



December 7, 2018



## 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 this month were Kind and Gratitude. 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.

KIND	KIND	GRATITUDE
Lillian Manning Mia Kaye Azumi Albero Brooke Pulley Clay Carver Anna Roberson Cason Oliver Jason Basye	Mason Miller Mason Hauk Calahan Cunningham Kristopher Kennedy Nathan Jordon Elizabeth Knox Emma Schappaugh Gavin Cater	Noralee Long Maggie Scott Brendan Jones Riley Miller Colton Nickell Tatum Dean Seth Baze

## Coronation Activities to be held on December 15

Coronation will be held on December 15, 2018. The festivities will begin at 4:00 pm. Please be supportive of our nominated Dukes and Duchesses from each grade level as they are raising money out and about our community. This years' nominees are as follows.

Pre K: Alice Knox and Kaleb Nivens, Kindergarten: Jolynn Rhea and Weston Jacob, First Grade: James Clingerman and Estella Eller, Second Grade: Emmalee Akin and Noah Kaye, Third Grade: Caleb Arriaga and Ricki Gonzales, Fourth Grade: Cheyenne Oliver and Garrett Gross, Fifth Grade: Skyler Beasley and Gaven Burt, Sixth Grade: Michaela Stephens and Zachary Basye, Seventh Grade: Daulton Buckaloo and Savannah Akin, Eighth Grade: Kyleigh Stotts and Calob Smith, Ninth Grade: Peyton Heskett and Hayden Burt, Tenth Grade: Cody Williams, Eleventh Grade: Elizabeth Kintz and Makiah Cserfoi, Twelfth Grade: Kinleigh Stotts and Kiay Howard.

On the afternoon of the Coronation, four Queens and Kings are crowned. There is a Queen and King crowned from the elementary (Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), the intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade), junior high school (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and the high school (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>). The Queens and Kings are determined by the amount of money each couple collects.

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# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 HS BB VG/VB @ Avalon Tourn	
2	3 5:30p JH BB HERE	4 6:00p HS BB Here VG/VB	5	6 HS BB VG/VB Covington Tourn	7 Progress Report Distribution HS BB VG/VB Covington Tourn	8 HS BB VG/VB Covington Tourn
9	10 5:30p JH BB HERE 7:00p School Board Meeting	11 5:00p HS BB Here JVB/VB 6:00p *HS BB VG @ Blum	12	13 8:15a FT - 12th Graders Parks Mall	14 6:00p *HS BB Here VG NEHS/StuCo PawPals Food and Supplies Drive Ends	15 4:00p Coronation - Polar Express
16	17 Peppermint Village Gift Shop 5:30p JH BB @ Aquilla	18 Peppermint Village Gift Shop 5:00p *HS BB JVB/VG/VB @ Walnut Springs	19 Peppermint Village Gift Shop	20 Peppermint Village Gift Shop 8:30a Field Trip - Elem STUCO & NEHS	21 Early Dismissal End - 3rd Six Weeks 3:00p *HS BB VG/VB @ Kopperl	22
23	24 School Holiday	25 School Holiday	26 School Holiday	27 School Holiday	28 School Holiday	29

# Poetry

Recently Mrs. Saccardo's ELA class was asked to complete an I am poem. Students were required to fill in the blanks with certain information. A model of the exercise looks as follows. Try creating one of your own.

## FIRST STANZA

I am (2 special characteristics you have)  
I wonder (something of curiosity)  
I hear (an imaginary sound)  
I see (an imaginary sight)  
I want (an actual desire)  
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

## SECOND STANZA

I pretend (something you actually pretend to do)  
I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)  
I touch (an imaginary touch)  
I worry (something that bothers you)  
I cry (something that makes you sad)  
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

## THIRD STANZA

I understand (something that is true)  
I say (something you believe in)  
I dream (something you dream about)  
I try (something you really make an effort about)  
I hope (something you actually hope for)  
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

There were three students who did not mind sharing their poems with everyone.

I am Poem  
By SA

I am caring and kind  
I wonder where is heaven  
I hear angels calling me  
I see angels guarding me  
I want to go see Jesus  
I am caring and kind

I pretend to be like other people  
I feel happy and sad  
I touch my mom's heart  
I worry am I going to pass my classes  
I cry when I get sad  
I am caring and kind

I understand when people cry  
I say I love you  
I dream to become a better person  
I try in school  
I hope to have a good life  
I am caring and kind

I am Poem  
by TG

I am kind and loving  
I wonder if I am living  
I hear a doorbell ringing in the distance  
I see me standing alone in the dark  
I want to feel alive again  
I am kind and loving

I pretend like I have friends  
I feel alone in the dark  
I touch the sound of my voice  
I worry about the feeling of losing somebody  
I cry so loud but no one can hear me  
I am kind and loving

I understand that I am not perfect  
I say stuff I don't mean  
I dream of being happy again  
I try to be normal  
I hope that I don't fail  
I am kind and loving

# Upcoming Elementary and Junior High UIL

Elementary teachers and students have started to practice for the upcoming UIL competition to be held at Kopperl ISD in January. Some of the events your child could participate in are Art, Calculator App, Chess Puzzle, Creative Writing, Dictionary Skills, Editorial Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Listening Skills, Maps, Charts & Graphs, Mathematics, Modern Oratory, Music Memory, Number Sense, Oral Reading, Ready Writing, Social Studies, Spelling, and Storytelling. Please encourage your child to sign up for an event.

Just what is UIL? The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive program of academic competition in the nation. UIL Academics offers more activities than any other UIL division, with 29 contest at the high school level and 20 A+ Academic contest for grades 2-8.

Students, please be sure to contact the teacher in charge of the event you want to participate in.

## Elementary Practice Times

Art 4th-6th	Mondays 3:45-4:30
Calculator App 6th	In class
Chess Puzzle 2nd-3rd	Wednesdays 3:45-4:30
Chess Puzzle 4th-5th	Wednesdays 3:45-4:30
Chess Puzzle 6th	Wednesdays 3:45-4:30
Creative Writing 2nd	In class
Dictionary Skills 5th-6th	Wednesdays 3:45-4:15
Editorial Writing 6th	in class
Impromptu Speaking 6th	in class
Listening 5th-6th	Tuesdays 3:45-4:15
Maps 5th-6th	in class
Mathematics 6th	In class
Modern Oratory 6th	in class
Music Memory 2nd	In class
Music Memory 3rd-4th	Tuesdays 2:00-2:35
Music Memory 5th-6th	In Class
Number Sense 4th-5th	Mondays 3:45 to 4:15
Oral Reading 4th-6th	Wednesdays 4:00-5:00
Ready Writing 3rd-6th	in class
Social Studies 5th-6th	in class
Spelling 3rd-6th	In class
Storytelling 2nd-3rd	Tuesdays 3:45-4:30

## Junior High Practice Times

7th-8th ART	Mondays 3:45-4:30
7th-8th Calculator	Tuesdays 3:45-4:45
6th-8th Chess	Wednesdays 3:45-4:30
7th-8th Dictionary Skills	
7th-8th Editorial Writing	CAMP
6th-8th Impromptu	
7th-8th Listening Skills	
7th-8th Maps	Mondays 3:45-4:45
7th Mathematics	
8th Mathematics	
6th Modern Oratory	
7th-8th Modern Oratory	
6th-8th Music Memory	
7th-8th Number Sense	Wednesdays 3:45-4:45
7th-8th Oral Reading	
7th-8th Ready Writing	CAMP
7th-8th Science	
6th Spelling	
7th-8th Spelling	Thursdays 3:45-4:45
7th-8th Social Studies	Mondays 3:45-4:45

## UIL Notes

The UIL participants are having fun while practicing for their event. Mrs. Hardin would like to thank all the second and third grade students who tried out for the UIL storytelling and chess puzzle events. Only three students are chosen with one alternate. It was hard to choose because they are all awesome in their abilities. Once again thank you very much. We can't win without you!

## 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 - dated TBD)  
May 13th - 3rd/4th/6th Math, 5th/8th Math Retest  
May 14th - 3rd/4th/6th Reading, 5th/8th Reading Retest  
May 15th - 5th/8th Science  
May 16th - 8th Social Studies

## NEHS and ElementaryStuCo Hold Supply Drive For PawPals

National Elementary Honor Society and Elementary Student Council are currently collecting food and supplies for the animals at Paw Pals in Hillsboro. The facility needs cat litter, quality cat food, pedigree dog food, dog collars, dog leashes, dog/cat crates, paper cleaning materials, Clorox, towels, blankets, and dog/cat toys. Please drop off your donations at the elementary office or to Mrs. Nickell before December 14th.

Members of NEHS and elementary StuCo will deliver all donations on December 20th. They will spend the day volunteering in the shelter by bathing, walking, and feeding the animals.

Please Contact Hill County Paw Pals at (254) 580-0679 for all questions regarding pet adoptions. Adoption fees vary, depending on the animal, and start at \$85.00. This covers the cost to sterilize and vaccinate the animals.

Members are looking forward to helping others this holiday season. They will be ringing the bell at Walmart in Cleburne for the Salvation Army on December 20th. Also, they are helping out with the elementary Angel Tree.

## Volunteers Needed

The Athletic Boosters are in need of help in the concession stand during the basketball tournament. If you can volunteer for an hour or two, please contact Mrs. LaFountain or Mrs. McLain at the high school office.



## PIPS program is underway

An exciting new adventure is in the works for students in grades third through sixth. Players in Progress is a program sponsored by Coach Rodriguez that will help younger students with the fundamentals of team sports particularly basketball.

## Covington Angel Tree

Student Council is collecting donations for their Covington Angel Tree. Contact Mrs. Saccardo for more information on how to donate.

## Fundraiser

Covington Athletic Booster Club members are selling t-shirts and Covington flags. T-shirts are \$10.00 and flags are \$20.00. Please contact Mrs. LaFountain for more information. Flags in everyone's yard would be a great way to show our Covington pride.

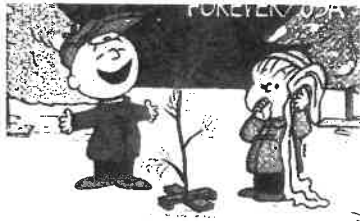


Remember, school will be out for winter holiday from December 24th and will resume at regular hours on January 8th, 2019. Have a safe and happy holiday!

# Library News

## Accelerated Reading Goals Met

Did you meet your AR goal three times this semester? Then you are in for a real treat. For all those dedicated readers, the library has planned a special holiday outing on December 20th. Our trip will consist of a live theatre performance of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at The Plaza Theatre in Cleburne. Students will need to bring a sack lunch to be eaten at The Whistle Stop Park, while we enjoy our afternoon at the park (weather permitting) after the performance.



## BoxTops for Education

All classes are encouraged to donate their BoxTops to the school library. Collecting is really easy, just cut Box Tops from participating products, put them in a baggie, and drop off at the library. Be sure to put the grade level of your donations. Each six weeks any class, PK - 12, turning in the most BoxTops will get a 15-minute Popcorn Break in the library. All funds collected from BoxTops helps fund elementary's end of semesters AR field trips.

## Peppermint Village Gift Shop

The library will be hosting a holiday gift shop. Kids love giving gifts almost as much as receiving them. The Peppermint Village Gift Shop is the answer for childrens' holiday gift giving. The holiday shop makes it easy, safe, and affordable for children to shop from the convenience of their own school for their loved ones. There will be more than 200 items to choose from and gifts are priced from \$.35 to \$14.00. The store will open during school hours on December 17th and closes on December 20th at 3 o'clock. If any parent is wanting to volunteer helping at the gift shop, please contact Mrs. Plants at 254-854-2215 ext. 35.



## National Jr. Honor Society

All National Junior Honor Society members are to turn their service hours sheet to Ms. Saccardo by December 14th.

## Student Council

The annual Covington Food Drive was very successful. There were over 895 pounds of food donated to the Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries Food Bank. Members collected \$1291.40 in cash donations to the Covington Food Bank. Student Council would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's food drive successful.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class won on the elementary side and will get a trip to the zoo this spring. The senior class won on the secondary side and will get a Shop Til You Drop day at Parks Mall in Arlington. Congratulations.

Their next big event is Coronation. The theme this year is Polar Express, Ms. Saccardo and her elves are busy preparing decorations for the event. Student Council will be out all day Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> to complete decorating for Coronation.

The clothing closet that Student Council has organized is coming along. We received a \$500 donation from Hilco to help with our efforts. The biggest need at this time is hangers. If you have any that you can donate, please bring them to Mrs. Saccardo.

They are looking forward to the new year and making preparations for our upcoming convention in April. Happy Holidays to everyone.



# **Classroom News**

## **Mrs. Benton's First Grade**

First graders are learning about an author's purpose and sequencing. They also have been learning about the American symbols . They have been busy preparing for coronation by learning Christmas songs.

## **Mrs. Hardin's Second Grade**

Second graders have been learning how to subtract two-digit numbers with regrouping. They are enjoying the computer program Imagine Math Facts, where they can beat the boss to level up. They are learning about how people lived long ago compared to now. In science, students are learning all about energy, motion, and magnets. The UIL participants are having fun while practicing for their event.

## **Mrs. Weaver's Third Grade**

Third graders will be doing a research project about our solar system. Each student will pick a planet they wish to learn more about then find out interesting facts about it.

## **Science with Mrs. Nickell**

Fourth through sixth grade scientists are learning about forms of energy and simple machines. They have been intently learning through simulation labs and have just about made it halfway through their studies for the year.

## **Junior High Basketball**

The Covington Junior High Boys' Basketball Team tipped-off the 2018-2019 season with a win against northwestern Hill County rival Blum. The Owls defeated the Bobcats 33-24 on it's season opener at home on Monday, November 12th. Tymothy Gatton led all Owl scorers with 23 points, including one 3 pointer and was 2 of 2 from the charity stripe. Dawson Ray chipped in with 6 points, and Calob Smith and Isaiah Jennings each had 2 points.

The Covington grey team won 8-6 against the Iredell B team on Thursday, November 27th at Iredell. Weston Martin led the grey team with 4 points, while Cole Ryder and Joseph Willman each scored 2 points.

Covington blue team fell to Iredell A Team 14-27. Tymothy Gatton again led all Owl cagers with 8 points, and was 2 out of 4 from the free-throw line. Calob Smith scored 6 points, including one 3 pointer, and he was 1 for 2 on free throws. Covington evens it's mark at 1-1 and will host Walnut Springs on Monday night in the Covington Owl Junior High Gym on the Covington campus. Girls game begins at 5:30pm and the Owls Boys will follow.

# Covington Owl Sports



## COVINGTON OWL BASKETBALL 2018-2019



THURS DEC 6 - SAT DEC 8		<i>COVINGTON TOUR</i>		VG/VB		
TUES	DEC 11	*BLUM		VG	AWAY	6:00
TUES	DEC 11	MOODY		JVB/VB	HOME	5:00
FRI	DEC 14	*IREDELL		VG	HOME	6:00
TUES	DEC 18	*WALNUT SPRINGS		JVB/VG/VB	AWAY 5:00	
FRI	DEC 21	*KOPPERL		VG/VB	AWAY 3:00	
FRI	JAN 4	*AQUILLA		JVB/VG/VB	HOME	5:00
TUES	JAN 8	*MORGAN		VG/VB	AWAY 6:00	
FRI	JAN 11	*GHOLSON		JVB/VG/VB	HOME	5:00
TUES	JAN 15	*BLUM		JVB/VG/VB	HOME	5:00
FRI	JAN 18	*IREDELL		JVB/VG/VB	AWAY 5:00	
TUES	JAN 22	*WALNUT SPRINGS		JVB/VG/VB	HOME	5:00
FRI	JAN 25	*KOPPERL		VG/VB	HOME	6:00
TUES	JAN 29	*AQUILLA		JVB/VG/VB	AWAY 5:00	
FRI	FEB 1	*MORGAN		VG/VB	HOME	6:00
TUES	FEB 5	*GHOLSON		JVB/VG/VB	AWAY 5:00	
FRI	FEB 8	*BLUM		JVB/VB	AWAY 6:00	
TUES	FEB 12	*IREDELL		JVB/VB	HOME	6:00

(\* DISTRICT GAMES)

JV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## JUNIOR HIGH OWLS

MON	DEC 10	KOPPERL	HOME	5:30
MON	DEC 17	AQUILLA	AWAY 5:30	
THUR	JAN 10	MORGAN	HOME	5:30
MON	JAN 14	GHOLSON	AWAY 5:30	
SAT	JAN 19	<i>COVINGTON TOURNAMENT</i>		
THUR	JAN 24	BLUM	AWAY 5:30	
THUR	JAN 31	GHOLSON	HOME	5:30
THUR	FEB 7	AQUILLA	HOME	5:30

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### Basketball Players Awarded

Covington varsity Owls picked up a little hardware at the Avalon Tourney on December 1, 2018. The team won 2 out of 3 for consolation! Keep flying! GoOwls!

