



October 5, 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 United, Expectations, Loyal, and Character. 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.

UNITED	EXPECTATIONS	LOYAL	CHARACTER
April Gross Caisley Oliver Jaxon Patton Keith Karlicek Daulten Gonzales Trevor Williams Keira Lidster Jacey Hubbard	Haiden Stotts Braden Reitz Kinlee Cowen Justin Day Alice Haffner Cheyenne Oliver Savannah Garcia Liyah Hicks	Jack Foxworth Caylee Jones Gracee Meek Aaron Solis Tatum Abrego Ricki Gonzales Ivan Duran Sawyer Ownbey	Jaxson Reese Gwendolyn Holland Estella Eller Sophia Eller Pheonix Mathis Landon Day Tina Beasley Maddox Abrego



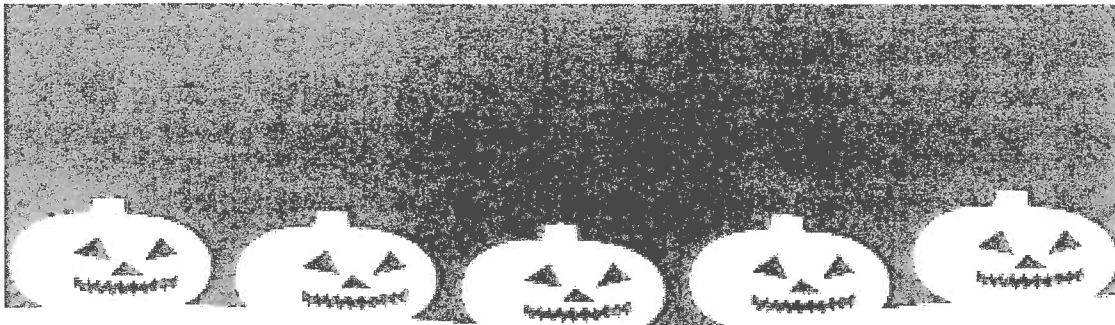
### Celebrate Freedom Week

Covington Elementary students memorized the Declaration of Independence and quoted it over the intercom during "Celebrate Freedom Week."

During the week of September 17th, the Texas Education Agency encourages all students and American to learn about the importance of our Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Mrs. Nickell's classes took on the task of memorizing a portion of The Declaration of Independence.

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Student Holiday 5:30p Mini Cheer Practice 5:30p JH VB @ Milford	2 5:00p HS VB HERE* 5:30p HS VB @ HERE*	3 8:00a Field Trip - HS to State Fair	4 Report Card Distribution JH/HS Open House/Report Cards 5:30p JH FB HERE	5 CC @ Dallas Jesuit HS 7:30p HS FB @ Penelope	6
7	8 6:30 CC Pre District Dinner 5:30p Mini Cheer Practice 5:30p JH VB HERE* 7:00p School Board Meeting	9 5:30p HS VB @ Blum*	10 CC JH/HS District 25-1A HERE 8:00a PSAT 11th & 12th	11 9:00a Shot Clinic 5:30p JH FB HERE*	12 7:30p HS FB HERE* 2:50p HS Pep Rally	13 10:00a HS VB HERE*
14	15 5:30p Mini Cheer Practice 5:30p JH VB HERE*	16 9:00a Vision Screenings 5:30p HS VB @ Bynum*	17 8:00a UIL Marching Contest	18 5:30p JH FB @ Blum* 8:30a PK-1st Field Trip to Mai	19 7:30p HS FB HERE* 2:50p HS Pink Out Pep Rally	20 10:00a HS VB HERE*
21	22 CC Region IV Meet 5:30p Mini Cheer Practice 5:30p JH VB HERE*	23 5:30p HS VB @ Avalon	24 8:30a 11th & 12th Career Day	25 5:30p JH FB HERE* 2:50p JH Pep Rally	26 7:30p HS FB @ Aquilla*	27
28	29 Book Fair 5:30p Mini Cheer Practice 5:30p JH VB HERE*	30 Book Fair	31 Book Fair Elementary Book character Dress Up Day	1 Book Fair Lunch with Loved Ones	2 Book Fair	



# School-Wide News

## CISD Athletic Booster Club

Covington's Athletic Booster Club is selling Hoodies!! Please see Mrs. McLain in the High School office for your order form. Sales will be until October 10th.

## Junior High and High School Open House

Open House was held on October 4, 2018, at the high school for all 7th through 12th graders. Parents picked up their child's report card and visited with the teachers. Cookies and punch were served.

## Senior Poet

Covington senior, Haven Meek, is making her mark in the literary world. Her poem, "Through My Eyes" will be published in American Library of Poetry's 2018 student collection book. You can view Haven reading her poem at [cleburntimesreview.com](http://cleburntimesreview.com).



## Covington ISD After School Program

Many are aware that as of July 31, 2018, Covington ISD is no longer eligible for the federally funded ACE after school program.

However, the administration and Board of Trustees have developed a replacement for this program. The details for the new after school program are as follows:

**Start Date:** August 27, 2018

**Fees:** FREE to Covington ISD students!! (There may come a time when a fee will be charged but at this time we are able to offer it as a free service.)

**Times:** Monday through Thursday 3:35-5:30. Snacks will be served.

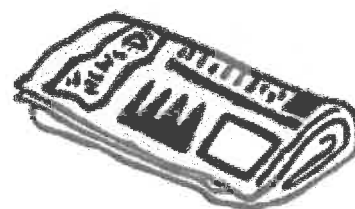
**Transportation:** In order to allow the district to offer this free option to our students we will NOT be able to provide transportation home in the evenings. **Students must be picked up at 5:30.** A late charge of \$5.00 per minute will be charged to parents after this time.

**Note:** This program is designed as a service in order for our students to have a safe place to go until parents can pick them up. We have had to scale back our staff in order to offer this free service. **Therefore, the students will have a place to work on their homework, but staff will not be available for individual homework help so please do not expect that your child will have homework finished when they get home.**

## Student Volunteers Needed

Do you have an interest in school wide happenings? Would you like to participate more in spreading interesting news and activity information around the school and community? Volunteer to write articles for our school newspaper! Our newspaper helps inform students and parents of important information about our school. It also highlights students who are making a difference in our school.

If you are truly interested in submitting written articles please stop by the library. Mrs. Plants would love to have student reporters for 'The Hoot.'



## Blood Drive

Covington held a blood drive on September 19, 2018. Nurse Lacey stated "We had an amazing turnout! There were 34 people to sign in, with only 4 deferrals. (people who could NOT donate) We had 28 units of blood collected which can save up to 84 lives. We did have a student who donated doubles & did great! Thank you for everyone's help in saving lives!"

## Shot Clinic

Covington will host a shot clinic on October 11, 2018, from 9 am to 12 pm. This shot clinic is not just for our staff and students, but also for the community. Stop by the high school gym corridor to receive any of the following: flu, pneumonia, shingles (50+), Tdap (children have to have parent present to sign consent). Be sure to bring your insurance card. There will be a charge for shots not covered by insurance.

## High School Announcement Fun

Do you think you have what it takes to make Saccardo laugh? If you would like a chance sign up on her door. Every Friday during announcements you can go head to head against her. Ten dad jokes each. First one to laugh loses. See if you can make Saccardo laugh.

## Upcoming Covington Tradition

Coronation is a long tradition at CISD, no one knows the origins of our annual Coronation/Carnival. Originally it was held in the fall after the farmers got their crops in and had a little extra money. Through the years, monies raised have been used to purchase many items for our students such as scholarships, playground equipment, athletic uniforms, digital sign in front of school, and classroom items.

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 Estelita 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 Jeremiah Cunningham, Seventh Grade: Daulton Buckaloo and Savannah Akin, Eighth Grade: Kyleigh Stotts and Calob Smith, Ninth Grade: Peyton Heskett and Hayden Burt, Tenth Grade: Samantha Baack and Cody Williams, Eleventh Grade: Elizabeth Kintz and Makiah Cserfol, Twelfth Grade: Kinleigh Stotts and Klay Howard.

On the aftermpm 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. All of the money collected goes to the school and is used for scholarships, the educational field trip to Austin for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas History class, and any other unfunded projects for all students. The money is to be turned in at the administration office the morning of the day of Coronation and is counted by the Superintendent, Principals, and school board members.

Kindergarten students serve as attendants to the Queens and Kings. It is a formal occasion. Therefore, the Dukes and boy attendants wear suits and the Duchesses and girl attendants wear formal dresses. When the Queens and Kings are crowned, they are robed with a long satin train trimmed in silver. The Queens receive a tiara and the Kings a scepter that they may keep as a memento of their reign. The robes, tiaras, scepters, and satin and laced pillows that are used by the attendants to carry the tiaras will be provided by the school.



## Student Council News

Student Council members have been off to a great start. They have elected new officers. Kinleigh Stotts is President, Armando Duron is Vice President, Haleigh Cawthorn is Secretary, Giovanni Duran is Treasurer and Erin Livingston is Historian. They have already been out and about helping. Members helped with the blood drive and will be assisting with the upcoming Flu Shot Clinic. The mentors have been helping new students at our school. They are also still collecting clothes and shoes for our community clothes closet. We hope to have it up and running by the end of October.



Student Council is also busy preparing for Coronation. This year's theme will be The Polar Express. We are excited to let Covington see our plans.

Don't forget Student Council has drinks including water, sports drinks and water flavoring packets as well as school supplies available all day. A variety of snacks and chocolate bars can be purchased after high school lunch. See Ms. Saccardo.

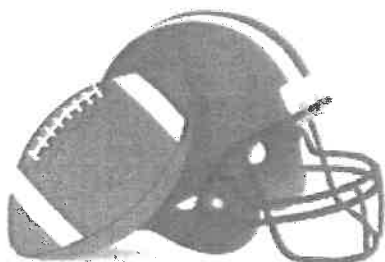


Lexi Useton and Megan Hertneck help at the Blood Drive

# Sports Highlights

2018 McNeil Cross Country Invitational September 29, 2018	Waco Cross Country Invitational September 20, 2018	Covington Owl Invitational September 12, 2018	Covington Owl Invitational September 12, 2018
<b>Varsity Boys 5K Run</b> Klay Howard 69 Gerardo Cipres 403 Makiah Cserfoi 840 Austin Windham 534 Hayden Burt 637	<b>Varsity Boys 3 Mile 5-6A</b> Klay Howard 2 Gerardo Cipres 6 Makiah Cserfoi 24 Austin Windham 66 Hayden Burt 71 Chance Meek 72 Kollin Howard 76 Ezekiel Davidson 78	<b>Varsity Boys 3 Mile</b> Klay Howard 1 Gerardo Cipres 2 Hayden Burt 43 Austin Windham 53 Kollin Howard 72 Jeffory Taylor (75)	<b>Junior High Boys 3 Mile</b> Chance Meek 26 Ezekiel Davidson 30 Elijah Atkins 31 David Malone 43 Cody Williams 44 Bubba Casillas 51 Orion Peel 61
<b>Varsity Girls 2 Mile Run</b> Kyndel Basye 579 Peyton Heskett 600	<b>Varsity Boys 3 Mile 1-4A</b> Cody Williams 35 Oliver Dixon 36 David Malone 39	<b>Varsity Girls 2 Mile</b> Valerie Cipres 2 Kaley Cockerham 69 Kyndel Basye 74 Peyton Heskett 79	<b>Junior High Boys 2 Mile</b> Joseph Willman 19 Tymothy Gatton 33 Brazos Stewart 38 Calob Smith 93 CJ Lightfoot 120 Caleb Cockerham (140) Isaiah Jennings (184) Kyler Martindale (188) Cole Ryder (193)
Covington Varsity Boys lined up at the starting line of the GOLD Division Race at McNeil Invitational down at Round Rock.	<b>Varsity Girls 3 Mile 5-6A</b> Valerie Cipres 8  <b>Varsity Girls 2 Mile 1-4A</b> Peyton Heskett 31		<b>Junior High Girls 2 Mile</b> Macie Gross 91 Savannah Akin 214
	Medal Winners at Waco Cross Country Invitational		
Pic L-R Hayden Burt, freshman; Klay Howard; Makiah Cserfoi, Austin Windham, and Gerardo Cipres			
	Pic L-R Valerie Cipres, Gerado Cipres, and Klay Howard		

## Homecoming Highlights



# Library News

## Accelerated Reading Goals

ALL students will read books meeting their AR reading level unless otherwise changed by the teacher.

Kindergarten will check out at least one fiction and/or nonfiction book on the LG interest level. First through third graders are to read Lower Grade (LG) interest level books. These books are more appropriate in vocabulary and context.

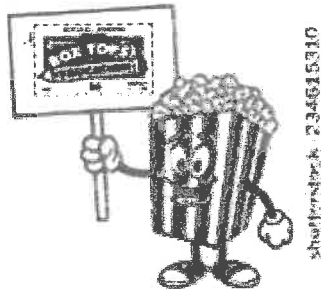
Students in K-3 will not be permitted to read Middle Grade (MG) interest level books even if they are on their level unless approved by teacher.

Grades 4 – 5 will read books on their assigned reading level with the LG and/or MG interest level AR. Remember each student should be checking-out at least 1 chapter book.

After they have reached their AR Goal, students in grades fourth and fifth may check out books at their reading level and above on the LG and/or MG category.

Grade 6 will read books on their assigned reading level with the MG interest level. They may choose books from the high school area with the MG level with approval from teacher.

After sixth grade students have reached their AR Goal, students may check out books at their reading level and above on the MG interest level.



## BoxTops for Education

All classes are encouraged to donate their BoxTops to the school library. Collecting is really easy, just cut BoxTops 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.

## Covington's Enchanted Forest Book Fair

Please mark your calendars for this fun-filled week. Come enjoy our fairy tale of books and discover your story. The library will be hosting its fundraising Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 29th through November 2nd.

There will be many activities throughout the week.

**Monday** will be our "Make a Wish Day," each class will fill out their wish list to be presented to parents and loved ones.

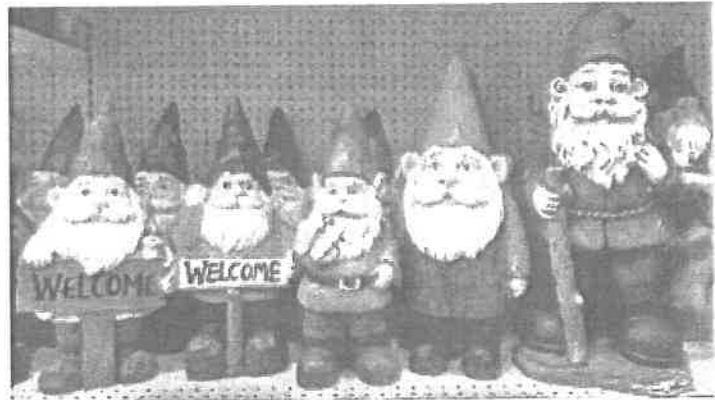
**Tuesday** will be a shopping day. Don't forget to stop by the wishing well to help grant a book for a teacher and their classroom.

**Wednesday**, we will have an early morning with our "Wonderful Wednesday with Dad" Bring Dad and enjoy a berry wonderful breakfast.

**Thursday**, the cafeteria will be serving a delicious lunch for "Lunch with Loved Ones." Be sure to take a hike to the Enchanted Forest Book Fair for a after lunch fairy tale.

**Friday** will be the last day of the book fair. Be like the squirrels and pick up your winter reads now.

If any parent or student would like to volunteer time to decorate or help during the fair, please contact Mrs. Plants at 254-854-2215 ext. 35 or [karen.plants@covingtonisd.org](mailto:karen.plants@covingtonisd.org).



## Reading BINGO

Elementary students are being encouraged to participate in "Reading Bingo." Each AR folder has a Bingo card in it. The rules to the game are as follows.

1. Must read a suggestion from each square on the Bingo card.
2. Must pass AR Quiz with a 70 or higher.
3. All books must have a different title.
4. All books read must be on your AR level.
5. Must write the title of book and score achieved on back of the card.
6. Must have a parent, teacher, or librarian sign each item finished.

The game involves reading books from different dewey numbers. For example, reading a book from the 700s or a book about a holiday.

Once the student gets a Bingo, they bring their folder to the librarian for verification that they have completed the Bingo. They will receive a prize from the prize box. If the student completes the whole Bingo card before the end of the year, they will get a FREE ice cream or slushy card to spend at the cafeteria.

## Classroom News

### Mrs. Manning's Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had wonderful first six weeks!! We are ready to learn and read. We will start reading groups in October and we are also looking forward to our first field trip.

### Mrs. Benton's First Grade

First graders have been learning how to order numbers in Math. They have been learning what it takes to be a scientist.

Students enjoyed making scarecrows for their door and are hoping that we win the contest. The class is looking forward to their first field trip of the year, they will be going to Mainstay Farm in a few weeks.

### Second Grade with Mrs. Hardin

Second graders enjoyed their performance practices of their class play. They also enjoyed some free time in the library during "Tinker Thursday."



### Ms. Weaver's Third Grade

ALL of the 3rd graders earned their AR points for the 1st Six Weeks. Yea!!! They were the only whole class grade to achieve this goal. It's great to be readers!

### Science with Mrs. Nickell

The fourth through sixth graders are well into their school year. Students have been increasing their knowledge on Science matters. Students have completed the history of science, science tools and safety, learned all about the metric system and SI Units, as well as how technology, models, and simulations have contributed to the latest scientific innovations. Students and Mrs. Nickell are anxiously preparing for the introduction to Matter and Energy, where much hands-on experiences will begin.

### Upcoming Elementary UIL

Elementary teachers are gearing up to recruit students to participate in 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. Practices will begin around the middle of October.

## October is Wear Pink on Wednesdays

Every Wednesday during the month of October, we will wear pink at Covington ISD. Why? Students and staff hope to raise awareness of breast cancer. This disease tears apart the lives of many families.

Please visit the National Breast Cancer Foundation website at

<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>, for more information on other ways to raise awareness of this heartbreaking disease. We will be wearing pink in October. Will you join us?

# Covington Owl Sports

## Covington Owl Football

OCTOBER 5	PENELOPE	AWAY	7:30
OCTOBER 12	*ABBOTT	AWAY	7:30
OCTOBER 19	*BLUM	HOME	7:30
OCTOBER 26	*AQUILLA	AWAY	7:30
NOVEMBER 2	OPEN		
NOVEMBER 9	*GHOLSON (SR. NIGHT)	HOME	7:30

### JUNIOR HIGH

OCTOBER 4	PENELOPE	HOME	5:30
OCTOBER 11	*ABBOTT	HOME	5:30
OCTOBER 18	*BLUM	AWAY	5:30
OCTOBER 25	*AQUILLA	HOME	5:30
NOVEMBER 1	OPEN		
NOVEMBER 8	*GHOLSON	AWAY	5:30

## Covington Lady Owls Volleyball

FRI	OCT 5	OPEN			
TUES	OCT 9	*BLUM	JV,V	AWAY	5:30
SAT	OCT 13	*MILFORD	JV,V	HOME	10:00
TUES	OCT 16	*BYNUM	JV,V	AWAY	5:30
SAT	OCT 20	*ITALY	JV,V	HOME	10:00
TUES	OCT 23	*AVALON	JV,V	AWAY	5:30

### JUNIOR HIGH LADY OWLS

MON	OCT 8	BYNUM	HOME	5:30
MON	OCT 15	ITALY	HOME	5:30
MON	OCT 22	AVALON	HOME	5:30

