

Chestnut Chatter

Covington Elementary School Newsletter

December 2024 / January 2025

Elementary Christmas Program

December 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm
(doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

The 4th and 5th grade students will be presenting a musical entitled "A Pirate Christmas". The story is about a group of elves on vacation who happen to run into a group of scurvy pirates. The pirates then get to learn from the elves the meaning of Christmas and what it means to give to others.

Please have your children arrive in their homeroom by 6:30 dressed and ready to go in black pants and a Hawaiian shirt.

Because of the large number of people attending the program, we ask that all students stay for the entire program. After the program has concluded, students will be dismissed by grade level from the gym. Please keep your child's coat with you during the performance.

We look forward to seeing you as you join us to celebrate this holiday season through music!



~ Veterans Honored ~

On November 8, 2024, 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 who invited them. The assembly began with the presentation of the Colors and the singing of the National Anthem by Ms. Jurgens, a CES teacher and veteran. Mrs. Kerber 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

Helping Your Child Stay Organized
Organization is a key skill for academic success, emotional well-being, and building independence. Developing these habits in elementary school sets a strong foundation for the future.

Establish Routines:

Morning Routine- Create a checklist for getting ready- brushing teeth, dressing, packing lunch, etc.

Homework Routine: Set a consistent time and place for homework, with necessary supplies readily available.

Bedtime Routine: End each day calmly, laying out the next day's clothes and packing the school bag together.

Teach Time Management:

Use visual tools: Timers and clocks can help your child understand the concept of time. Use a daily planner or

calendar to track activities and assignments.

Break tasks into steps: Large tasks can feel overwhelming. Teach your child to break them into smaller, manageable parts ("first math worksheet, then reading").

Create Designated Spaces:

Homework Station: Designate a clutter-free area in the home where your child can focus on schoolwork.

Backpack Zone: Have a specific place for the backpack and school materials to avoid the morning scramble.

Toy and Supply Organization: Use bins and labels to separate toys, books, and school supplies for easy access and tidying.

Use Checklists and Visual Aids:

Daily Checklists: Write down what needs to be done each day ("pack lunch, finish homework, choose outfit"). Encourage checking off tasks as they're completed.

Visual Reminders: Use charts or calendars to track upcoming projects, special school days, or events. Color coding can help younger kids.

Model and Praise Organization:

Lead by Example: Show your child how you stay organized. Talk through your own routines, whether it's meal prepping or making to-do lists.

Positive Reinforcement: Praise efforts to stay organized, focusing on the process rather than perfection. Acknowledge improvements in keeping track of schoolwork or tidying up toys.

Resources for Parents:

Books:

- "The Organized Child" by Richard Gallagher
- "Smart but Scattered" by Peg Dawson

Apps:

- Trello for Kids
- Habitica
- ChoreMonster

Principal's Breakfast

We had our 1st quarter Principal's Breakfast on November 6, 2024. One hundred twenty-six students in grades 3-5, 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 3-5.

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 2nd - Friday, December 13th from 7:50-8:10 am on the Bucc head. Or you can use your home order form that will be sent home on December 2nd. Candy cane grams will be one dollar each and will be delivered on December 20th 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 5th through the 20th, 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.

After the holidays we have a few upcoming events. On January 13th we will be celebrating National Rubber Duck Day! Students are encouraged to wear yellow. In addition, the Student Council will be hiding little rubber ducks around the school for kids to find. On January 17th, we will be celebrating National Pop Corn Day! Students will receive a popcorn treat during their lunch from the Student Council. The CES Student Council will also be hosting the Great Kindness Challenge the week of January 27th-31st. This national event encourages students to show kindness and to think of others. Each student will be given a checklist of kind things that they can do during the week. Students who complete their checklist and turn it in will receive a prize! Lastly for January, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on January 29th. 2025 is the year of the snake! Students are encouraged to wear red in celebration of this day. All students will receive a Chinese New Year Feng Shui Coin that is said to bring good luck and fortune.

December/January Calendar

December 11 Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 20 1 pm Early Dismissal
December 21-Jan. 5 Winter Break – No School
January 6 School Resumes
January 10 End of 2nd quarter
January 18 Report Cards published 12:01 a.m.
January 20 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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: Wylan Burns, Autumn Carey, Luella Cope, Isabella Etter-Shaw, Elise Hess, Maisie Hoying, KynLee Ingle, Mykenzie Jacomet, Caroline Koogler, Troy Maniaci, Preston Marion, Asher Masters, Lydia Renner, Gage Skinner

4th Grade: Collin Avey, Teagan Ayres, Kyndrick Campbell, Noah Detrick, Cruz Flory, Brantley Garber, Adelynn Gilliam, Natalie Hall, Braden Hole, Madyson Jacomet, Edward Kloecker, Livienne Laug, Zander Lawson, Cooper McClain, Arabella Modschiedler, Harper Moore, Parker Morris, Clint Peters, Levi Plantz, Wyatt Plunkett, Cody Schaefer, Lucy Scott, Colt Sink, Summer Skaggs, Nolan Stewart

5th Grade: Hudson Apple, Hadley Ashburn, Carter Barhorst, Brantley Covault, Jack Cross, Ezekiel Feight, Allison Herron, Mitchell Hess, Allison Masters, Hudson Reck, Anna Renner, Jase Robinson, Blakelee Silvers, Harvey Snyder, Trent Tobe, Addison Weaver

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: Georgie Conaway, Annaleigh Covault, Wyatt Funk, Caleb Giacomo, Rebecca Hart, Leevi Hatfield, Ava Hembree, Alice Hicks, Karis Hines, Preston Jacquemin, Honey Kamboj, Wesley Langston, Reagan Lear, Ellianah Lenox, Payton Lyles, Adeline McAtee, Reid McCord, Quinten Monnin, Oliver Ouellette, Logan Pemberton, Eva Reck, Jason Richmond, Marie Sagona, Cole Sandlin, Sadie Sarver, Joshua Siders, Rhett Sink, Iris Stoner, Emmitt Taylor, Silas Taylor, Joseph Vagedes,

4th Grade: Savannah Bettis, Elijah Brown, Kyler Carey, Grace Clark, Oakley Cochran, Genevieve Cross, Peyton Frock, Jasmine Hicks, Aiden Martin, Adam McMaken, Emma McQuinn, Graham Morrow, Wesley Parke, Braxton Potts, Nevaeh Price, Bryson Pritchard, Kaiden Pulaski, Brody Roeth, Olivia Sprinkle, Eve Stringfield, Jamie Wise, Adelynn Wright-O'Dell

5th Grade: Jaxson Adkison, Alyvia Browder, Carson Bryant, Ayden Cheatle, Liam Cline, Adeline Gibson, Summer Hildreth, Kaitleigh Kisner, Cheyenne McMillion, Breanna Miller, Rhia Moore, Greyson Oberlander, Avery Rue, Summer Shoffner, Gillian Snyder, Madilyn Tackett, Kelli Warner, Holly Wood