



Covington Newsletter

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Covington Elementary

Calendar of Events

March 2010

- 1 PTA Meeting (6:15 pm)
- 4-5 No school- Winter Break
- 12 End of 3rd Quarter
- 15 No School Elementary P/T Conference (1:00—7:00)
- 16 Elementary P/T Conferences (4:00- 7:00 p.m.)
- 19 NO SCHOOL
- 22 Elem. Roller-skating Party (6:30 p.m.)
- 25 Spring Sing (K-2)

April 2010

- 2 PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 2- 5 Easter Break
- 6 Regular School Day
- 8 District Book Club Competition
- 8 Mid-terms Go Home
- 22 Kindergarten Round Up/ Visitation

May 2010

- 28 Last Day of School

HyVee School Bucks

Save your HyVee receipts and help earn \$\$\$ for the Covington Elementary School. For every \$100 worth of receipts turned in, our school will receive \$1.00 at the end of the program. Receipts must be dated for this

PTA MEETING

Covington PTA would like to remind all Covington students' parents that our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

CONFERENCES

All parents will receive a letter confirming the date and time of your child's Parent-Teacher Conference on March 15th or 16th. Please call the office if you need to make changes. (494-4238) During Parent Teacher Conferences we will offer a Scholastic Book Fair.

SPRING SING

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Oliva have been busy preparing for the Covington Spring Sing. Students in grades K-2 will participate and we look forward to seeing you here at Covington Elementary. Mark your calendar for March 25.

BOOK CLUB

The district book club competition will be on April 8, 2010 at Harney Elementary starting at 4:00 p.m. Thank you sponsors- Kris Vondrak, Ellen Prescott, Peg Foxhoven & Claudia Horner. Best of luck to our 4th and 5th grade teams.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

The Covington Kindergarten Round-Up will be on Thursday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

Students will **now have school** on the following days:

- Tuesday, April 6, 2010
- Monday, May 3, 2010
- Wednesday, May 26, 2010
- Thursday, May 27, 2010
- Friday, May 28, 2010

Magazine Sales

Heartiest congratulations on the recent success of our magazine sales. Covington School sold over \$13,000 worth of magazines. Your magazines will arrive by the 12th week mark. Many will come quicker than that, some take the full time.

Everyone worked together to make this a huge success. Top seller this year was Jacob Aitken.

HyVee Labels: \$9,000.00 of HyVee Labels have been turned in.



100 DAY CELEBRATIONS

Kindergarten recently celebrated the 100th day of school. Parents were invited to join in the celebration as students participated in activities that reinforced a variety of math skills. The students counted by 10's to make a 100 day snack, made patterns on the numeral 100, and put together 100-piece puzzles, just to name a few. The students spent the day writing and exploring the value of 100. A fun time was had by all!

Some quotes by kindergarten students about the 100th day of school:

"I like when my mom came and we made a fruit loop necklace."- Michael

"My favorite was coloring the number 100."- Chris

"I like when we sang songs for our parents."- Yadira

First Graders also celebrated the 100th day of school on Wednesday, February 3rd. We worked with the number 100 in reading, math, and writing. We talked about how to make 100 and what 100 feels like. Some of the ways we did that was by talking about what you can do in 100 seconds as compared to 100 minutes. We graphed 100 M & M's, counted 100 Fruit Loops, and counted to 100 in different ways. We brainstormed 100 good deeds we could do for others. In a book we made, we also talked about what we would do with \$100 if we had it! We thought that 100 words was a lot to write...until we found out it was a piece of cake for 1st graders because we have learned way more than 100 words. Many first graders also completed a project at home with their families creating something out of 100 objects. Some of these included a 100 popsicle stick house, a 100 dot sticker picture, 100 Lego creations, 100 candies in a jar, 100 baseball cards, 100 matchbox cards and a 100 piece puzzle. It was a fun day celebrating the number 100.

ALL STAR READERS!

Covington is full of All-Star Readers! As part of our at-home reading program students have enjoyed many fun activities. In October students who participated, by bringing their reading sheet back on Thursdays 3 out of the 4 weeks, got to play kickball with their guided reading teachers. In November the whole school enjoyed a taekwondo presentation. Students who participated in December were able to play Wii Olympics and Dance, Dance Revolution. The Musketeers visited our school on February 1st and taught the students about their hockey gear, the importance of reading, and even gave out free hockey tickets. On February 26th at home reading participants did an Olympic craft and received a sports tattoo. Now, we are in the home stretch. The months of March and April will be centered on soccer and baseball. Students who participate 3 out of the 4 weeks will enjoy ice cream sundaes with the high school soccer players. We will also have a final awards assembly on April 16th. Students who met their reading goal will receive a reading medal. Parents are welcome to join us for this celebration. Thank you for encouraging your child to read at home. Research shows the more students read, the more success they will have in school. Please help your child remember to bring back his/her reading sheet every Thursday. We are hoping a classroom has 100% participation so Mrs. Connealy and Mrs. Mansfield can bring them donuts! Thank you for your continued support in this important program.



SYLVAN/DELL E-BOOKS

Covington Elementary School continues to have access to the Sylvan/Dell e-books. More titles have been added to the already popular site. The site license runs through this June. These books have a math & science theme. This would be a great site for your children and their friends to visit. Books can be read by the student or read in English or Spanish. Simply get on the school website, www.scccardinals.org. Click on schools. Click on Covington and follow the directions to get access to the e-books. Enjoy many hours of reading and numerous fun adventures!

SOUTH SIOUX CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

March will be an exciting month at the South Sioux City Public Library! Stop by and check out all the activities we have planned for your children.

On March 1, during the Family Fun Night, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We will have guest readers reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books, Cat and the Hat will make an appearance, and what is a party without cake? Come join the celebration! Every Monday is a Family Fun Night at the library.

Friday March 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. we will have our School's Day Out program with Angela Abts from the UNL Extension Office. She teaches kids about healthy eating, lets them play games and there is a fun craft to do.

On Saturday March 6 starting at 1:00 p.m. we will have a LEGO Imagination Contest. This is for children aged 6 yrs old and up. The theme of the contest is Transportation so bring your LEGO blocks in and build. The contest will start at 1:00 and last until 2:00 p.m. Promptly at 2:00 p.m. we will begin judging the sculptures. There will be prizes for the top three in each of the three age categories!

On Thursday March 11 we will host Books Before Bed at 7:00 p.m. The children may come to the library in the pajamas with a pillow or stuff toy to cuddle with. We will have local volunteers reading books to the children to get them settled in for a good night sleep. The month of March we will be reading books about March Madness (basketball).

If your family has any students in the grades 6 to 12 then talk to them about joining our Teen Advisory Board. We meet only twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On March 8 we will be discussing *The Last Part First* book by Angela Johnson in our Teen Book Talk. On March 22 we will have an agenda meeting to plan upcoming activities and help the library grow for the teens.

Counseling Corner

During the month of March we will be discussing diligence and perseverance in guidance. We will be talking about motivating ourselves to do our best. The classes will be practicing how to work through difficulties and will be talking about ways to achieve their goals. We will also be looking at different careers.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School Hours 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please make sure your children are in their classroom ready to learn by 8:00 am. Thank you for making sure your students are at school on time. It truly helps your child be organized and ready to learn. Please keep in mind that a student coming in late or leaving early will be counted tardy.

The school handbook states "Students coming or leaving school after the specified start or end time are considered tardy." If you pick your child up before 3:00 pm they will be recorded as leaving school early which will be calculated with the student's permanent tardy record.

If your child is not going to be at school please call the office by 8:00 am. (494-4238)

DISTRICT INVENTION CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS

4-5 GRADE LEVEL - 2ND PLACE WINNER - Isaiah Rose - Drag Race Car Air Filter Screen

Covington participants. You did a great job!!!

Karina - Fancy Shades
Zoe - The Rubber Bowl
Karissa - Sort My Socks
Sara - Perfect Pen
Rose - Denis-Aider