



Family Connection Newsletter February 16-20

**We will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of
President's Day**

**There are numerous flyers in the folder. Make sure you read all
of them – most have important dates and deadlines!**

1. Tomorrow, February 13th, we will have Valentine's Day parties for classes who wish to have them. Teachers should have sent messages to you through Class Dojo.
2. **Don't forget that each Tuesday, students from NDA will be here from 3:15-4:30 to tutor our students. I will be supervising the tutoring session. If you would like your student to get help after school, please email Mrs. Middendorf each week so we can get an accurate count of students and plan accordingly.**
3. We are working on details for Read-A-Thon! A huge thank you to Mrs. Jen Sikorski who is helping us organize this event. This is a win-win fundraiser as students get to practice reading and the school raises money. Let's get kids excited about reading for pleasure and develop life-long habits!!
4. Early Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Please make sure you fill it out and return it by Friday, March 19, 2026, to secure a spot for next year. FACTS is now open for you to apply for financial aid. Returning families need to fill out FACTS by April 30th or you will not be guaranteed financial assistance for the new school year. Adhering to the deadlines is important for planning purposes for next school year!
5. Covington Recreation is looking for students, ages 5-7, who would like to participate in a T-Ball league. If you are interested, please email Denny Hungler – dhungler@gmail.com . In the email, provide the following information: Parent name, parent phone number, child name, child age, and school.
6. Report Cards will be sent home in the Red Family Folders on Thursday, February 19th, 2026.

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7. There are numerous students who have multiple books out from the school library. While we love students who take books home to read, we need the books returned to the library. When your child returns their books, they will be allowed to pick a new book to read and take home.
8. We have had the flu running through the school for about a week. If your child has any combination of fever, runny nose, sore throat, sinus issues, or headaches, I am asking that you keep them home for at least one day. If it is a one-day event, send them back to school the next day; if not, please keep them at home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the help of medication. We had over 25% of our students absent the past two days (more than 50% in some classes) and a few teachers sick. While I am a big believer in sending kids to school with minor aches and pains, the flu season has been very hard on us, and not much learning can be done when numerous students are out because we are sharing germs. Thank you for working with us as we fight through the crazy weather and illnesses!
9. I have noticed an uptick in tardies to school the past few days. With everything thawing out and temperatures making it much easier to travel, I am asking that you leave 5 or 10 minutes earlier from your house as traffic patterns start getting back to normal and backups become more frequent. Just as you are expected to be at work on time, I expect your children to be on time for school. Let's make a conscious effort to get back into those regular school habits!!
7. Please note the following upcoming dates:
 - a. February 16th – President's Day: NO SCHOOL
 - b. February 17th – End of the 2nd Trimester
 - c. February 19th – Report Cards sent home in Red Folders
 - d. March 1st – Open House from 12-2 PM here at school
 - e. March 13th – PD day for teachers; NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS