



## Coming up in October....



3rd Fall Pictures

8th Columbus Day

9th Muffins for Mom

19th Hispanic Program

22nd Homecoming Week

23rd Red Ribbon Week

Early Release Day

26th In-Service Day

31st Grandparents Day

29th-Nov 2nd **Book Fair Week**



**Come shop the scholastic enchanted forest book fair!**



## #bestschoolyear ever



### Our Moms



### Sparkle and Shine

All SMK8

Moms or Guardians....

**Please join us for our annual  
SMK8 Muffins for Mom**

When: Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

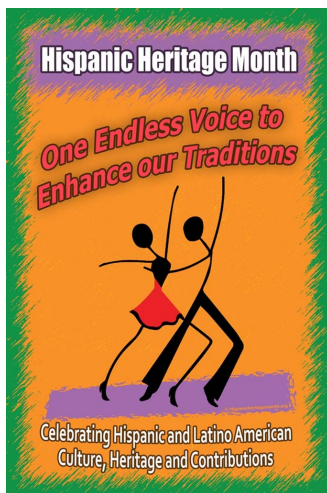
Where: St. Matthews K-8 Cafeteria

(Make sure you turn in your RSVP form so we can plan for this special event!)



## October Character Trait Courage

# Hispanic Heritage Month



Every year Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th. This observance was started in 1968 by Lyndon B. Johnson. We celebrate American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Caribbean, Central America, and South America. We will be reflecting on the our Hispanic culture, history, and traditions.

## Get Ready, Set, Kickoff!



Grades 3-5 will take timed multiplication quizzes. Classes who have at least 80% of the students making a 75% or above will earn their team a field goal worth 3 points. The classes who has 100% of students earning 100 on the timed quizzes will earn their team a touchdown worth 7 points. The team who has the most points at the end of the quarter wins the Super Bowl. Study your multiplication tables!

## Which Team will win the Super Bowl of Facts?



Cardinals



Enforcers

# Classroom Happenings...



## Kindergarten

K5 is busy learning new letters and letter sounds. We have been leaning new sight words and we are putting those words together to make sentences. In October, we look forward to our first visit to the Calhoun County Library!

## First Grade

The first graders are enthusiastically learning about nouns, action verbs, and adjectives. They continue to focus on learning their sight words to increase their oral reading fluency. They are learning their addition facts and enjoy doing daily minute madness facts. In science we continue to focus on Living and Non Living things, rocks and soil. We have truly been busy buzzing into learning.

## Second Grade

The students are continuing to have fun reading! They are learning new strategies and skills to become even better readers. The students enjoy small group discussions about their books. They are doing well listening to one another's points of view. It is wonderful to see the students grow in their reading skills. Please remember to check your child's homework for accuracy and neatness each day.

## Third Grade

Well, the weather's getting cooler. It's the perfect time to "fall" into a good book to keep those AR points flowing, practice the 2's, 5's, 10's, and take notice of the things you like or dislike about fall to prepare for our upcoming Narrative Writing challenge.

## Fourth Grade

We want to continue the parent/teacher communications so that all children can succeed. This nine weeks in science we are learning about the atmosphere, types of storms, water cycle, weather and climate. In Social Studies, we continuing with Native Americans and moving on to the Explorers. Please continue to encourage your child to read 8 books a month. This will help increase their reading levels. In math we are/will be working on multiplication facts daily. Parents, PLEASE make sure your child does and turns in their multiplication logs every Friday. It is GRAD-ED! Students are asked to bring headphones to school. If you would like to volunteer in Mrs. Fordham's science class, please send a message through remind. Thanks for all you do!



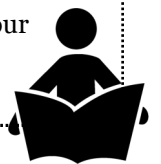
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Get wild about reading...  
Reach your AR Reading goal!  
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## Cardinal Enrichment

Why should children read?

1. It expands their vocabulary.
2. It makes them better readers.
3. It helps build independence and self-confidence.
4. It keeps them safe.
5. It helps them make sense of the world around them.
6. It leads to their future academic success.
7. It enhances their imagination.
8. It entertains them.
9. It improves their grammar.
10. It improves their writing skills.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 8th, students will enjoy reading while waiting to be dismissed for class during 7:20 am to 7:40 am. Please remember to bring your material to read.



## Eighth Grade

Eighth grade students have begun the school year with a great start. In mathematics, students have learned how to approximate square roots; how to use formulas to find the volume of the cylinder, cone, and sphere; and apply the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems. Algebra I students have been learning how to solve equations by applying various properties; finding the volume of various space figures using formulas. Eighth graders will begin to focus on their career choices as the nine weeks progresses.