the apps to see what potential dangers there are for those specific apps. Talk to your child about ways they can stay safe. Keep in mind that apps change frequently, so stay up to date on the information.

- Use the internet together. Model the behavior you want them to practice when using the internet.

#### Set Up a Plan

- Talk to your children about cyber bullying, and things to watch out for on the internet. If anything they see makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable, remind them to tell you or another adult immediately. The internet is just like any other place – if they see something, they should say something.
- Create a contract or agreement together regarding internet safety and usage.

I know internet safety can be a scary thing to talk about sometimes. It is important to keep an open dialogue with your child about technology. Check in frequently to see how your child is doing and if they have any questions. For more information on internet safety, or if you'd like a copy of a Technology Use Contract, please email me at [belll@covingtonk12.org](mailto:belll@covingtonk12.org).

## Help Me Grow

**Help me Grow** would like to help you get your children ready for school. **Help me Grow** can provide services for families who might have **younger siblings at home or for moms who are pregnant.**

The road to parenting can twist and turn at times. **Help me Grow** can help a family on the road to preschool and school by providing home visiting and/or early intervention services from pregnancy until the child turns three.

**Help me Grow Home Visiting** is a voluntary, home-based program offered at no cost to the family. Trained professionals offer information and support during pregnancy and throughout the child's earliest years.

**Help me Grow Early Intervention** supports families of young children birth to age three with developmental delays and disabilities. These services are typically provided in the home or other places the family spends time and builds on their ability to enhance the child's learning and development.

For more information on the **Help me Grow** program, please call 937-440-3099.

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## THANK YOU...

We would like to thank the PTO and community for their continued support through volunteering, donating items and time spent here. You have helped so much in making the 2022-2023 school year so wonderful. Enjoy your family and summer months. We will see you August 21, 2023 for our open house and the 22nd for the first day of school.



## Miami County Pre-School

The Miami County Educational Service Center currently provides preschool services for Covington students who qualify as a child with a disability. This pre-school is for children who are three and four years old. Students may be enrolled any time throughout the school year. There is a screening process that children must go through at the Miami County Pre-school offices in Troy, Ohio.

The county pre-school may have 10 to 12 students. Eight of these students are students that qualify for early intervention prior to kindergarten. The rest are typical students. At this time there is a waiting list for the typical students. If interested, or if you need more information, please call the Miami County Pre-school Office at 332-6029.

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## Reminder to Parents

Whenever there is a change of address, phone number or custodial change involving your child, it is very important to update this information in Final Forms. For address changes, proof of residency is required.

If changes are of a custodial concern, a complete copy of the agreement must be provided. This information is needed to ensure that the school follows proper procedures when releasing information or releasing the student to a parent.

