



Cougar Chronicle

Administrator's Message

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Dear Parents,
We would first like to share that our thoughts are with the whole community of Broward County. As we continue to grieve for the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, we also want to ensure that our students are as safe as possible while at school. Here at Caloosa we have been in the process of updating our safety plan for several weeks. Now, more than ever, we need our students, staff, and parents to be diligent in following all safety protocols set in

place at Caloosa. Please continue to talk with your children about speaking up when something doesn't "seem right." Please ensure your phone number is up to date with the school. We take all safety concerns seriously and we will continue to address the needs of our school throughout the year.

We would like to thank our parents, students, and staff for a very successful conference night on February 15th, 2018! We loved hearing all the positive feedback from our families after this event.

Our partnership with you is vital in the success of our students.

Students also enjoyed the **PBS Super Hero day** on February 23rd and are looking forward to our next PBS event on March 29th, "Tourist Day."

Read Across America week will take place March 5th-March 9th, 2018. **Spring Break** is March 19th-March 23rd, 2018. Finally, there is no school on March 30th, 2018 due to Good Friday. As you can see, we have many events in March and we look

forward to a lot of fun!

Please mark your calendars for April 19th at 5:30pm. This will be our next **SAC/PTO meeting** and school board member **Mary Fischer** will be here to discuss the Capital Funding needs of our district and the half-penny sales tax. Please plan to attend this informational meeting.

Students will take the **quarter 3 STAR assessment** between February 27th and March 9th, 2018. We can't wait to see the growth our students make!

We have **Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) testing** approaching fast. This testing impacts our third- fifth grade students, but all students K-5 may have schedule changes (including lunch times) during the testing window. Students will take FSA tests between April 4th and May 18th, 2018. Please be on the lookout for more detailed testing information!

As always, thank you for your support. We hope you have a safe and fun spring break.

Sincerely,

Danielle Hudzina

Assistant Principal

Student Assignment for School Year 2018-2019

Attention Parents of Future Kindergarten and 6th Graders!

It's Student Assignment Time! The enrollment period to pick a school for the 2018-2019 school year is **January 22 through March 23, 2018**.

All future Kindergarten students (who are **not** currently enrolled in the district's Pre-K) must be enrolled by a **visit** to a Student Assignment Office. They cannot be enrolled online. *Only* currently enrolled pre-K students will be mailed applications on February 2, and enrollment can be done online. Current fifth grade students will be mailed applications on February 9th, and enrollment can be done online.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for more information and what documents to bring to the Student Assignment Office.

There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days as all applications are processed as a group after the first enrollment deadline.

From the Library

Students in K, 1, and 2 are reading books for the **Junior Sunshine State Program!** They are reading on their own and with their teachers to complete 12 books. They will receive a goodie bag and certificate. Way to go readers!

It is **Read Across America** time again! We are decorating the foyer for Dr. Seuss' birthday. During the week of March 12th - 16th we will be wearing crazy socks, crazy hair, and green attire and having a wonderful time. Readers will be coming in to share stories on Friday, March 16th. Share your favorite Dr. Seuss book with your child and enjoy the memories! Look for information coming home soon!
Please keep reading with your children. It is a wonderful way to end the day!

The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



PTO

WOW!!! Here is to another successful month at Caloosa Elementary!!! This month we are planning for our second **Talent Show** of the year. The showcase of talent for our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students will take place on Thursday, April 26th, at 6:00pm. Interested students will show a preview of their talent for the PTO board on one of the following dates: **April 4th** and **5th** at 2:30pm or April 6th at 7:00am. Appropriate content and costumes are expected. We will be sending home rehearsal information following the preview.

It is also that time of year when we begin looking for parents to join our **PTO Committee** for the **2018-2019 school year**. Nomination forms will be coming home soon. Once you nominate yourself or the person that you would like to vote for, please return it to school or bring it to our next **PTO Board Meeting** that is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, at 2:30pm. Elections will be held at the PTO/SAC Evening Meeting on Thursday, April 19th, at 5:30pm. All candidates voted in will be responsible for the 2018-2019 school year beginning May 31st, 2018. We are looking forward to welcoming new parents to our team!!! As always, our meetings will be held in the Media Center. We look forward to seeing you there!!! Remember...children are always welcome!!! Here is to a Marvelous March!!!
Leigh, Michelle, Robyn, Jenn, and Christine

Head Start

The **Head Start** (with VPK) program is offered by the School District's Early Childhood Learning Services. **Applications** for the 2018-19 school year are being accepted at the School District's Student Assignment Offices and the United Way House in Bonita Springs: 26820 Old 41 Rd. Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

When: January 22nd through March 23, 2018

You are invited to apply if your child will be four years old on or before September 1, 2018, and your family meets Federal income requirements or your child has a disability.

Call 332-2512 for further information.