



# Calhoun R-VIII Newsletter

August-October 2020



## Important Dates:

**Oct 1 – Picture Day**

**Oct 23-24 – Haunted Trail**

**Oct 30 – Elementary Halloween Party**

## Tommy Bear and Mrs. Iuchs' Return

The end of July brought a new addition to our Eagle family. Thomas Bear Iuchs is the newest member of the Iuchs clan, joining his parents Jessica (our English teacher) and Chris and his big sister Lizzy Lee. He is affectionately known as Tommy Bear. He has grown fast in the last two months, and loves being with people. He prefers snuggles with Mama and Daddy, but he welcomes

the times Lizzy Lee wants to watch nursery rhymes with him. He even got to meet the staff at Calhoun during teacher meetings. He loved all the attention and his school nickname: Churchill (compliments of our Social Studies teacher Mrs. Frintz). Mrs. Iuchs had fun being at home with him the first month and the first two weeks of school, but she missed her big kids and was ready to come back and teach (and get the newsletter up and running again). She was grateful for the warm reception (all the kids saying they missed “Mama Iuchs”) and felt like nothing changed when she came back to work. This is going to be a great school year no matter what curveballs may come our way.

Calhoun Eagles  
Proudly Present...



## Cross-Country

7<sup>th</sup> Grader Wyatt Moore has competed in three Cross-Country meets so far this season, and his times have been good. On Saturday, September 19, at the Clinton Middle School Invitational, he finished the 1.7-mile cross-country race in 12.35 minutes. He also received a top 10 medal for his run. On Saturday, September 27, at the Dam Run at Lake Pome de Terre, Wyatt finished in the middle of 80 runners in the 3200 meter run in 16:02 minutes. On September 30, at Cass-Midway, he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 3500 meter with a time of 13:58. We are proud of Wyatt for all the work he puts into prepping for a race, and we look forward to him getting even faster as the season progresses.



### **Calhoun Colt Show**

Our students had another successful participation in the Calhoun Colt Show. Saturday, September 12, began with crowning royalty (top to bottom, left to right): Queen Emma Watson, Princess Jenna Smith, Stella Price (seen holding the rose), 1<sup>st</sup> Prince Shooter Price, King Max Pennock, Mini Queen Nora Nelson, 1<sup>st</sup> Princess Harper Pennock, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess Kinley Bailey. The band marched in the parade again, led by



director Michal Brooks. The band consisted of flag bearers Jackson Mantonya and Christopher Nelson, flautist Cloe Bourland, clarinetist Makenleigh Hardesty, saxophonist Maddy Goodloe, trumpeter Christian Wolf, bass clarinetist Landon Huffmann, and snare



drummer Evan Harris. The TOPs students also held a 50/50 raffle for Ms. Melissa Hicks. The \$300 raised will go toward expenses incurred during her cancer treatment, and we all wish her success and send her prayers and good thoughts.

### **School Supplies Donation**

We would like to thank the Clinton Mid-Day Optimists for their generous donation of school supplies at the beginning of August. The students and teachers greatly appreciate the help, especially during these cautious and uncertain times.

We would also like to thank Eddie Seymour and David Rusche for providing and cooking lunch for PD on September 28. The food was an amazing treat for all the staff.

## Reading adds up

Did you know that children who read for pleasure at least 20 minutes each day do better in school? Use these tips to fit more reading into your youngster's day.

### Keep it front and center.

Your child will be more likely to read during her free time if you make materials as easily available. Stash kid-friendly magazines in the living room, and leave comics

on the breakfast table. When you know you might need to wait, such as at the dentist or vet, take books along or download e-books from the library to your phone or tablet.

### Add it to other activities.

Bedtime is a natural opportunity to read, but so is playtime—and even chore time. If your youngster wants to pitch a tent in the backyard, suggest that she fill it with books and magazines to read while she hangs out inside. Also, audiobooks can make reading hands-free, so you could listen to a story together while you do yard work or fold laundry.▼



## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Create a family yearbook

Encourage your child to preserve family memories, and practice writing, by starting this fun project he can work on all year long.

Together, look through old school yearbooks—his and yours—to find out what they contain. Your youngster will see individual and group portraits as well as pages dedicated to activities and special pages. What will his homemade book include? He might create a binder with sections for birthdays, holidays, and accomplishments, for example.



Now your child can write up yearbook entries and take photos to go along with them. Maybe he'll begin with a page about himself learning to play the guitar and another dedicated to his sister's fall art exhibit. Have him add each page to the matching section in his binder, and keep his work-in-progress on the coffee table for everyone to leaf through.▼

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# Home & School CONNECTION®

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## SHORT NOTES

### My handwashing poster

Ask your child to design a poster that reminds family members to frequently wash their hands. She could include a clever slogan ("Wanted: Clean hands!") and write and illustrate instructions for washing properly. Examples: "Scrub for at least 20 seconds," "Wash fronts and backs of hands," "between fingers, and under nails."

### Natural rewards

Show your youngster that good behavior has its own rewards. For instance, point out that there's time to play a board game because he put away his toys the first time you asked. He'll be more apt to repeat the behavior next time.

### Sort the foods

Sorting items into categories boosts your child's thinking skills. After you make a grocery list, have her rewrite it in a way that will help you shop more efficiently. She could organize items by the aisle where they're located (produce, frozen foods). Then, she could think of other ways to sort for fun, maybe by color or food group.

### Worth quiting

"Use your smile to change the world; don't let the world change your smile." Chinese proverb

## JUST FOR FUN

Q: You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?  
A: A reflection.



## Confident about school

School may look different this year, but one thing is the same: Parents and teachers want to keep children safe and help them learn. Here are answers to questions you may have as the new school year gets underway.

Q: *My child thinks school will be too hard this year since he hasn't been in class for so long. What can I do?*

A: Many students had a longer-than-normal summer break, and teachers are ready to help them catch up. So let your youngster know he's not alone. If you discover he is struggling (say, stumbling over sight words or math facts he knew last year), contact his teacher so you can work as a team to get him on track.

Q: *With all the changes COVID-19 has brought, my son seems anxious. Any ideas for making him feel better?*

A: Youngsters feel less anxious when they know what to expect. If he's adjusting to a new school schedule, post it on the refrigerator. At home, try to keep

things as much the same as possible. Eat meals together regularly, and plan weekend activities he can look forward to like hiking or playing backyard games.

Q: *When my child works online, how much should I be involved?*

A: Your youngster's work is his responsibility, but you can offer support. To help him stay on task, make sure he has a quiet place to learn and the materials he needs. You might sit nearby and do your own work, or simply be available in case he has a question or a technical problem (like a dropped internet connection). Consider keeping a notepad handy so he can write his questions if you're busy.▼



## Get to know teachers

Now's the time to open the lines of communication with your youngster's teachers and set the stage for a successful year. Consider this advice:

- Attend events like back-to-school night and PTA or PTO meetings, whether they're held virtually or in person. Introduce yourself to your child's teacher, and try to meet specialists, too. The librarian, school counselor, and art, music, and PE teachers all play important roles in your youngster's education.
- Send a note or an email to find out how teachers prefer to be contacted. Also, include a personal detail or two about your child, perhaps how she's coping with the pandemic or a hobby she enjoys. You might also ask the teacher how he's been doing during this time—he'll appreciate your recognizing that it has been hard on everyone.▼



## PARENT TO PARENT

**We're a cleaning team**  
When I stepped up our household cleaning routine because of the pandemic, I decided to get my sons involved. I told Nate and Seth that we're in this together and that we need to share responsibility for keeping the house clean—and keeping germs at bay.

Our boys came up with a great idea. They decided to make a "chore spinner." They divided a paper plate into sections labeled with chores like sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, and dusting. I added emptying trash cans and wiping down surfaces we touch a lot, such as doorknobs, TV remotes, banisters, and counters.

Now when it's chore time, Nate and Seth spin the wheel to see who does what. They're showing more responsibility for their chores than before—and they've even started calling themselves "The Clean Team."▼



## Q & A

**Screen time: Find a balance**  
The first column can include things like family meals, physical activity, and playing with toys. In column two, she might list schoolwork, video-chats with relatives, and educational videos. And the last column is for purely fun screen time like (parent-approved) video games and apps.

A: For many children, technology has been a valuable tool for learning and for staying in touch with friends and loved ones lately. So the amount of time spent in front of a screen isn't necessarily a problem—what matters is how your daughter uses technology.

Have your daughter make a chart with three columns labeled "Screen-free time," "Quality screen time," and "Other screen time."



Explain that the goal is to spend most of her time on activities in columns one and two. For column-three items, set a time limit that works for your family.▼



# Calhoun's Haunted Trail

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Come Join us for a Night of  
Fun & Frights, Snacks & Hot Beverages!

Located at the Trail behind  
Calhoun High School, 409 South College

5:00 to 10:00 pm, Family Friendly until Sundown

\$8 for Adults, \$5 for children

Walk our haunted trail & enjoy a hayride back...

**IF YOU DARE!!!**

## Financial Statements, August 2020

### *Bank & Cash Reconciliation*

*End of August 2020*

#### Fund Cash Balance by Fund

Fund Number and Description	Cash Balance	Comments
001 - GENERAL FUND	565,349.12	
002 - TEACHERS FUND	-104,167.74	
003 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	.00	
004 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	27,386.02	
Adjustment 1 :	.00	
Adjustment 2 :	.00	
Adjustment 3 :	.00	
Adjustment 4 :	.00	
T O T A L :	488,567.40	

#### Bank Cash and Reconciled Balances:

Account Code & Bank	Cash Balance	Reconciled Balance	Comments
xxxx1805 - Main Checking - HAWTHORN	-45,506.54	41,276.67	
xxxx5628 - Savings - HAWTHORN	515,789.35	515,789.35	
xxxx2890 - CD - HAWTHORN	18,084.59	18,084.59	
xxxx1132 - Petty Cash - HAWTHORN	200.00	200.00	
Outstanding Amount: xxxx1805 - Main Checking - HAWTHORN	.00	-86,783.21	
Adjustment 1 :	.00	.00	
Adjustment 2 :	.00	.00	
Adjustment 3 :	.00	.00	
Adjustment 4 :	.00	.00	
T O T A L :	488,567.40	488,567.40	

Bank Cash and Fund Cash are in Balance

	Working Budget	MTD Activity	YTD Activity	Remaining Budget	% Realized	Last Year Thru This Month
<b>REVENUES</b>						
5112 Taxes, Delinquent Ad Valorem	.00	2,384.44	2,384.44	-2,384.44		.00
5113 School District Trust Fund (Proposi	.00	7,809.36	16,138.62	-16,138.62		.00
5115 M & M Surtax	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
5141 Earnings From Temporary Deposits	.00	439.63	439.63	-439.63		.00
5161 Sales to Adults	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
5179 Other Pupil Activity Income	.00	.00	8.22	-8.22		.00
5181 Community Services	.00	4,613.99	7,177.98	-7,177.98		.00
5198 Miscellaneous Local Revenue	.00	75.00	75.00	-75.00		.00
5211 Fines, Escheats, Overplus, Etc.	.00	46.00	398.43	-398.43		.00
5311 Basic Formula - State Monies	.00	68,049.00	104,125.00	-104,125.00		.00
5312 Transportation	.00	1,015.00	2,029.00	-2,029.00		.00
5319 Basic Formula - Classroom Trust Fun	.00	2,073.26	4,367.11	-4,367.11		.00
5412 Medicaid	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
5424 EMERGENCY RELIEF	.00	.00	12,975.25	-12,975.25		.00
5451 Title I	.00	.00	13,731.70	-13,731.70		.00
5462 Title III	.00	.00	402.76	-402.76		.00
5465 Title II.A	.00	.00	300.52	-300.52		.00
5473 CARES FOOD LUNCH PROGRAM	.00	.00	3,360.00	-3,360.00		.00
5474 CARES BREAKFAST PROGRAM	.00	.00	2,112.00	-2,112.00		.00
5481 Department of Health Food Service	.00	3,940.82	8,100.84	-8,100.84		.00
5483 Head Start	.00	61,433.52	61,433.52	-61,433.52		.00
5492 Title V.B., Rural Education Achieve	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
5497 Other Federal Revenue	.00	50.00	50.00	-50.00		.00
5651 Sale of Other Propert	.00	.00	3,725.00	-3,725.00		.00
<b>Total of REVENUES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>151,930.02</b>	<b>243,335.02</b>	<b>-243,335.02</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
6111 Regular Salaries	.00	64,287.61	83,573.46	-83,573.46		.00
6121 Substitute and Other Part-Time Teac	.00	1,955.00	1,955.00	-1,955.00		.00
6131 Supplemental Pay	.00	1,625.00	1,625.00	-1,625.00		.00
6151 Classified Salaries - Regular	.00	33,378.96	55,211.99	-55,211.99		.00
6211 Teachers' Retirement	.00	10,543.82	13,475.27	-13,475.27		.00
6221 Non-Teacher Retirement	.00	2,460.56	4,207.81	-4,207.81		.00
6231 Old Age, Survivors and Disability I	.00	2,067.44	3,387.91	-3,387.91		.00
6232 Medicare	.00	1,415.75	1,996.51	-1,996.51		.00
6241 Employee Insurance	.00	12,074.25	16,915.09	-16,915.09		.00
6271 Unemployment Compensation	.00	4,049.03	4,049.03	-4,049.03		.00
6311 Purchased Instructional Services	.00	75.78	75.78	-75.78		.00
6312 Instructional Program Improvement S	.00	25,672.05	25,757.05	-25,757.05		.00
6318 Election Services	.00	628.76	628.76	-628.76		.00
6319 Other Professional Services	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
6332 Repairs and Maintenance	.00	597.31	4,047.80	-4,047.80		.00
6335 Water and Sewer	.00	471.05	931.19	-931.19		.00
6336 Trash Removal	.00	215.00	430.00	-430.00		.00
6343 Travel	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
6349 Other Transportation Services	.00	12.00	12.00	-12.00		.00
6361 Communication	.00	55.00	55.00	-55.00		.00
6362 Advertisin	.00	.00	96.96	-96.96		.00
6371 Dues and Memberships	.00	40.00	540.00	-540.00		.00
6391 Other Purchased Services	.00	6,192.03	12,313.00	-12,313.00		.00
6411 General Supplies	.00	7,429.95	16,631.15	-16,631.15		.00
6481 Electric	.00	3,892.86	7,091.09	-7,091.09		.00
6486 Gasoline/Diesel	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00
6491 Other Supplies and Materials	.00	2,850.39	2,850.39	-2,850.39		.00
6521 Buildings	.00	29,886.00	29,886.00	-29,886.00		.00
<b>Total of EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>211,875.60</b>	<b>287,743.24</b>	<b>-287,743.24</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Revenue over (under) Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-59,945.58</b>	<b>-44,408.22</b>	<b>44,408.22</b>		<b>0.00</b>

## **Menu**

**“This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”**

Breakfast and Lunch Menus are subject to change.

Milk options are Fat-Free Chocolate Milk or 1% White Milk. Juices are all 100%

### **October Breakfast**

10/1, Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
10/2, Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
  
10/6, Pop tart, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
10/7, Egg and cheese croissant, fruit, juice, milk  
10/8, Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
10/9, Biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
  
10/13, Honey bun, fruit, juice, milk  
10/14, French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk  
10/15, Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
10/16, Biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
  
10/20, Pop tart, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
10/21, Egg and cheese croissant, fruit, juice, milk  
10/22, Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
10/23, Biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
  
10/27, Honey bun, fruit, juice, milk  
10/28, French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk  
10/29, Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
10/30, Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice, milk

### **October Lunch**

10/1, Spaghetti and meatballs, dark leaf salad, steamed carrots, pears, milk  
10/2, BBQ Rib sandwich, broccoli and cheese, tater tots, clementine, milk  
  
10/6, Chicken nachos, refried beans, fruit, milk  
10/7, Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, milk (bread 6-12)  
10/8, Cheesy burger bake with tots, salad mix, fruit, milk  
10/9, Corn dog, mac and cheese, sliced carrots, fruit, milk  
  
10/13, Baked ham, tater tots, broccoli and cheese, bread stick, fruit, milk  
10/14, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, roll, milk  
10/15, Chicken Alfredo, salad mix, steamed carrots, bread stick, pears, milk  
10/16, Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad, fruit, milk  
  
10/20, Turkey and cheese sub, chips, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk  
10/21, Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, milk (bread 6-12)  
10/22, Bosco stick, veg. beef soup, broccoli, fruit, milk  
10/23, Pizza, dark leaf salad, peas, fruit, milk  
  
10/27, Cheeseburger on bun, baked beans, fries, fruit, milk  
10/28, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, roll, milk  
10/29, Creamy chicken noodle soup, steamed carrots, salad mix, fruit, milk  
10/30, Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, fresh broccoli, corn, fruit, milk

**All Lunch Meals will include Juice for 9th-12th grade**