

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

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BEST



Our BEST has been busy since the beginning of the school year. They planned some fun activities during our open house, which included our kindergarten signing and a scavenger hunt that helped get our students familiar with our building. They also had their annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, September 22. Thank you to all of our BEST members that helped plan these activities and to all of our volunteer parents and grandparents that came in to help.

Our BEST meetings for the 23-24 school year will be held at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the 1st/2nd 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 30-November 3. 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](https://www.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, 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 2023 National Red Ribbon Week Theme is, *Be Kind to Your Mind, 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! Additional information on dress up days and events for this week will be sent home closer to the date. Let's make this a fun-filled, educational week!

Counselor's Corner

The Role of the School Counselor

As parents, your involvement in your child's education is crucial, and understanding the role of the school counselor can greatly benefit your child's academic and emotional growth. School counselors play a multifaceted role in promoting your child's well-being, personal development, and success.

The following are some ways that I can help your child:

- Personal and Emotional Support
- Academic Guidance
- Career Exploration
- Social Skills Development
- Crisis Intervention
- Individualized Support

If you would like to know more about ways I can help your child feel prepared and supported this school year, please reach out at any time!

Contact me: Lauren Bell
Email: bellL@covingtonk12.org
Phone: 937-473-8335

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!!

Student Council News

The Student Council elections were held at the beginning of September. Two representatives from each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms were elected. Congratulations to the following representatives:

3rd Grade: Teagan Ayers, Kyndrick Campbell, Madyson Jacomet, Parker Morris, Zander Lawson, and Arabella Modschiedler

4th Grade: Trent Tobe, Avery Rue, Brantley Covault, Cheyenne McMillion, Addi Weaver, and Zeke Feight

5th Grade: Levi Hartwig, Journey Holthaus, Eden Pellman, Gray Wilson, Carson Bailey, and Lilli Dietsenberger

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

