



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

November-December 2018



**Important Dates:**

**Dec 10 – Christmas Concert/Art Show at 5:30 pm**

**Dec 18 – Early Out at 12:30 pm/End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Dec 19-Jan 4 – No School/Christmas Break**

Tylar White enjoys spending time with her boyfriend and family. She keeps them all close and considers her parents to be her most influential role models. Her biggest challenge came from making other people happy before she made herself happy. High school has shown her that she needs to be more dependent on herself and focus on her own happiness. She is already certain she will remember her senior trip the most, as she excitedly makes plans for herself and her classmates.



Tylar plans to attend college and study to become a radiologist technician. In ten years, she sees herself working at her dream job and having a family. Her advice to the underclassmen: “Don’t get caught up in drama. It is the least of your worries.”

**JH Basketball Ends a Winning Season**

The Calhoun JH Basketball team finished their season with a 9-2 record and won the Mid-States Conference Tournament. We are very proud of these players and their growth as players and young men.

Front: Jacob Knecht, Andrew Knecht

Back: Elli Bailey (manager), Coach Ron Kreisel, Jacob Harris, Hunter Marriott, Braydon Ethridge, Garrett Ethridge



## UCM Homecoming

The Eagle Pride Marching Band participated in the UCM Homecoming mass band on October 27. Believe it or not we were not the smallest band there! The students had a great time and represented Calhoun very well. They even made some friends from other schools. You can watch the pregame show by following this link (we are on the back half right side with the white plumes): <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQWYyaY7okU>>.

## Halloween Party

The elementary classes ended October with their annual Halloween parties. The kids had a blast sporting their costumes, eating their treats, and gearing up for the night's festivities.



## Scholar Bowl Updates

After school, on Thursday, November 1st, the Calhoun High School Scholar Bowl team competed in their first competition of the year at the Fort Osage Regional Kickoff After-School Tournament, held at Fort Osage High School in Independence, MO. 16 teams from a total of 13 different high school from around western Missouri participated in this event: Calhoun, Belton, Lafayette (out of St. Joseph, MO), Lee's Summit West, Leeton, Lexington, Liberty North, Lone Jack, North Kansas City, Oak Park, Pleasant Hill, St. Pius X, and Warrensburg. Even though we were the smallest team at the tournament, Calhoun was very competitive! Our team ended up with a record of 1-5. If you toss out our first game, we lost by a margin of around 70 points, or about 7 questions. That is a fantastic improvement from our competitions from last year, especially considering the size of the schools we faced that evening! Attached is a picture of the high school team (it's the one in the classroom with flags behind the students). Students who participated that night include junior Brennan Hartgrave, freshman Reese Hartgrave, senior Jayden Ingerson (captain), and freshman Isaiah Manis.

Game Results (each correct answer is worth 10 points, and an extra 5 points are awarded if a team correctly answers a question really fast):

1. Belton 435, Calhoun 40
2. Oak Park "A" 195, Calhoun 50
3. Lafayette (St. Joseph) 135, Calhoun 20
4. Oak Park "B" 100, Calhoun 60
5. Lexington 40, Calhoun 50
6. Warrensburg 95, Calhoun 30



On Saturday, November 3rd, it was the 7th and 8th graders turn to compete in Scholar Bowl. They participated in the Tuscumbia Middle School Fall Academic Tournament, hosted by Tuscumbia High School, in Tuscumbia, Mo. Although they did not have the same outcome as the high school team, they had just as much fun! They ended up with a record of 0-9 for the day, but in their defense, they faced some of the best teams in the entire state at this tournament. Of the 18 schools that participated in this middle school tournament, 13 were either from the Moberly or Columbia School Districts, and another 3 schools (Hallsville, Pilot Grove, Tuscumbia) have historically been successful at the high school level, with those school having won state championships in recent years. Attached is a picture of members of the team who competed on November 3rd, which include 8th grader Braydon Ethridge, 7th grader Hunter Marriott, 8th grader Andrew Knecht (captain), and 7th grader Madalyn (Maddie) Ross.

#### Game Results:

1. West (Columbia) Middle School 330, Calhoun 60
2. Columbia Independent School 555, Calhoun 10
3. Pilot Grove 350, Calhoun 40
4. Hallsville 450, Calhoun 40
5. Moberly 7th grade "A" 110, Calhoun 100
6. Lange (Columbia) Middle School 240, Calhoun 40
7. Tuscumbia 250, Calhoun 70
8. Moberly 8th grade "B" 225, Calhoun 85
9. Moberly 7th grade "B" 210, Calhoun 60



Our next competition, for both high school and for middle school, will be at the Kickapoo Scholar Bowl Tournament, hosted by Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Missouri, on Saturday, December 1st. They are hosting two competitions in one building at Kickapoo H.S., and as a result, both of Calhoun's teams will be playing at the same place at the same time!

#### **Blood Drive**

The NHS Blood Drive, on November 5, was a success. They ended up collecting 11 pints of blood that day. Well done, Calhoun!



## Veterans Day

On November 9, Calhoun R-VIII once again honored our local veterans with breakfast and a celebratory program.



After eating, the veterans were led down the corridor to the gym by the Color Guard (Ian Cooper and Andrew Knecht) with the elementary students waving flags and cheering them on. Once they arrived in the gym, Student Council President Tylar White gave a welcome address. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the kindergarten, and two groups recited poems: Maddison Goodloe and Allison Ross then Kimber Marriott, Kaydie Moore, Christopher Nelson, and Emmaleigh Smith. The HS Band performed "The Star Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "America the Beautiful." The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades sang "In Flander's Field" (soloists Maddison Goodloe, Abby Taylor, and Jessica Hicks) and "This Flag We Fly" (soloists Brayden Slater and Josh Smith). "My Country Tis of Thee" and "The Thunderer" were performed by the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades. New to the program this year was the debut of the Dance Team performing "Born in the USA." Once again, Mr. James Burson and Mr. Lamb gave us a glimpse into the lives of our military men and women, but this year, we were introduced to all of our attending veterans. The "Medley of Armed Forces" slideshow included pictures of active and veteran military family members of our students and staff. Finally, we were all, once again, moved by Autumn Rusche's tearful rendition of Taps;" when the weight of the song began to overwhelm her, we all felt it, and it was humbling, as we watched her recover and stand firm to finish what she started to honor all of our veterans.

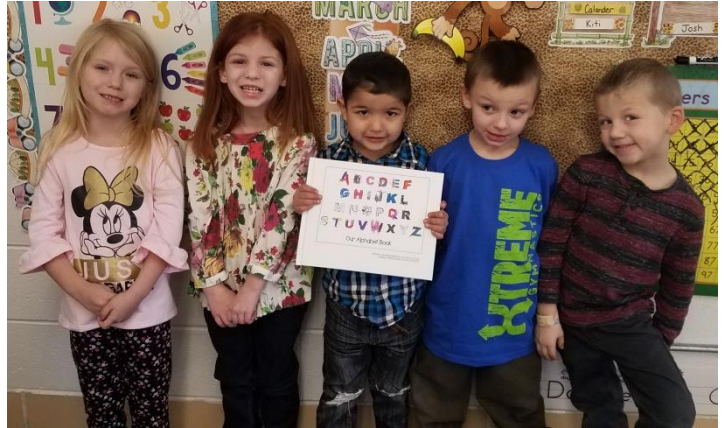


## **Calhoun Elementary Kindergarten Students Become Published Authors, Writing and Illustrating Their Own Books**

Calhoun, MO, [November 13, 2018] — Calhoun Elementary has announced that six of its students have become published authors through a national student publishing program. As part of the publishing process, students in Kindergarten planned, wrote and illustrated their own books using a free publishing kit provided by Studenttreasures Publishing. The topic of their books was the alphabet.

The students of Ms. Wynn’s class worked hard on their books for two weeks. The idea for their alphabet book started when Ms. Wynn read “Dr. Seuss’s ABC: An Amazing Alphabet Book!” One of the Kindergarten students, Misael, stated about the project, “I liked it because it has letters in it.”

The Studenttreasures publishing program provides teachers an easy way to incorporate any lesson plan – from math and science to history, art, and more – into a fun and memorable activity. Publishing a book in the classroom engages students through hands-on learning and inspires a love of reading and writing.



The best part: A classroom full of proud, smiling young authors, with a memory that lasts a lifetime, plus, a full-color, deluxe hardcover book for the teacher or school library. The students’ parents also have an option to purchase copies of these unique, childhood keepsakes.

## **ECC Updates**

November has been a pretty calm month down at the Early Childhood Center. We had a visit from ECERS in all three of the MPP classroom, November 12, 13, and 14, and the teachers and assistants in those rooms did a great job! We will find out the observations after Thanksgiving sometime and will use those results as just another learning experience and places to improve our already great program. The Early Childhood Center will follow the district calendar and be closed for Thanksgiving break November 19-23 and will resume business as usual on November 26. We can’t wait to celebrate Thanksgiving in our building as a community on Friday, November 16 with an amazing Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by Miss Peggy!

Just a reminder: the Early Childhood Center is a part of the Calhoun R-VIII School District and therefore follows any school closings or early dismissals.

## Grandparents Day

November 16 was a day full of food and family.



We kicked off the celebration with the traditional Thanksgiving meal. Shonda Self, Carol Price, and Joyce Langston worked together to provide a free meal to all our students and staff and all the senior citizens who came to the school to eat, and even delivered meals to senior citizens in the community who were unable to come to the school. They did a fantastic job, and even sported some new holiday aprons that Diane Mills made for them; the holiday design can be removed and changed out, so these lovely ladies in December will be even more festive in the kitchen. Rick Stropes, our favorite Head of Maintenance, even went above and beyond the call of duty that day to help with clearing tables and washing dishes. The seniors did an excellent job decorating the tables this year, using simple, hand-crafted runners that they helped design and runners that were colored by the elementary students. The meal went smoothly, and everyone enjoyed the food and getting to spend time with the kids.



Next came the Grandparents Day program, provided by our music department. The Veterans Day Slide Show was presented again, and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades did an encore of "In Flander's Field" (soloists Maddison Goodloe, Abby Taylor, and Jessica Hicks). They also performed "One Bottle of Pop," which consists of three verses being sung simultaneously as a round, with each verse representing a different part of a three part harmony. The song is actually quite complicated, but the students did a fantastic job and hit the harmonies well. The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and



3<sup>rd</sup> Grades performed "Ridin' that New River Train" and "The Grand Old Duke of York." The band performances were "Mozart Melody" and "Doodle All the Day" (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band), "Variations on a Familiar Theme," "Minuet," and, on piano, "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band), and finally "Magnificent Seven" and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow" (HS Band). The grandparents were also surprised with a special poem that showed the students gratitude, written by Kaydie Moore and Emmaleigh Smith and performed by Emmaleigh Smith.

Financial Statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018

	INCIDENTAL FUND 1	TEACHER FUND 2	DEBT SERVICE FUND 3	CAPITAL IMP FUND 4	TOTAL
Beginning Bal October 1, 2018	\$99,225.15	\$16,365.31	\$0.00	\$2,089.30	\$117,679.76
Receipts through October 31, 2018	\$103,823.18	\$123,864.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227,687.77
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$203,048.33</b>	<b>\$140,229.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,089.30</b>	<b>\$345,367.53</b>
Disbursements through October 31, 2018	\$149,205.33	\$116,011.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265,217.08
<b>Balance October 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$53,843.00</b>	<b>\$24,218.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,089.30</b>	<b>\$80,150.45</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018	\$181,636.46				
YTD receipts through October 31, 2018	\$770,441.18				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$952,077.64</b>				
YTD Disbursement through October 31, 2018	\$871,927.19				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$80,150.45</b>				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00	**			
<b>OPERATING BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$80,150.45</b>				

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

## Menus

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider. All breakfast and lunch meals are subject to change.*

### December Breakfast

Monday-Biscuit sandwich, sweet potatoes fries, juice, milk.

Tuesday-French toast sticks, strawberries, juice, milk.

Wednesday-Cereal, toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

Thursday-Sausage pancake on a stick, pineapple, juice, milk.

Friday-Biscuit and gravy, sausage, peaches, juice, milk.

### December Lunch

Dec. 3, Monday-Cheeseburger on bun, oven fries, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 4, Tuesday-Baked ham, broccoli/cheese, bread stick, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 5, Wedn.-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit/veg bar, bread, milk.

Dec. 6, Thursday-Hotdog, baked beans, mac/cheese, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 7, Friday-Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 10, Monday-Spaghetti, green beans, bread stick, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 11, Tuesday-Walking taco, bean dip, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 12, Wedn.-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, bread, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 13, Thursday-Pizza, corn, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 14, Friday-Potato soup, cheesy bread stick, fruit/veg bar, milk.

Dec. 17, Monday-BBQ rib on bun, oven fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Dec. 18, Tuesday-Burrito, corn, nachos, fruit, milk.

Dec. 19, 2018-January 6, 2019 WINTER BREAK