



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

March-Summer 2020



**Important Dates:**

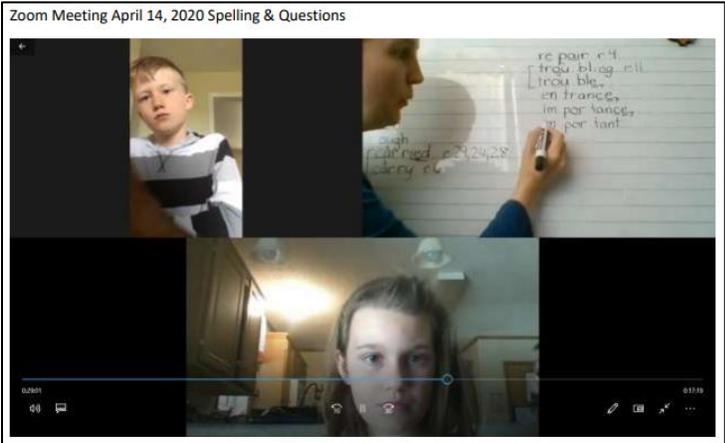
**June 20 – Prom**

**June 26 – Graduation**

**Faculty and Staff of Calhoun R-VIII**

As we say goodbye to the strangest school year we've had in a long time, it is imperative that we recognize the faculty and staff of Calhoun R-VIII and all they've done since mid-March, when our spring break began and how we school changed. Since the pandemic of COVID-19 broke in Missouri, everyone has been on high alert to see what changes would come our way and ready to take necessary actions.

**Calhoun Eagles**  
**Proudly Present...**



From day one, the faculty and staff have been in constant communication. Every time an update email from the administration came through, the Facebook chat and the Calhoun Eagle's Nest were immediately notified by whoever saw it first, so no one would miss it. When we found out that Zoom was going to be a necessary tool, we spent an entire weekend, off and on, working out a manageable schedule for the teachers to follow to ensure everyone had an opportunity to Zoom with students twice a week. When one person would get stumped on how to accomplish a task remotely, another person would step in to offer suggestions or even walk the other person through the process. We even had multiple people take charge of making sure the seniors were given commemorative t-shirts and signs to celebrate their pending graduation. When it came to checking Zoom, emails, and Facebook, our biggest accomplishments were encouraging the kids when anxiety would strike, and doing our best to



redirect them to the appropriate teachers to get answers to any questions that would arise. On top of all that, every week included a prep day for packing up food, and a distribution day that included deliveries. We ensured no one would go without food during a time when going to the store for supplies didn't always seem possible. The way the faculty and staff banded together to finish this school year was astonishing.



Work packets were prepared for students that would last two weeks at a time (enough copying that the printer/copier had to take breaks to cool down), and we did that a total of four times. We didn't let remote learning stop us from trying to get information to the students so they could keep learning. Sometimes we experimented with fun new challenges (complete with instructions), sometimes we did projects to give the kids a slower paced lesson, and sometimes we did homework straight from the book that followed our normal-classroom learning routine. Our goal was always to press on and show that getting an education was important. We knew



that it would be hard to get everyone to complete everything; learning at home presents unique challenges that we can't control. However, our overall expectation we have every year never wavered: make the effort. We have done our best collectively to emphasize the



importance of a good work ethic (failure can only happen if you don't put in the work), and we hoped that, even during all the chaos of being away from school, that lesson would be instilled enough in our students to get them through this strange new way of learning.

As we look back on the last two months, remember how hard our faculty and staff worked to be there for all of the students, parents, and each other. Remember that while everyone's world was feeling chaotic, the faculty and staff were feeling it too. They didn't just lose a structured school day; they lost the boundaries between school and home. Our days and nights were filled with Zoom, email, and Facebook, and 90% was for school, for answering questions, for being there for our kids and their families 24/7. Remember that it was never done out of obligation; it was done out of love and respect for all the kids we teach because we couldn't stand the thought of not being there when they needed us most. Remember that Calhoun R-VIII is not just a school; we are a family.

## **Postponements**

The following events have been postponed, to give the county more time to recover and possibly lift some of the social distancing requirements:

Prom—June 20

Graduation—June 26

Look forward to pictures and an article for each in the Summer-August 2020 newsletter. At that time, we will also send supply lists, class schedules, district calendars, and any other important information for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Financial Statements—February and March 2020**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020**

	<b>INCIDENTAL FUND 1</b>	<b>TEACHER FUND 2</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND 3</b>	<b>CAPITAL IMP FUND 4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beginning Balance February 1, 2020	\$645,642.56	(\$28,238.97)	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$619,492.89
Receipts through February 1, 2020	\$178,644.96	\$122,934.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$301,579.47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$824,287.52</b>	<b>\$94,695.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,089.30</b>	<b>\$921,072.36</b>
Disbursements through February 1, 2020	\$142,468.35	\$120,853.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$263,321.74
Balance March 1, 2020	\$681,819.17	(\$26,157.85)	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$657,750.62
Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$321,781.18				
YTD Receipts through February 1, 2020	\$2,238,769.90				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,560,551.08</b>				
YTD Disbursements through February 1, 2020	\$1,902,800.46				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$657,750.62</b>				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00 **				
Operating Balance March 1, 2020	\$657,750.62				

\$17,236.78 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT  
\$200.00 PETTY CASH

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020**

	<b>INCIDENTAL FUND 1</b>	<b>TEACHER FUND 2</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND 3</b>	<b>CAPITAL IMP FUND 4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beginning Balance March 1, 2020	\$681,819.17	(\$26,157.85)	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$657,750.62
Receipts through March 1, 2020	\$157,404.80	\$121,701.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$279,106.42
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$839,223.97</b>	<b>\$95,543.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,089.30</b>	<b>\$936,857.04</b>
Disbursements through March 1, 2020	\$139,144.39	\$127,444.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$266,588.87
Balance April 1, 2020	\$700,079.58	(\$31,900.71)	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$670,268.17
Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$321,781.18				
YTD Receipts through March 1, 2020	\$2,517,876.32				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,839,657.50</b>				
YTD Disbursements through March 1, 2020	\$2,169,389.33				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$670,268.17</b>				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00 **				
Operating Balance April 1, 2020	\$670,268.17				

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