



THE COUGAR E-BLAST

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ENGLE

We had a spooktacular afternoon celebrating at Country Trails. It was unfortunate we were unable to get outside for our parade but we still were able to share our costumes in our gym for all students to see.

Our next event will be Veteran's Day which is two weeks away. We would love to have as many Veterans who are able to join us as readers in classrooms to sign up. There is a sign up form within this newsletter. Thank you for your service!

I would also like to highlight the emphasis we are putting on showing our Cougar PRIDE at Country Trails. It was so fun to see everyone dressed up in their Cougar gear last Wednesday. Our Cougar Pride committee has put together fun incentives that will be unlocked and shared with students as they accumulate Cougar Pride tickets. This has helped drive great behavior and had such a positive effect on our school. Great Job Cougars!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. It is also good practice to change your smoke alarm batteries each year at this time.



NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Please note there is no school for all students on the following days:

November 24th-26th - Thanksgiving Break



HELPFUL LINKS

[CT Webpage](#)

[District Calendar 2021-2022](#)

[EC Calendar 2021-2022](#)

[Staff Directory](#)

[Elementary Handbook](#)

[Skyward Parent Access](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Digital Bulletin Board](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3rd
Picture Retake Day
- November 7th
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour
- November 9th
Music Programs
6:00pm 4th Grade Program
7:00pm 5th Grade Program
- November 11th
Veteran's Day
Students wear red, white & blue
- November 15th
Board of Education Mtg
@ 6:00pm District Office
Board Room
- November 24th-26th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
- November 29th
PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm



NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT

CITIZENSHIP

Parents please take this month to practice the above trait with your child as your child's teacher will be doing in the classroom and around the school.

PARENTSQUARE

This year the District began implementing ParentSquare as our mass communication tool. This system allows the District to send communication to our families and staff via email, text, phone call, and mobile app. Users are able to set preferences for how and when they receive these communications and messages can be translated automatically.

If you are not receiving communications from ParentSquare, please log into ParentSquare to verify we have your correct email and phone number on file. If not, contact the school office so we can update your information in Skyward. Depending on your email provider, some emails may go to spam. If you have previously unsubscribed from ParentSquare emails by clicking “unsubscribe” in an email, you will need to work with your email provider to whitelist our emails.

For more information about ParentSquare, please visit the ParentSquare page on the District website at central301.net/parentsquare.

Please note teachers and staff may also reach out via email and/or phone call.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 3rd. All new students and students that were absent will be photographed along with any students whose parents are requesting a retake. Picture packages that were ordered have been sent home with the students. If your student was photographed on picture day and you did not order a picture package you should have received a proof from Inter-State Studios informing you it's not too late to order.

Please let your child's teacher know if your student will need their picture taken on retake day. If you received a package of pictures and are requesting a retake you must return the package of pictures you are unhappy with.

Order online at inter-state.com/order and use order code: **60744XA**.

VETERAN'S DAY

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

In honor of Veteran's Day we are asking Veterans to come read a story or speak to a class at Country Trails. They are invited for refreshments at 8:45 on November 11th and then will visit one or more classrooms. Students will also be completing activities at school in honor of our Veterans.

If you have a Veteran in your family who would like to visit a classroom please fill out this [RSVP for Veterans Day 2021](#).

Thank you for your support, The CT Veteran's Day Committee



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Our lost and found bins were overflowing with items. These items have been set out on tables in the hallway by the office for students to claim any of their lost items. Please check with your student to make sure they have checked the tables for any of their lost items. It is also helpful to write your child's name on their things so if they are found they can be returned.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



Health Office Reminders

***WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME** - If a student has any COVID symptoms, he or she may not attend school. In order to return to school, a **negative COVID test conducted within 48 hours of symptom onset must be submitted or a 10-day exclusion will be required.** Please note that your student may not return to school until you have received confirmation from a D301 school nurse. If your child has siblings, they may remain in school if they are asymptomatic as long as proof of testing of the symptomatic student is provided within 24 hours of symptom onset.

Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication prior to returning to school. Students must be vomit and diarrhea free for 48 hours prior to returning to school.

If a student has had exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID, please call the office for guidance and keep the student home.

***MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL** - Please remember that students may not take medications of any kind at school without the District 301 Med A form on file. Other district's medication forms or those created by individual physician offices do not meet this requirement. Medication at school includes both prescription and over the counter medications (including cough drops.) These forms must be completed annually or as prescriptions change. **Students may not transport medications to and from school. Please bring these in directly to the school office during school hours.** When bringing medication to school it must be in the original container labeled with the student's name, dosing information, and expiration date. When students attend field trips, only emergency medications are sent with the teacher unless parents have made other arrangements.

Medications for asthma and/or Epipens have different rules and require different paperwork. Please contact the school office for more information.

Med A forms, Asthma packets, and Allergy packets can be obtained from the health office at school and are downloadable from the district website on the [Health Services](#) page.

***HEALTH INFORMATION** - Please keep the health office updated with any changes regarding your child's health throughout the school year.

Students who come to school with mobility devices (such as crutches, walking boot/shoe, wheelchair, splints or casts) for an acute episode need to submit a note from the doctor that states the activity restriction that warrants the use of the device at the school, including the time frame for the restriction.

Have a healthy day!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT

Every Friday at Country Trails is school spirit day. Show your Cougar pride by wearing spirit wear or by wearing red, black, or gray.



NOTES TO SCHOOL

Communication is extremely important when there is a change in your child's normal after-school routine. We ask that you inform your child of changes in transportation or after-school plans before he or she leaves for school. A note should be sent on the morning of the change to your child's teacher as well. When sending a note to school regarding your child, please be sure to include the **child's first and last name, parent's first and last name, the date, as well as the teacher's name.**

You may also notify the teacher by email. Please include [Mrs. Hughes](#) and [Mrs. Schramer](#) on the email, as well. If you don't receive a reply back to your email, please call the office to make sure the email was received.

If a notice is not received, your child will continue with their regular transportation routine.

While it is best if you can plan ahead, we realize there are times when your child's routine has to change and you were not able to send a note. If this is the case, please call the school office at 847-717-8000 a minimum of 30 minutes before the dismissal time to allow the office enough time to deliver the message to your child & their teacher.

Thank you for your help.



Good Times At Country Trails





Dear 4th grade parents:

The student performance of our music program is Tuesday, November 9th, at 6:00 pm. Students should meet their teachers in the cafeteria at 5:45. Students should wear clothes that are dressy yet comfortable for a performance. If any student is unable to attend, please send an email to let me know in case I need to replace them on their part.

The concert will be professionally video-taped and DVDs may be purchased for \$10 each. Orders, with payment, must be received by the night of the program as DVDs will be produced right away. **Late orders cannot be accepted.** The order form is below. Thanks for your help and support and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the program!

Sincerely,

Amie Roeder
K-5 Music Educator
amie.roeder@central301.net

DVD Orders

Country Trails Elementary School
Fourth Grade Program - Nov 9, 2021

Child's name _____

Teacher/Class _____

I would like ____ DVDs @ \$10.00 each.

I have included \$____ cash/check.

Checks should be made payable to Marilyn Becker. Orders due Nov. 9th.



Dear 5th grade parents:

The student performance of our music program is Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm. Students should meet their teachers in the cafeteria at 6:45.

Students should wear clothes that are dressy yet comfortable for a performance. If any student is unable to attend, please send an email to let me know in case I need to replace them on their part.

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Sincerely,

Amie Roeder
K-5 Music Educator

DVD Order Form

Country Trails Elementary School
Fifth Grade Program - Nov 9, 2021

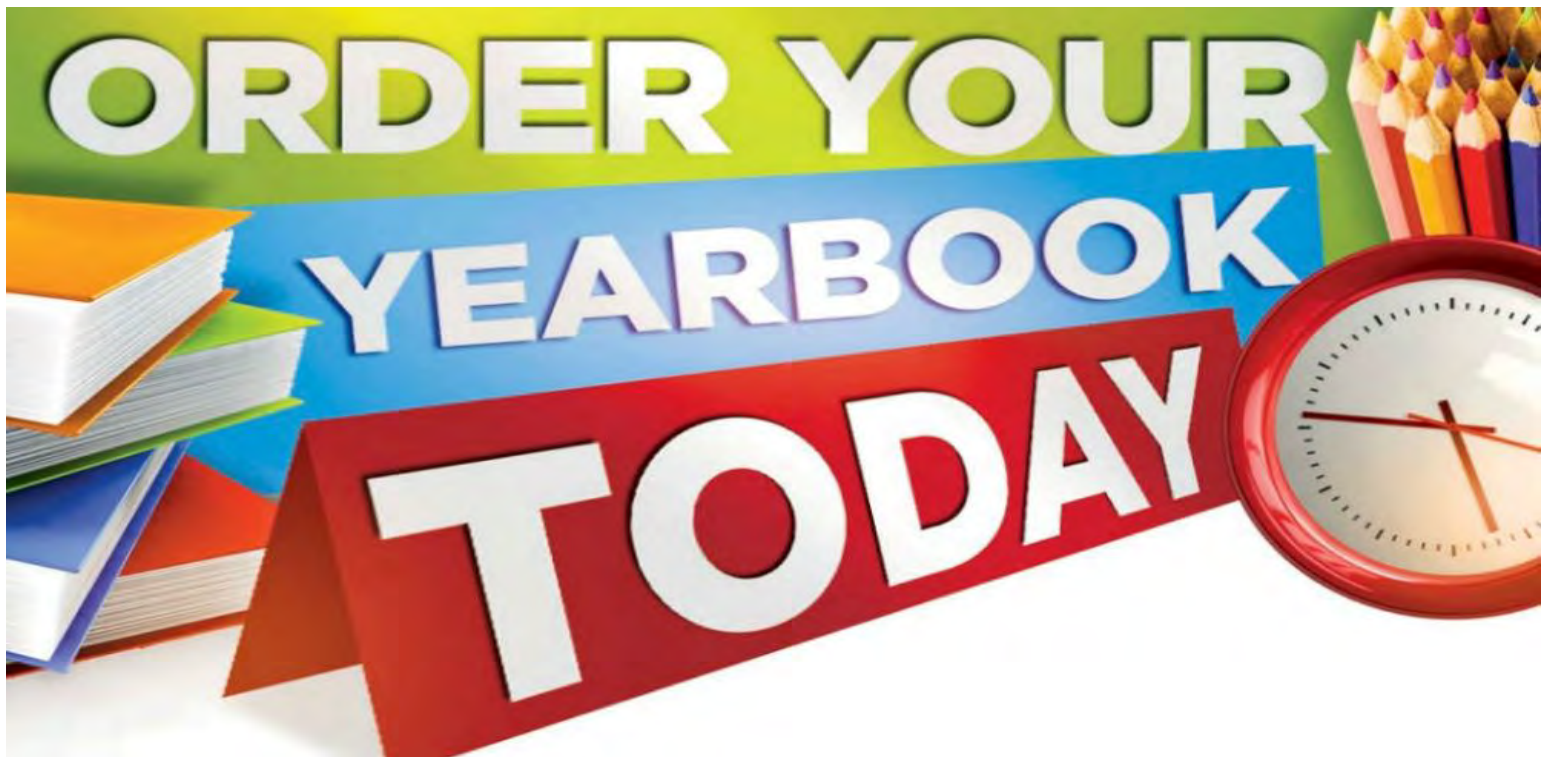
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2021 - 2022 Country Trails

Yearbooks

are on sale NOW!

\$18

ORDER ONLINE AT

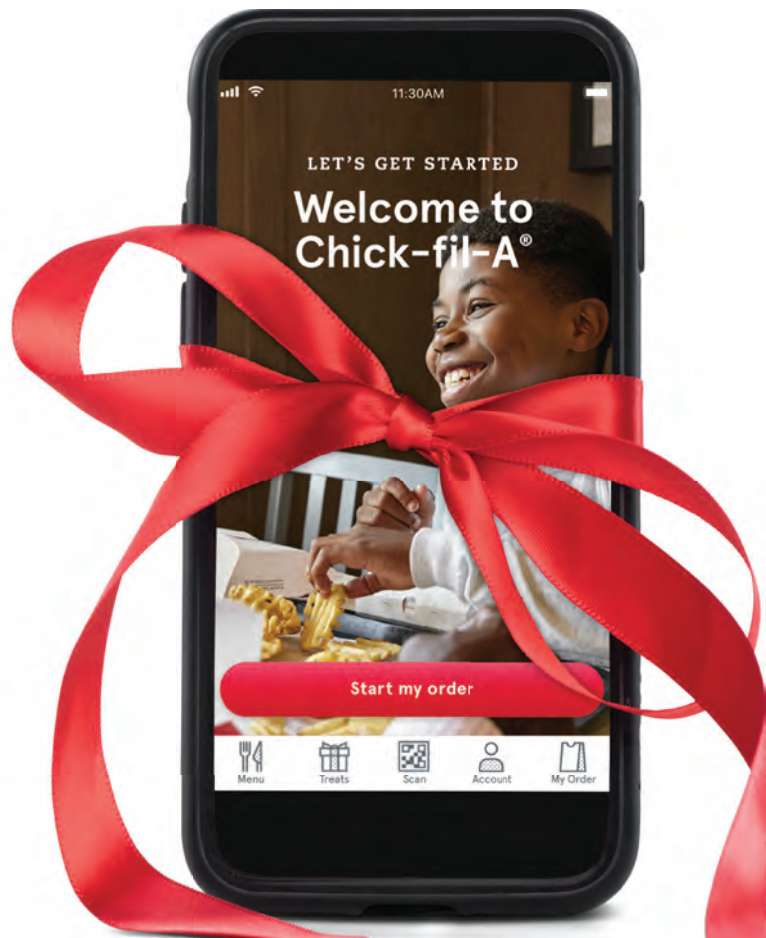
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Order Today! Price increases to \$20 in January!

We will not have extras for sale in the Spring.

Spirit Night

Country Trails Elementary Nov. 16th 2021 ~ 5pm-8pm



Place any type of mobile order on the CFA One App, & put "Spirit Night" in the mobile comments!

A percentage of mobile proceeds will be donated accordingly.



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Offer only valid at Chick-fil-A Elgin. Offer only valid for mobile orders. Third party delivery orders do not apply.



SAVE THE DATE

Central High School

Presents

Third Annual Sleigh Bells Ring Extravaganza



Instrumental and Vocal Performances

Children's Craft Corner

Food & Vendors

Sleigh Rides

December 11, 2021 - 1:00pm-8:00pm

Central High School - 44W625 Plato Road, Burlington, IL