

# Cougar e-BLAST

## Friendly Reminders . . .



### **Monday, September 20th**

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:00pm in the District Office Board Room

### **Friday, September 24th**

- Child Find Day @ Prairie View Grade School (See attached Early Childhood Screening Flyer)

### **Monday, September 27th**

- PTO Meeting - 6:00pm in the CT Library

### **Friday, October 8th**

- End of First Quarter

### **Monday, October 11th**

- No School – Columbus Day

### **Monday, October 12th – Friday, October 15th**

- PTO Fall Book Fair – More information to come later

### **Thursday, October 14th**

- PTO Family Literacy Night @ 6:30pm

### **Monday, October 25th**

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:00pm in the District Office Board Room

## **Hall Pass System**

The Hall Pass check in system is used at Country Trails for all visitors. Any adult entering the building and passing the secretaries' desk will need to provide their license to be run through the system and have a badge printed for you. Please be sure to bring your driver's license or state ID when you when you come to Country Trails.

## 2021-2022 Elementary Handbook

As a reminder, please log into Skyward to review and sign the handbook verification for the 2021-2022 school year. There are approximately 275 families that still need to complete this. When completing, please make sure to complete the signature in addition to checking the box. A signature is required to complete the process. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## Destruction of Records

Central Community Unit School District 301 will destroy special education records from school years 2015 -16 and prior of students who graduated, transferred, or otherwise permanently withdrew from special education services.

Special education records may include reports of psychological and social work evaluations, multidisciplinary planning conferences, annual reviews, copies of individual Education Programs and other relevant information.

If a parent or student wants those records, they should call the Student Support Services & Special Education Office at 847-464-5863 before October 20, 2021.



# 2021-22 Cougar Reading MADNESS

Our annual Cougar Reading Madness challenge continues and we are so excited to begin! The goal of this challenge is to bring together our community of learners and build a global energy around reading with intrinsic motivation. To accomplish this, we use a NCAA March Madness style format to build excitement and anticipation leading up to the champion title COUGARS' MOST LOVED BOOK! Every month, October – January, every class in the building reads 8 books. ALL books are read aloud so that the entire class. While the entire school is reading the same text, the chosen texts can carry different messages and teaching points depending on the grade level. Each text was carefully selected, as it is believed to be highly engaging for a broad range of ages and interests. From now until Spring Break we will vote on these books until one remains! Please help continue the excitement over this challenge at home by asking your child about the books being read in class. We launch the challenge Friday, September 24! Happy reading!!!



# Early Childhood Screenings



Child Find is an ongoing process through which all children, from birth through 21 (i.e., through the day before the student's 22nd birthday), or who may be eligible for early intervention, or who may be in need of special education services are identified, located and evaluated. Each school district is responsible for actively locating, identifying and evaluating all children who live within the district boundaries who may qualify to receive special education and/or related services.

Children 5 years old and younger that reside in D301 can be screened at any location listed below. Children birth up to 3 years old can also contact DayOneNetwork at 630-879-2277 to discuss early intervention services.

September 24, 2021 - Prairie View Grade School

October 15, 2021 - Country Trails Elementary School

November 19, 2021 - Howard B. Thomas Grade School

December 10, 2021 - Prairie View Grade School

January 21, 2022 - Country Trails Elementary School

February 18, 2022 - Howard B. Thomas Grade School

March 11, 2022 - Prairie View Grade School

April 8, 2022 - Country Trails Elementary School

May 13, 2022 - Howard B. Thomas Grade School/Prairie View Grade School/Country Trails Elementary School

The following areas are sample behaviors that might indicate that a preschool child may be eligible for special education services:

- Does not talk or communicate as well as others his/her age
- Is always on the fringe of activities, never really involved
- Finds it difficult to play with other children
- Has difficulty with feeding, dressing and toileting
- Has difficulty putting together a puzzle, matching shapes/patterns
- Has difficulty sitting still while listening to a short story or watching television
- Does not know the names of common objects
- Cannot jump in place, appears clumsy, and/or walks into objects

If you notice that your child has displayed any of the above difficulties, or if you have other concerns, please call 847-464-5863 to arrange an early childhood screening.

For more information visit the Early Childhood website at <https://central301.net/early-childhood/>

# **FUNDRAISER!**

**BRING IN THIS FLYER OR SHOW  
IT ON YOUR SMARTPHONE &  
10% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT**

**COUNTRY TRAILS GRADE SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2021**

**11AM-CLOSE**

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**155 S RANDALL ROAD**

**ELGIN**

**DINE IN  
OR  
TAKE OUT!**



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