



April 5, 2019

High School UIL Competition Places Overall Runner-Up

Congratulations to our High School UIL Academic teams for receiving Runner-Up District Champs during the District 25A Academic Meet held Monday, March 25th and Wednesday, March 27th! Pictured is Mrs. Sonya Lanham, our HS UIL Coordinator and District Director for the meet, along side Mrs. Lora McFarland, our OAP Director and Speech Coach. Mrs. McFarland's speech team also brought home the Speech Team Champion plaque for the second year in a row. A big thank you to all our staff who assisted with the meet, we could not successfully host our academic meet without everyone pitching in and working together.

Thanks to all the students who participated in this meet. Everyone did a super job! The following students placed in their competition.

Computer Applications

Kolton Kennedy 3rd
Kollin Howard 6th

Headline Writing

Nicole Eide 2nd

Mathematics

Megan Hertnick 5th

Science

Oliver Dixon 4th
Emma Weatherford 6th

Team Placed 2nd

Copy Editing

Brianna Wilkerson 3rd
Payton Ownbey 6th

Computer Science

Orion Peel 1st
Ashley Todd 6th

Feature Writing

Baylee Casillas 2nd

Science Top Scorers

Oliver Dixon Biology

Prose Interpretation

Challee Schuman 2nd
Katelyn George 5th

Poetry Interpretation

Nicole Eide 1st
Kelsey McLain 2nd
Ethan Ramirez 3rd

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Maia Pena 1st



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 4:30p BB HERE vs Avalon* 4:30p SB HERE vs Avalon*	3	4	5 All Day End - 5th Six Weeks 1:20p Early Dismissal 4:30p SB @ Grandview 6:30p BB @ Itasca*	6
7	8 All Day HS Track District 20 Meet @ Hico All Day Start - 6th Six Weeks 7:00p School Board Meeting	9 All Day STAAR Testing 4th/7th Writing All Day STAAR Testing 5th/8th Math All Day STAAR Testing English I 4:30p BB @ Abbott* 4:30p SB @ Avalon*	10 All Day STAAR Testing 5th/8th Reading	11 All Day Report Card Distribution All Day STAAR Testing English 5:30 Info Expo & Report Card Night	12 4:30p BB HERE vs Kopperl* 4:30p SB HERE vs Frost* Elem. UIL Field Trip	13
14	15 All Day HS Track Area Meet @ Hico All Day TX Reads One Book Kick Off 6:30a Student Council Convention	16 4:30p BB @ Avalon*	17 8:30a Field Trip - 4th Grade	18 8:30a Field Trip - 5th Grade	19 All Day Bad Weather Make-up Day 4:30p BB HERE vs Blum* 5:30p SB @ Italy*	20
21 Happy Easter	22 All Day Bad Weather Make-Up Day	23 4:30p BB HERE vs Milford 5:00-6:00p Poetry Hour in the Library 6:00p Band Spring Concert & Banquet	24 5th Grade Field Trip	25 8:00a Field Trip - Student Council 7-12 Leadership Day	26 All Day HS Regional Meet @ Huntsville All Day Progress Report Distribution	27 All Day HS Regional Meet @ Hunt
28	29	30 All Day NHS Chicago Trip	1 All Day NHS Chicago Trip	2 All Day NHS Chicago Trip	3 All Day NHS Chicago Trip	4 All Day NHS Chicago Trip

Covington Ag Students Post Signs



New district signs were installed in front of each building entrance.

Thanks to Mr. Evans, Mr. Burgess, and the Ag Project students for cutting the signs and getting them painted!! Thank you to our maintenance guys, Dave and Justin, for painting the frames and helping with the install.

These make a great addition to our campus!



2019-2020 Varsity Cheer Squad

Tryouts for the Varsity cheer squad were held on March 9th. Thirteen contestants tried out and ten made the team.

Our 2020 cheer squad will be Baylee Casillas, Megan Hertneck, Maia Pena, Kaley Cockerham, Kaylea Davis, Erin Livingston, Shelbie Williams, Deisy Navarro, Alexis Carr, Bailey Woodlee, Mascot: Haleigh Cawthon. The cheer squad will be attending a cheer camp at Tarleton State University on June 11th-13th.

One-Act Play with Mrs. McFarland

Covington High School's OAP competed in district competition at Hillsboro High School on March 7th. During the award ceremony following the competition, Nicole Eide received All Star Cast, Oliver Dixon and Darrah Gomes, Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and Challee Schuman, All Star Crew. Congratulations to Mrs. McFarland and the cast for an outstanding job.



OWLstanding Students

Covington Elementary focuses on positive characteristic traits for the 2018-2019 school year. Each week a different positive characteristic word will be spotlighted. Teachers select students performing the acts of the characteristic words each week. Our characteristic words for this month have been determination, responsibility, opportunity, and personal compass. The following students received OWLstanding student awards for this month. It is a great feeling knowing students can stand out by doing the right things.

DETERMINATION	RESPONSIBILITY	OPPORTUNITY	PERSONAL COMPASS
Paityn Day	Jaxxon Holland	Noralee Long	April Gross
Xander Cordova	Mason Hauk	Caine Solis	Caylee Jones
Payton Reese	Judah Valverde	James Clingerman	Jeremiah Lopez
Emmalee Akin	Cooper Wenninger	Keith Karlicek	Riley Miller
Alice Haffner	Kylee Carter	Daulten Gonzales	Jaxon Valverde
Trevor Williams	Lillian Jordon	Landon Day	Rhodey Gann
Karlee Sorensen	McKenzie Bevans	Meridian Stewart	Skyler Beasley
Logan Newburn	Sawyer Ownbey	Ethan Mills	Parker Jordon

Covington High School Prom

Juniors and Seniors will enjoy a set back in time on Saturday, April 20, 2019. This year's prom theme will be the Great Gatsby with the Roaring '20s in mind. Parents and others can enjoy watching prom goers make their entry into the past. Prom will be held in Itasca, Texas at the Hilco Event Center from 7 to 11 pm. Plan to arrive early if you plan on peeking into the past. Covington ISD hopes all who are attending have a great and safe evening. Please contact Mrs. Karlicek or Coach Davis for more details.



Covington High School Track & Field Results:

Seniors Klay Howard and Gerardo Cipres led the Covington High School Boys' Track and Field Team on the track on Saturday, March 30, 2019 as Klay won Gold in both the 3200 Meters and the 1600 Meters. Gerardo won Silver in both the 3200 Meters and 1600 Meters. With cold and windy conditions on Saturday, Klay turned-in a winning time of 10:27.24 in the 3200 Meters and Gerardo placed second with a time of 10:32.34. Klay's winning time in the 1600 Meters was 4:53.66, while Gerardo finished a close second with a time of 4:54.09. Upon completing the 1600 M Run, both Klay Howard and Gerardo Cipres ran the third and anchor legs respectfully, on the Owl 4x400 Meter Relay. The 4x400 M relay team, which also included lead leg Chance Meek and Kolton Kennedy received the Bronze Medal at the All A's Track Meet in Hico with a time of 3:54.22. The Mike Ferguson All A's Track & Field Championships were a first for Hico as host. The All- Class 1A Division Meet welcomed teams from the area – a pre-area meet, of sorts. Covington finished second in the over-all team standings with 98 points, only three points behind meet Champion Oakwood who scored 101 points. District rival Blum finished third with 66.5 points. The All A's Meet saw teams from Regions III and IV, to include: Granfills Gap, New Castle, Cherokee, Iredell, Kopperl, Penelope, Morgan, Buckholts, Mount Calm, Oglesby, and Gholson. Covington concludes the invitational portion of their season and now enters Championship Season. The Owls now set their sights on the District 25 A-Championships with a vision of winning the District Crown. "This is an exciting time of the track season." states Head Boys' Coach Juaquin Rodriguez. "Only the top four in each event will advance to the area meet. I am excited about our chances in several events. Blum is always a strong competitor but we aren't looking to back down in our hunt of hopefully bringing the District 25 A-Championship to our cozy nook here in Covington." Seniors Klay Howard, Gerardo Cipres, Devin Ray, and Aaron LaFountain will compete in their last District Track & Field Meet and will look to lead the Owls at the District Championship. The District 25-1A Meet will be hosted by Hico ISD at the Hico High School track, Hico, Texas on Monday, April 8.

The following are the remaining results from the All-As Track Meet:

110 M Hurdles

Hayden Burt 18.56 5th Place

300 M Hurdles

Chance Meek 46.74 2nd Place

Hayden Burt 48.43 4th Place

4x200 M Relay

Chance Meek 1:41.28 3rd Place

Kolton Kennedy

Josh Smith

Makiah Cserfoi



Shot Put

Craig Johnson 38-8 3rd Place

Anthony McRae 37-1 ½ 4th Place

Discuss

Craig Johnson 111-5 1st Place

Anthony McRae 103-11 4th Place

Covington's Theatrical Design Competition

By S. Klawunn

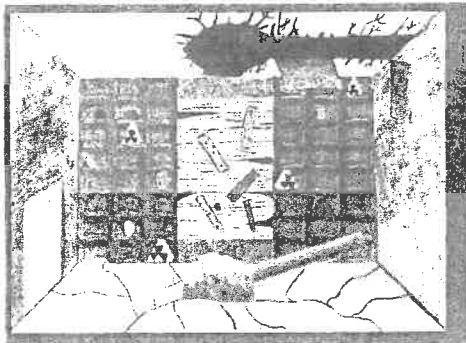
The results from our very first ever, Theatrical Design Competition:

Marlee Duran (costume design), David Knox (set design), and Emma Weatherford (costume design) received Distinguished Merit ratings for their entries into the competition.

Alexis Carr (hair & makeup design), Haven Mannis (hair & makeup design), and Elizabeth Kintz (set design) received Honor ratings for their entries into the competition.

For reference, Exemplary = 1st place and progresses to state. Distinguished Merit = 2nd place, and Honor = 3rd place.

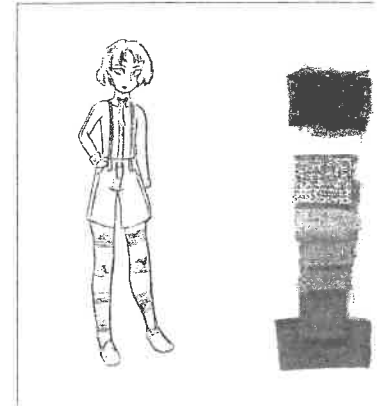
The challenge for the competition was to design costumes, sets, and hair & makeup for the play "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". The designs had to be original and not like anything that had been designed before.



David Knox
The Chocolate Room



Emma Weatherford
The Bucket Family



Marlee Duran
Oompa Loompa

STAAR Testing Dates Set

April 9th - 4th/7th Writing, 5th/8th Math, English I

April 10th - 5th/8th Reading

April 11th - English II

May 6th-10th - STAAR EOC (HS only - dates TBD)

May 13th - 3rd/4th/6th/7th Math, 5th/8th Math Retest

May 14th - 3rd/4th/6th/7th Reading, 5th/8th Reading Retest

May 15th - 5th/8th Science

May 16th - 8th Social Studies

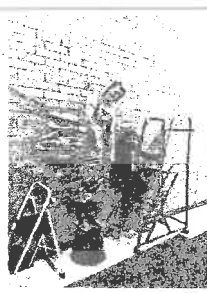
Gifted and Talented

Covington's Gifted and Talented Program testing is currently underway for entry into the Gifted and Talented Program. Any student in grades K through 8th who was nominated by a parent or teacher will need to compile a portfolio of student's work. Items such as art work, photographs of items done, writings by the child, record of problem solving, and/or unique recognitions of child's performance ideas are needed to build a portfolio. Contact Mrs. Plants for more information. Parents of students meeting the criteria for the program will be notified over the summer by mail.

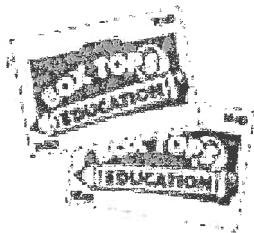
Library News

March Book Fair

The March bookfair was a roaring good time. The library raised over \$600.00 in our Duct Tape the Principal Fundraiser. The money raised purchased \$300.00 in fun books for the library and \$300.00 in outdoor plants for our Outdoor Commons area. Thank you, Mrs. Edens for being such a great participant in this fundraiser. Also, Mrs. Plants would like to thank all parents, teachers, students of all grades for contributing to the library.



After school students help plant plants in the Outdoor Commons



Don't Forget to Turn in Your BoxTops for Education. The class with the most will have a popcorn party.

Texas Reads One Book

Once again, we are proud to be included in this unique statewide opportunity. Jason Garrett, Head Coach of the Dallas Cowboys leads the charge with a huge Texas style kick-off on April 15, 2019 as Texas Reads One Book! Coach Garrett reads the first chapter via exclusive video cast — then each of the families in our community reads a chapter together at home every night. Students will receive the "Friendship According to Humphrey" book as well as enjoy some in-school activities.

Our book is about friendship and poetry. The library will be holding a Poetry Hour after school on April 23rd, between 5 and 6 pm. Please come visit, we will have poetry centers, open mic for poetry reading, and freshly popped popcorn.



No Time For Library Visits

Do you feel like there is never time for a library visit? Truthfully, many high school students feel this way. But, guess what? Technology has help for those wanting to read books for fun. Try going to the library webpage at <https://destiny.esc11.net/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home> and clicking on the following eBook links.

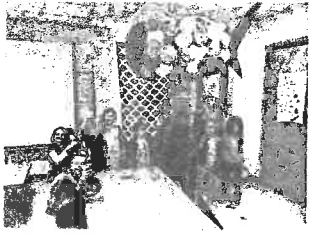
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Morning Creations in the Library

Students in 1st through 8th grade will be offered the option of spending time in the library on Tuesday mornings before school to explore, learn, and create. Mrs. Plants will have items out to work at tables, or a student can work on a project they are passionate about, or just work on homework. There is a limited space for 20 students. Students should eat breakfast before asking Mrs. Bradshaw for a Morning Creation's pass.

Classroom News



Mrs. Manning's Kindergarten Class

Kindergarten has been studying the ocean. They have studied jellyfish, sharks, whales, sea turtles, and seahorses. They have written facts for each sea animal and turned our room into an aquarium. They even made an ocean. Kindergarten has enjoyed learning about the ocean.

Mrs. Benton's First Grade

First graders are learning about sequencing and money. They will be going to Casa Manana in May to see the Wizard of Oz. The students have been working hard to learn their sight words and getting their AR goals.

Mrs Hardin's Second Grade

Second graders have been busy learning about measurement in math. They are able to code more complex words using Saxon Spelling techniques. They have learned about the solar system and why we have day and night. We are getting ready for Info/Expo night and looking forward to the AR field trip.

Mrs. Weaver's Third Grade

Four students in Mrs. Weaver's class have completed Imagine Math. Way to go, Alice Haffner, Ricki Gonzales, Jaxon Valverde, and Colton Nickell. Wow!!!

Science with Mrs. Nickell

The fourth through sixth grade science classes are finishing their studies of ecosystems and environments. They have been learning all about inherited traits, learned behaviors, and instincts. 5th grade will take their science STAAR test on May 15th.

6th graders have started their final unit, "The Study of the Cell". With this, they have learned to determine blood types with antigens. They will be introduced to 7th grade Science vocabulary in the coming 6 weeks to prepare them for Junior High Science.

Student Council

This is a busy time for Student Council. Sixteen members will be going to Arlington on April 15th for the state convention. This will be a great experience to meet and speak with other STUCO members around the state. This year out of 145 entries Covington was chosen to present 2 table talks. We will be speaking on the Clothing Closet project and the Veteran's Day Ceremony. We are also planning activities for Open House, Staff Appreciation, and Leadership Day. A reminder that the Student Council Store has snack items for sale and beverages. Snack items can only be purchased after high school lunch. Come by and see our selection including our clearance bucket with items for 25 cents.

April is Poetry Month

Some of our favorite websites include the following:

Poets.org—includes poem-a-day and can be browsed by poet or poem. <https://www.poets.org/>

BBC Out Loud—poets perform their own work. It is no longer being updated, but still has great content. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/poetry/outloud/>

Poetry Everywhere (PBS) with Garrison Keillor—includes a short biography of the poet and the poets read their own poetry. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/poetryeverywhere/>

Take a peek at some poetry and get inspired to write one for Poetry Hour on April 23rd at the library.



Covington Owl Baseball

Head Coach: Cody Davis

Assistant: Phillip Dutton

Date	Day	Team	H/A	Type	Time
4-5	Fri	Itasca	A	District	6:30
4-9	Tue	Abbott	A	District	4:30
4-12	Fri	Kopperl	H	District	4:30

Covington Ladies Softball

Head Coach: Debbie Patton

Assistant: Charles Steel



Date	Day	Team	H/A	Time
4-5	Fri	Grandview JV	A	4:30

Covington Junior High School Track and Field

Covington Junior High School competed in the District 25-1A Track & Field Championships on Thursday, March 28 in Hico. The Young Owls racked up 112.5 points and finished 3rd in the team standings behind Blum and Iredell. Seventh Grader Joseph Willman took the meet's first Gold Medal by claiming the **2400 M Run** in 9:21. Caleb Cockerham finished 4th with a time of 11:27. Following are meet results:

200 M Dash:

Timothy Gatton 1st 26.38
Brazos Stewart 5th 28.28

400 M Dash:

Calob Smith 1st 1:07.46

4x100 M Relay:

Caleb Cockerham 4th 1:002.40
Isaiah Jennings
Trinity Berry
Cory Gilchrest

4x200 M Relay:

Joseph Willman 2nd 1:50.28
Calob Smith
Brazos Stewart
Timothy Gatton

4x400 M Relay:

Timothy Gatton 2nd
Calob Smith
Brazos Stewart
Joseph Willman

Long Jump:

Timothy Gatton 4th 15-1

Shot Put:

Kyler Martindale 4th 32-0
Dawson Ray 5th 30-3

High Jump:

Timothy Gatton 3rd 4-8
Calob Smith 4th 4-4

Discuss:

Kyler Martindale 3rd 86-5
Dawson Ray 4th 78—2 ¾

Pole Vault:

C.J. Lightfoot 4th 6-3
Cash Barnes 5th 6-0

The completion of the 2019 District Track & Field Meet marks the end of the competitive athletics season for the young Covington Owls. The Owls went undefeated in football and won the District Championship. The Young Runnin' Owls finished third overall in the team standings in cross-country; however had the District 25 Individual Champion in Joseph Willman, as well as the District Individual Runner-Up Champion, Brazos Stewart. Both are seventh graders, optimistic, as the Covington Cross Country Program has big shoes to fill at the end of the year with standouts Klay Howard and Gerardo Cipres scheduled to graduate. Covington Junior High Basketball finished as the District Runner Up Champion. Covington coaches are excited about seeing these students/athletes work during the off-season as the eighth grade class enters their high school year and hope to see these young men compete at an even higher level in high school. "We are so proud of each and every one of our junior high students/athletes", stated Head Boys' Track Coach Jaquin Rodriguez. "I loved how our guys competed and appreciate the support and sacrifices, they and their parents/guardians displayed throughout this year."