



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

May-Summer 2019



## Important Dates:

**Jul 21-27 – MSHSAA  
Dead Period**

**Aug 1 – HS/ELEM  
Secretaries Return**

**Aug 12 – New Teacher  
In-Service**

**Aug 13-14 – Staff  
In-Service**

**Aug 15 – First Day of  
School**

The warm light of summer is finally upon us. We did it. We made it. Somedays, we survived it. We proved once again that this school is a family, through thick and thin. We've laughed together, cried together, fought with each other, and fought for each other. We didn't always see eye to eye, but there was no question that the students in this school are loved and provided for, and we only want the best for them and their futures. We all learned from this year; sometimes the lessons were painfully hard, but change brings growth, and growth brings change. None of us will be the same after this year, but we will never forget what we experienced and with whom we shared the experienced.

## District Phone Number Update

As of now, the only working number for the Calhoun School is 660-694-3422. The Early Childhood Center's only working number is 660-694-3344.

## Sports Highlights

### Tylar White Misses State by .02 Second



Senior Tylar White missed going to state for the 3rd time in the 400 meter dash by .02 of a second finishing with an out-standing time of 1:05.92 and 5th place at sectionals held in Russellville on Saturday May 11th. Tylar finished her track career at Calhoun as a two-time state qualifier and four time sectional qualifier in the 400 meter dash. Tylar ran a 1:06.45 on Saturday May 4th in districts, also held at Russellville, to finish 3rd and qualify for sectionals.

## Rachel Kelso Signs with Stephens College

On May 17, Rachel Kelso signed for a position on the Stephens College basketball team. Rachel has played basketball for the past 6 years. Out of her four high school years, she received three First Team All-Conference Mentions. She also received a Second Team All-Conference Mention her freshman year of high school. Earlier this year, she received the MSHSAA Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.



Rachel plans to major in Psychology at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She chose Stephens College because she wants “to be part of its growth academically and athletically.” When asked about her signing, Rachel said, “I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout my journey of success. I would like to especially thank Kreisel because he always knew I could be what I am today. He has stood by me for the six years I’ve played and never doubted that I could take my skill to the next level.”



## Athletic Banquet

The following awards were presented at the Athletic Banquet:

<u>Archery 2019</u>				
<i>Top Scorers</i>	<i>Clinton</i>	<i>Cole Camp</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>Clinton/Leesville</i>
<b>Varsity</b>	196—Brennan Hartgrave	225—Reese Hartgrave	228—Jenna Smith/Reese Hartgrave	255—Ian Cooper
<b>Junior High</b>	152—Arron Gibbs	218 Arron Gibbs	208—Arron Gibbs	268—Arron Gibbs
<b>Elementary</b>	140—Andrew Morgan	166—Andrew Morgan	189—Wyatt Moore	215—Wyatt Moore
<b>2019 Season Leaders</b>				
<b>Top Scorer</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Most Consistent</b>	<b>Most Improved</b>	
Ian Cooper	Ian Cooper	Reese Hartgrave	Ian Cooper	
<b>Junior High</b>	Arron Gibbs	Arron Gibbs	Hunter Marriott	
<b>Archery Letterman</b>				
<b>High School</b>	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>Elementary</b>		
Ian Cooper	Arron Gibbs	Trenton Ethridge	Andrew Morgan	
Brennan Hartgrave	Derik Hartgrave	Madison Goodloe	Ally Ross	
Reese Hartgrave ( <b>MVP</b> )	Hunter Marriott	Jessica Hicks	Abby Taylor	
Nick Rusche		Jackson Mantonya	Jackson VanCamp	
Jenna Smith		Wyatt Moore		
Tyler Thornton				

<b>Track Letterman</b>		
<b>High School</b>	Tylar White	Autumn Rusche
<b>Sectional Qualifiers</b>	Tylar White—400 Yard Dash	
<b>MVP</b>	Tylar White	

<b>JH Basketball Letterman—2018</b>	
Jacob Harris	<b>Captain</b>
Andrew Knecht	<b>Captain</b>
Brayden Ethridge	<b>Captain/MVP</b>
Garrett Ethridge	
Jacob Knecht	
Hunter Marriott	
Elli Bailey	<b>Manager</b>

<b>Volleyball Letterman—2018</b>	
Tylar White	<b>Captain/MVP</b>
Rachael Kelso	<b>Captain</b>
Jessica Price	
Gracie Hollinger	
Sierra Houk	
Mikaila Carranzo	
Autumn Rusche	
Jaden Ingerson	<b>Manager</b>
<b>All Mid-State Conference Tournament Team</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team</b>	Rachel Kelso Tylar White

<b>Girls Basketball Varsity Letterman</b>		
Rachael Kelso	<b>Co-Captain</b>	
Tylar White	<b>Head Captain/MVP</b>	
Desi Bailey		
Elli Bailey		
Haylee Rhymer		
Autumn Rusche		
<b>Mid-State All Conference</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team</b>	Rachel Kelso	Tylar White
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Team</b>	Autumn Rusche	

## Student and Teacher Updates

### Science Fair, Spring Art Show, and Spring Concert

Students' hard work was showcased April 11 at the Science Fair, Spring Art Contest, and Spring Concert. Science Fair projects lined the tables with trifold data. The projects had a wide range of topics, and the winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place

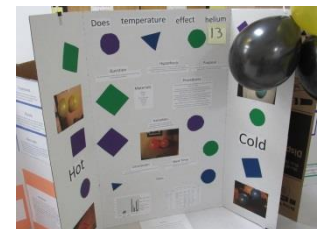
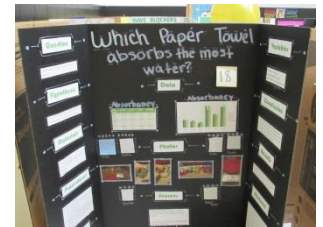
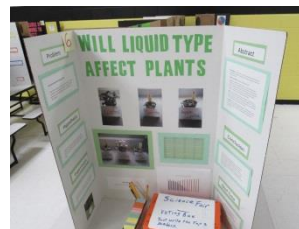
“Which Paper Towel Absorbs the Most Water”—Autumn Rusche

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

“What Liquid Types Affect Plants”—Andrew Knecht

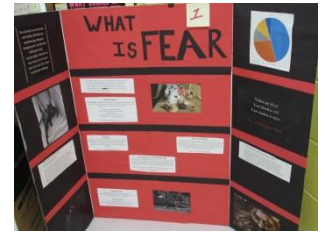
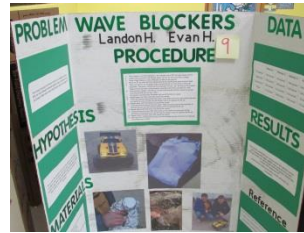
3<sup>rd</sup> Place

“Does Temperature Effect Helium”—Hunter Marriott/Maddie Ross



Most Interesting

“Wave Blocker Procedure”—Landon Huffman/Evan Harris



Most Thought Provoking

“What is Fear”—Kaitlyn Snyder



The art show lined the walls and showed great progress of skill overall from the last Art Show. The students’ work with objects and landscapes were impressive. The Spring Concert gave our musicians and singers a chance to show what they’ve learned this year, and they sounded great. Personally, having a classroom right next



to the music room means I get to hear them practice all year, and it makes me smile to hear how they improve as they go. I am so glad they get a



chance to perform for the public twice a year; they deserve to be recognized for all their hard work.

### ECC Easter Egg Hunt

The ECC celebrated Easter this year with an egg hunt. The kids came out to a huge open field where tons of colorful eggs were scattered about. The kids wasted no time when they were signaled to go. With bags and baskets in tow, they finally collected all the eggs and got to take home yummy treats.



### Prom

Prom’s theme was “Grecian Night.” Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Young, Jessi Price, and Desi Bailey, the prom décor looked great. The dance floor was framed by hanging streamers of blue, white, and silver, with balloons on the floor to match. There was a small pool in the corner with floating tea lights and goldfish. The entrance to the gym was a cascading flower trellis. There were two photo op stations. One was a light blue background with a white ladder and Prom 2019 décor. The other was a white and blue balloon trellis. Mr. Duensing was the DJ again, and did a fantastic job. He even played “Baby Shark”



for the young at heart. Prizes were drawn throughout the night, and Prom Royalty was crowned early on: Prom Prince—Brennan Hartgrave, Prom Princess—Jessi Price, Prom King—Jayden Ingerson, and Prom Queen—Tylar White.

### **Spelling Bee**

The Mid-West Conference Spelling Bee was held in Calhoun on May 3rd. Participants, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, from East Lynne, Chilhowee, Kingsville, Strasburg, and Clinton competed at their grade level. The representatives from Calhoun were:

1st grade: Charlie Fields  
Emmilyn Carney  
Lyrick Houk

2nd grade: Lee Higginbotham  
Gavin Smith  
Zanden Shearer

3rd grade: Trevor Fields  
Kimber Marriott  
Emmaleigh Smith

4th grade: Jackson Mantonya  
Andrew Morgan  
Abby Taylor

5th Grade: Ally Ross  
Wyatt Moore  
Maddison Goodloe

6th grade: Makenleigh Hardesty  
Jed Bailey

Calhoun School is proud of the participants, and excited that Lyrick Houk took 3rd place in the 1st grade event. Maddison Goodloe and Ally Ross were close competitors in the 5th grade event: Ally taking 4th and Maddison taking 5th place.



### **Baccalaureate**

Baccalaureate was held at the Calhoun Baptist Church. Seniors were prayed for, presented Bibles, and given hopeful advice for their future. Even the songs that were sung went along with the sermon theme. The program ended with a cake and punch reception.”



- God will get you through anything that comes your way.
- Stay clear-headed and aware, so you'll know how to respond to any situation.
- "You won't let go no matter what I do"  
—"Know" by Tauren Wells
- "So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way"  
—"Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher
- "You say I am strong when I think I am weak"  
—"You Say" by Lauren Diagle

## Graduation

Graduations season came too quickly for all of us this year. We started by saying good-bye to our Seniors. It was bittersweet for them as Kathy O'Dell came back to give them one last piece of advice. She let them know how far they had come, how proud she was of them, and how one day, when they look back on their lives, they'll see that all of their little achievements eventually became a successful life. Then, awards and scholarships were handed out.



Then, Tylar White was announced as the Salutatorian and gave a short speech thanking everyone for all they taught her over the years. Finally, Rachel Kelso was announced as the Valedictorian, and gave a speech thanking Kathy O'Dell in particular for setting her on the right path. The Seniors then passed out flowers and had a slide show, including their favorite song, quote, and pictures from their lives. The slide show concluded with pictures from the Senior Trip and a group Graduation photo. After Vickie Kreisel, from the School Board, handed out Diplomas (and Mrs. Iuchs miraculously managed to say all the names correctly), the Seniors moved their tassels and officially graduated. They concluded the evening with a cake and punch reception for all of their family and friends to celebrate together with them.

## Preschool Graduation

Our preschoolers graduated on Sunday, May 12, 2019. There were 19 graduates who will be attending Calhoun, Windsor, or Clinton kindergarten in the fall. All of the children were in attendance along with support from their family and friends. Vicki Kreisel and Gary Moore, from the school board, were there to congratulate the graduates and give them their diplomas. The program was complete



with songs performed by the graduates and a slideshow of the children throughout the year with their friends. A reception of cookies and punch followed the program so that they would all celebrate together!

## Dare Graduation

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned about drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, and what to do if they encounter any of these. They got to see a lot of awesome pictures, try on alcohol goggles to see/feel how it is to be inebriated, and watched videos. They ended the program by receiving completion awards.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion went very well. We had several family members join our five 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as staff and board members. The decorations looked good, and everyone loved the cake (there was barely any left). All in all, it was a very good memorable moment for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as well as for their families, staff, and School Board.



## Field Trips and Awards

As the end of the year wrapped up, the field trips and reward days ramped up. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> got to visit Arrowhead Stadium again this year. They took the tour and worked in the Sports Lab. They learned about how their bodies work and sports history. K/1<sup>st</sup> spent the day in Warsaw. They went to the Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, where they looked at a huge aquarium with fresh water fish. They also went fishing in a pond. Then, they headed to Miss Shonda's Diner (Miss Shonda was thrilled to see them) and the Harry S. Truman Visitor Center.



6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Fun Day at the Park was full of fishing, sports, and just soaking up a lazy day with friends (and some rain along the way). The kids worked hard this year and earned the break. Plus, they got to make a Sonic run (Who doesn't love Sonic drinks and ice cream?). Elementary Field Day was at the Calhoun Baseball field this year. Student Council helped the little kids do all kinds of sports, including jump rope count, soft ball toss, marshmallow spoon races, sack races, Frisbee toss, and a tug-of-war.



Science Day at the K was in full swing again (pun totally intended) when the perfect attendance students were rewarded with a Royals game. The Royals lost to the Rays, but our group still had a great time. TOPS students who were able to complete the program were rewarded again with a trip to Worlds of Fun. They rode rides, ate park food, and had a blast. The Awards Assembly was moved to our early out last day of the school. Students were recognized for academic achievements, honors they received, and a few got some fun rewards, like "Photography Excellence" and "Newsletter Excellence."

# Financial Statement

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019

	INCIDENTAL FUND 1	TEACHER FUND 2	DEBT SERVICE FUND 3	CAPITAL IMP FUND 4	TOTAL
Beginning Bal April 1, 2019	\$321,661.19	\$13,176.04	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$336,926.53
Receipts through April 30, 2019	\$165,465.09	\$118,750.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$284,215.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$487,126.28</b>	<b>\$131,926.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,089.30</b>	<b>\$621,142.33</b>
Disbursements through April 30, 2019	\$128,536.44	\$117,820.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$246,357.21
Balance April 30, 2019	\$358,589.84	\$14,105.98	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$374,785.12
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018	\$181,636.46				
YTD receipts through April 30, 2019	\$2,608,920.87				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,790,557.33</b>				
YTD Disbursement through April 30, 2019	\$2,415,772.12				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$374,785.21</b>				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00**				
OPERATING BALANCE May 1, 2019	\$374,785.21				