

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

October 2024

BEST

Bucc Elementary Support Team

Our BEST has been busy planning activities for this school year. Their first big activity will be our annual Walk-a-Thon, which will take place on the morning of October 4. This is really a great event that brings our entire school together. We look forward to seeing all parents that can make it out for this awesome event.

We are always looking for volunteers, so please come join us at one of our upcoming meetings in the k-2 pod at 6:00pm.

Meeting Dates

- October 1, 2024
- November 5, 2024
- December 3, 2024
- January 7, 2025
- April 1, 2025
- May 6, 2025

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 28-November 1. 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 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.

Students in the third grade that do not meet the standards of the third grade reading test can still be promoted using the Parent Request Exemption. This decision is made with the consultation of parents, reading teacher, and the principal.

Students promoted to fourth grade through this exemption will continue to receive intensive reading instruction until the student is able to read at grade level.



Red Ribbon Week

October 28th- November 1st 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 2024 National Red Ribbon Week Theme is, **LIFE IS A MOVIE, FILM DRUG FREE**. The theme is a reminder that 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

The role of a school counselor is multifaceted, and my primary goal is to create a safe and nurturing environment where your child can thrive. Here are some ways in which I can assist your child:

- 1. Individual Counseling:** I am available for one-on-one sessions with students to address personal and academic concerns, helping them develop essential life skills and coping strategies.
- 2. Group Counseling:** I facilitate various group counseling sessions on topics such as self-esteem, friendship, and resilience, fostering a sense of belonging and emotional growth among students.
- 3. Classroom Guidance:** I collaborate with teachers to deliver classroom lessons on important topics like conflict resolution, bullying prevention, and study skills, equipping your child with valuable tools for success.
- 4. Parent Support:** I am here to provide guidance and resources to parents, offering insights into how you can support your child's educational and emotional needs.
- 5. College and Career Readiness:** As students progress, I help them explore their interests, set goals, and plan for their academic and career future.

Please know that my office door is always open, and I am readily available to listen, support, and guide your child through any challenges they may encounter. Your child's well-being and success are at the forefront of my priorities, and I look forward to partnering with you to

ensure their journey at Covington Elementary is a positive and enriching one.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or by phone. I am eager to get to know your child and work together to create a nurturing and successful school experience.

Here's to a fantastic school year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable moments for your child!

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Student Council News

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

3rd Grade: Reid McCord, Maisie Hoying, Mykenzie Jacomet, Bella Etter-Shaw, and Alice Hicks

4th Grade: Kyndrick Campbell, Summer Skaggs, Livie Laug, Kyler Carey, Harper Moore and Colt Sink

5th Grade: Hadley Ashburn, Zeke Feight, Cheyenne McMillion, Allison Herron, Tempe Smith and Trent Tobe

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

Up Coming Events:

School Store: The CES School store will open in the first week of October. The school store is open each weekday from 7:50am-to 8:10 am. Students can purchase different school supplies and other items from the store during this time.

Pumpkin Grams; the student council will be selling pumpkin grams. Students and parents can pay a dollar to send a treat and a note to a student at Covington