



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter



## Important Dates:

**Apr 1 – Happy Easter!**

**Apr 2 – Make-Up Day/  
School is IN  
SESSION**

**Apr 4 – Spring Pictures**

**Apr 13 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
Mid-Term**

**Apr 13 – School Carnival  
Band Fundraiser**

**Apr 16-27 – MAP/EOC  
Testing**

**Apr 20 – Early Release/  
Staff In-Service**

**Apr 21 – Prom**

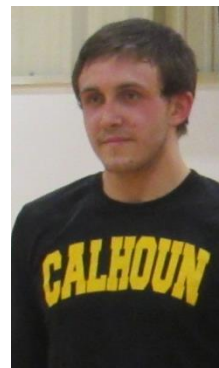
**Apr 26 – Pizza Hut Night  
Band Fundraiser**

**Apr 27 – End of MAP  
Kid's Night**

**Apr 29 – Athletic  
Banquet**

David Boonstra is a senior who appreciates hard work but knows how to enjoy life. You can always find him out hunting or fishing, working, or having a good time. His biggest challenge in high school has been working toward graduation, but he has always looked toward his teachers for guidance and taken any help they could give.

David knows his future is full of working and living the best life he can have. He plans on going into construction after graduation. His advice to the underclassmen is to “never give up; always fight for what you want in life.”



## Sports Highlights

### Elementary Basketball Soars like an Eagle

The Elementary Calhoun Eagle brought home three tournament championship titles this season. They started with the Clinton Park + Rec and East Lynne Tournaments for their first two titles. They most recently earned the title

of the Calhoun Fire Department Tournament Champions. These young players have definitely shown a passion for the game this season.

Left to Right: Front Row - A.J. Micke, Wyatt Moore, Aaron Knecht, Jacob Knecht

Back Row – Abby Dittmer, Hunter Marriott, Evan Harris, Gabe Isabell



## **Tylar White is 100 Yard Dash Champion**

On Thursday March 22, the Varsity Calhoun Eagles traveled to Sherwood for the first meet of the year. The track team this year includes Tylar White, Kendra Phillips, Anthony Hilbert, Makaila Carranza, and Mekhi Kinner. Junior Tylar White won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.50 and ran a 1:09.89 in the 400 to finish 4th. Senior Anthony Hilbert received 2 medals by winning 3rd in the high jump with a jump of 5'10" and 3rd in the long jump with a jump of 15' 9 ½". Senior Kendra Phillips captured the 2nd place medal in the 3200 with a time of 16:29.70 and 4th in the 1600 with a time of 7:16.33. Sophomore Mikaila Carranza finished 8th in the 1600 with a time of 8:08.02. The Eagles will go on the road Wednesday to compete at the Archie Invitational.



Left to Right: Coach Hicks, Mikaila Carranza, Mekhi Kinner, Anthony Hilbert, Kendra Phillips, Tylar White, and Coach Kreisel

## **Oh Say Can You Read**



On March 2, the Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday during Read Across America. The classrooms were filled with the sound of little voices reading to each other. The older students buddied up with the younger students to share their favorite stories. During this time, Mrs. Russell also read stories to all of the Elementary students. All involved had plenty of fun, just how Dr. Seuss would have wanted it.



## **FCCLA State Leadership Conference**

Students from Calhoun School District attended the annual Missouri Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, March 11-13, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. There were more than 1,600 students (grades 6-12) and their teachers in attendance.



The following Calhoun FCCLA members attended the conference:

David Boonstra, Jr., son of Joyce Thompson and David Boonstra, Sr.

Lindsay Rusche, daughter of Richard and Heather Rusche.

Taylor Trull, daughter of Tammy Catanzaro.

Tylar White, daughter of Randy and Amy White.

Brennan Hartgrave, son of Benjamin and Brook Hartgrave.

Jenna Smith, daughter of Jeremy and Candy Smith.



Local chapter adviser, Kathy S. O'Dell also attended. Mike Lamb attended as a chaperone.

This year's student-developed conference theme was "Unmask Your Leadership Powers". The conference featured speakers and workshops on topics such as preparing for college and careers, leadership skills, and traffic safety. In addition to leadership training, honors and recognition, more than 640 students participated in 30 competitive events, including early childhood education, entrepreneurship, culinary arts, fashion design, career investigation, chapter service learning projects and sports nutrition.

Six of the seven attending members were recognized as POWER OF ONE completers on Tuesday morning. They were: David Boonstra, Lindsay Rusche, Taylor Trull, Tylar White, Brennan Hartgrave, and Jenna Smith.



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for young men and women enrolled in family and consumer sciences education courses. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues. The Missouri association ranks fifth in the nation in membership with more than 9,800 members. There are more than 320 FCCLA chapters across the state.

## **Scholar Bowl**

On Thursday, March 15th, the Calhoun Scholar Bowl team competed in the Belton After-School Invitational Challenge. Although the team did not manage to win at this competition, nearly all of the games Calhoun participated in were extremely competitive. Our scholars were impressive, considering most of the schools at the meet are classified as Class 3 or Class 4. In the closest game of the match, Calhoun lost to Truman of Independence by just one question, with the final score being 70-80. Another close game that could have gone either way was against Fort Osage of Independence, which Calhoun lost to by two questions with a final score of 60-80. Calhoun also competed against Lee's Summit North (final score: 40-300), Sherwood (final score: 40-170), Butler (final score: 40-80), and Van Horn of Independence (final score: 30-150). Students on the Scholar Bowl team include: Elana Hollinger (captain), Taylor Trull, Brennan Hartgrave, and Nicholas Rusche.

Calhoun High School will be hosting the 2018 Mid-State Conference Championship Scholar Bowl Tournament this year. The tournament will start at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 7th. Calhoun, Chilhowee, Kingsville, and Heartland Christian (Belton) High Schools will compete on that day for the conference title. Each school will play three games in the morning in a round robin bracket; then, after the lunch break, they will be seeded one through four based on wins and points scored. Whichever school can win two games in a row after lunch will be the 2018 Mid-State Conference Scholar Bowl Champion.

Another important meet coming up is the District Championship for Scholar Bowl. This year, Leeton is hosting that competition, and it will be held on Saturday, April 14th. Schools that will be competing for the Class 1 District 6 championship include: Calhoun, Chilhowee, Drexel, Green Ridge, La Monte, Leeton, and Northwest (Hughesville).

## **Science Fair Projects**

The annual Science Fair was held last month. All of Mr. Duensing's students participated, and a few projects look to be contenders in this competition. The winners will be announced during the end-of-year awards assembly.





## Principal Updates

3rd Quarter has flown by, but many of our students managed to keep up their grades and attendance. We're proud of you; keep it up!

Grade Level	Perfect Attendance	A-B Honor Roll	Principal's Honor Roll
Kindergarten	Emmilyn Carney	Emmilyn Carney Hunter Detherage Charlie Fields Jakoi Gilmore Lyrick Houk Aleigha James	
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade		Gavin Smith Kyrstin Zabriskie	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Kimber Marriott Kaydie Moore	Allie Dunham Trevor Fields Christopher Nelson Emmaleigh Smith	Kimber Marriott
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Jessica Hicks Jackson VanCamp	Iniko Kinner Andrew Morgan Abby Taylor	
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Wyatt Moore	Allison Ross	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Landon Huffman	Evan Harris Derik Hartgrave	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Hunter Marriott	Josh Hall Hunter Marriott Aaron (AJ) Micke Kaitlyn Snyder Christian Wolf	Madalyn Ross
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Jacob Harris Hannah Thomas	Andrew Knecht
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Autumn Rusche	Elli Bailey Isaiah Bailey Reese Hartgrave Autumn Rusche	
Freshmen	Libby Thomas	Tyler Hilbert Jenna Smith Libby Thomas	Gracie Hollinger
Sophomores	Ian Cooper	Desi Bailey Mikaila Carranza Brennan Hartgrave	Derick House
Juniors		Tylar White	
Seniors	Elana Hollinger	Anthony Hilbert Kendra Phillips	Elana Hollinger Rachel Kelso Andy Redding Lindsay Rusche Taylor Trull

## **Counselor's Corner**

### MAP/EOC Test Schedule

Hello Parents and Guardians:

To begin, thank you all for providing your continuing support to the Calhoun School District. As we move towards the end of the school year, our students face one of the most mentally taxing times of the school year; MAP/EOC testing. Our end-of-year testing begins on Monday, April 16th and ends on Friday, April 27th. To ensure the success of our students and our school, we ask for the attendance and participation of all students during the last couple of months of school. As parents and guardians, we know that you play a large role in the success of your students and hope for your continuing support throughout these last couple of months. A more detailed schedule of the MAP test can be found below.

Thank you for your time and support!

Mr. Stackhouse

### MAP/EOC Schedule Summary

#### MAP Tests

##### 3rd Grade:

- Math – April 16 and April 17
- English – April 18 and April 19

##### 4th Grade:

- Math – April 16 (Section 1) and April 17 (Sections 2 and 3)
- English – April 18 (Section 1), April 19 (Section 2), and April 23 (Sections 3 and 4)

##### 5th Grade:

- Math – April 16 (Section 1) and April 17 (Sections 2 and 3)
- English – April 18 (Section 1) and April 19 (Sections 2 and 3)
- Science – April 24 (Section 1) and April 25 (Section 2)

##### 6th Grade

- Math – April 16 (Section 1), April 17 (Section 2), and April 18 (Section 3)
- English – April 24 (Section 1), April 25 (Section 2), and April 26 (Section 3)

## 7th Grade

- English – April 16 (Section 1) and April 17 (Sections 2 and 3)
- Math – April 24 (Sections 1 and 2) and April 25 (Section 3)

## 8th Grade

- English – April 16 (Section 1), April 17 (Section 2), and April 18 (Sections 3 and 4)
- Math – April 19 (Sections 1 and 2) and April 23 (Section 3)
- Science – April 24 (Section 1) and April 25 (Section 2)

## EOCS

Algebra I – April 26 (Section 1) and April 27 (Section 2)

Biology – April 26

English II – April 19 (Section 1) and April 23 (Section 2)

Government – April 26

## Helping Students Tackle Testing

We think of test anxiety as something that crops up when teenagers take the SAT or some other important exam, but the truth is that even very young children can experience it. With the increase in tests and assessments at the elementary school level, more and more young children are experiencing symptoms of test anxiety.

There are a few steps you can take to help your child tackle this problem before it becomes overwhelming.

1. Ask questions to clarify. Often, the process of saying their worries out loud helps young children work through their feelings. Understanding the thought patterns that trigger anxiety can help parents develop strategies to target specific concerns. Try asking these questions:

- o How do you feel when you first see the test?
- o What's your biggest worry about taking a test?
- o Do you feel worried when you think about a test or only when you see the test?

Questions like these help us to avoid assumptions about why kids feel anxious.

2. Teach test-taking basics. Young children have very little experience taking tests. Kids may feel empowered simply by talking through basic strategies, such as reading the directions, asking questions about the directions, looking for questions they know they can answer right away, and passing over tricky questions for a moment.
3. Talk to the teacher. Some young children become overwhelmed by things like timed math computation tests and spelling tests because they look at the whole page instead of focusing on one answer at a time. If this is the case for your child, the classroom teacher might be able to implement some simple solutions such as using a piece of paper to cover the majority of the page so that your child only focuses on one line at a time. Other kids experience anxiety when they look around and see everyone working quickly. They become distracted by the noise of the pencils scratching on the papers. A quick fix for this is a privacy shield at the desk or being seated in a separate area at the back of the room.
4. Encourage positive self-talk. Cognitive reframing is a great way to help young children cope with their anxious thoughts. We can teach kids to “boss back” anxious thoughts by replacing negative thoughts with positive ones. So when their brain signals that something is too hard, they can say, “You don’t worry me! I know how to do this!”
5. Teach relaxation strategies. Visualization exercises are great for little kids because they tend to have active imaginations. Practice these when your child is calm. Ask him to close his eyes and identify a place he feels happy, confident, and relaxed. Encourage him to share details about the sights, sounds and scents in his calming place. As he shares, cue him to take deep breaths. Then on test day, remind your child to close his eyes and visualize his calming place when he feels anxious.
6. Bolster confidence. The bottom line is that test anxiety can feel like a confidence killer. Instead of focusing on the actual tests being taken, help your child find their inner strength in other ways. For many children, increasing free play and outdoor play is a confidence booster. In the context of play, kids challenge themselves and work through their fears. This builds confidence that can positively impact your child across all areas of life.

Derived from Katie Hurley’s “Six ways to help kids tackle anxiety.”



## Superintendent Updates

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K-12 Principal  
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Dear Calhoun Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

Driving to work today, I was amazed at how fast the year has gone by. I guess time flies when you are having fun! I wanted to thank all of you for your continued support, understanding and cooperation as we have worked thru this school year. As I have stated before the district the two years prior to me becoming district superintendent deficit spent \$653,821.54. The beginning fund balance for the 17-18 school year was \$77,893.56. This created a daunting task for me to try to meet all of our contractual obligations not only personnel, but also other commitments for our students and the district. Jane Harrison and I have worked extremely hard to meet monthly payroll and pay our bills while keeping the district running as efficient as possible this school year.

Turning the pages on other district programs/services, I found that the fiscal condition of the district was not the only problem. On a positive note, we have made considerable progress addressing many of those areas identified. I feel that we have turned the corner and headed in a positive direction fiscally and with our programs/services district wide. I am pleased that the Board of Education is committed to the process and I appreciate their support.

I started my educational journey in 1977; my philosophy of education has not wavered for the past 40 years. I base my decisions on what is best for the students. If that is the mindset of all involved amazing things can happen for our students and the district.

It is imperative that we create a pattern of fiscal stability, accountability and oversight procedures to ensure that we can achieve our mission of preparing motivated, productive lifelong learners. I look forward to working with all of you the next two years.

If you have any questions or concerns please stop by, my door is always open

John Thompson - Superintendent

# SCHOOL CARNIVAL

*Hosted by the Eagle Pride Band*

When: April 13, 5:30-8:00 pm

Where: Calhoun Elementary School

Who: Everyone is Welcome!!!!

Why: Raise funds for a new Baritone Saxophone.

**Games-Face Painting-Food-Raffles**



Order from Pizza Hut with this flier  
Thursday, April 26th from 4-9pm  
& 20% of your order will go to support  
"Eagle Pride Calhoun Band"

1501 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 885-8117

Dine-In, Delivery or Carryout  
or order online at [pizzahut.com](http://pizzahut.com)

*-Come enjoy your favorite pizza while  
helping contribute to a worthy cause-*

The Calhoun Community Program (sponsored by the Henry County Teen Outreach Program) invites you to:



**Who is invited?** All Calhoun Students, Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**When?** Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm

**Why come?** Dodgeball, Movies, and Video Games (E rated)!

**How much?** All students are allowed for NO COST (donations will be accepted for the Art program).

Please join us for a fun night to relax and celebrate the completion of the MAP test. While entry is free, please bring money for concessions. All proceeds (donations and concessions) will be going towards the Calhoun Art Program. We hope to see you there!

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

	INCIDENTAL FUND 1	TEACHER FUND 2	DEBT SERVICE FUND 3	CAPITAL IMP FUND 4	TOTAL
Beginning Bal Feb 1, 2018	\$296,769.23	(\$44,025.92)	\$0.00	\$4,175.00	\$256,918.31
Receipts through Feb 28, 2018	\$124,852.73	\$117,952.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242,805.58
TOTALS	\$421,621.96	\$73,926.93	\$0.00	\$4,175.00	\$499,723.89
Disbursements through Feb 28, 2018	\$153,630.15	\$114,125.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$267,755.99
Balance Feb 28, 2018	\$267,991.81	(\$40,198.91)	\$0.00	\$4,175.00	\$231,967.90
Beginning Balance July 1, 2017	\$59,879.47				
YTD Receipts through February 28, 2018	\$2,156,485.46				
TOTALS	\$2,216,364.93				
YTD Disbursements through February 28, 2018	\$1,984,397.03				
TOTALS	\$231,967.90				
LESS INVESTMENTS	\$0.00	**			
OPERATING BALANCE February 28, 2018	\$231,967.90				
\$17,236.78 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT					
\$200.00 PETTY CASH					

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# April 2018



**Breakfast menu is subject to change.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Juice Milk	3 Waffle Sausage Pears Juice Milk	4 Cereal Granola bar Applesauce Juice Milk	5 Biscuit And gravy Peaches Juice Milk	6 Sausage pancake on a stick Fresh fruit Juice Milk	7
8	9 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Juice Milk	10 Breakfast- Sandwich Swt potato fries Juice Milk	11 Cereal Granola bar Applesauce Juice Milk	12 Biscuit And gravy Peaches Juice Milk	13 Sausage pancake On a stick Fresh fruit Juice Milk	14
15	16 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Juice Milk	17 Waffle Sausage Pears Juice Milk	18 Cereal Granola bar Applesauce Juice Milk	19 Biscuit And gravy Peaches Juice Milk	20 Sausage pancake on a stick Fresh fruit Milk	21
22	23 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Juice Milk	24 Breakfast- Sandwich Swt. Potato fries Juice Milk	25 Cereal Granola bar Applesauce Juice Milk	26 Biscuit and Gravy Peaches Juice Milk	27 Sausage pancake On a stick Fresh fruit Juice Milk	28
29	30 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Juice Milk					

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Lunch Menu is subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
5th-12th Grade are Offered Fruit/veg Bar daily.	2 Pizza Corn Fruit/veg bar Milk	3 Biscuit and Gravy Sausage Tots Fruit/veg bar Milk	4 Cheeseburger Fries Fruit/veg bar Milk	5 Beef soft taco Refried beans Fruit/veg bar Milk	6 Soup Grilled cheese- Sandwich Fruit/veg bar Milk	7
8 K-4th Grade Are Offered Fruit/veg Bar Mon/Fri	9 Hotdog on bun (chili) Baked beans Fruit/veg bar Milk	10 General Tso's Or orange chicken Rice Egg roll Fruit/veg bar Milk	11 Hot ham and Cheese sandwich Broccoli/cheese Fruit/veg bar Milk	12 Baked chicken Mashed potatoes And gravy Fruit/veg bar Bread Milk	13 Soup Grilled cheese- Sandwich Fruit/veg bar Milk	14
15	16 Chicken nachos Refried beans Fruit/veg bar Milk	17 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes And gravy Fruit/veg bar Bread Milk	18 Goulash Green beans Fruit/veg bar Bread Milk	19 Breaded chicken- patty on bun Corn Fruit/veg bar Milk	20 Soup Grilled cheese- Sandwich Fruit/veg bar Milk	21
22	23 Cheeseburger On bun Fries Fruit/veg bar Milk	24 Hotdog on bun Baked beans Mac & cheese Fruit/veg bar Milk	25 Pizza Corn Fruit/veg bar Milk	26 Spaghetti Meatballs Bread stick Green beans Fruit/veg bar Milk	27 Soup Grilled cheese- Sandwich Fruit/veg bar Milk	28
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