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Administrator's Message

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Caloosa Elementary
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<http://coe.leeschools.net>

Mrs. Shelley Markgraf, Principal
Mr. Tommy Bowens, Principal on Assignment
Mrs. Danielle Hudzina, Assistant Principal

Welcome to Caloosa Elementary and a new year. We have an exciting year planned for your child/ren.

I'd like to introduce you to our new administrator team. Please welcome Principal On Assignment, Mr. Tommy Bowens, and our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Danielle Hudzina.

Thank you for attending our Open House. We hope you will come back on August 31st for a very important presentation from your child's teacher that covers expectations, curriculum, and other key topics you will need to know in order for your child to have a successful year. There will be two presentations for parents so if you have multiple children you can attend both teacher presentations. Presentations will begin at 5:30pm & 6:15pm.

This year, Lee County Public Schools has adopted a new "Walk to Reading" program. Your child will have a different reading teacher than his/her homeroom teacher. Students are placed according to reading achievement levels and given a specific reading

curriculum to align to the child's needs. You can find out more about this during our Curriculum Night, August 31st.

I'd like to remind you of a few other important things.

- Please take the time to read the Student Handbook in your child's planner.
- Make sure your child is wearing a sticker that details how they will go home each day during the first 5 days of school.
- Parents may park and walk their children to class the first 3 days, but be careful, our parking is limited and walking in is dangerous.
- Beginning Tuesday, August 15th, students must be dropped off on one of our two car ramps. We will not allow parents to park and walk children to the doorway for safety reasons.
- If you make a change as to how your child will go home, you will need to

write a note in the planner. Changes are not taken over the phone or by email.

- All car riders must have a Caloosa Hang Tag hanging on the rearview mirror when being picked up. Your child's first and last name should be on it. We use this to ensure that we are putting everyone in the correct car.
- Every Monday you will receive a Communication Envelope with notes, homework, and completed classwork. Please empty it and return it with your child. You will also find important dates listed on the folder.
- Lunch is free to all students. You may send a lunch if you prefer. Let your teacher know about food allergies.
- If you are sending birthday treats in, the treat must be purchased from a store and have an ingredients label on it to protect our students with

allergies.

- Students may not be dropped off before 7:20 unless they are enrolled in our Before/After School Program. Students dropped off before 7:20 will be brought in and charged the \$2 fee.
- If you have a question, complaint, or concern, I am asking that you speak to your child's teacher before contacting an administrator. Most problems are easily resolved once the teacher is aware.
- There are many opportunities for parents to be involved at Caloosa. We love having volunteers. If you are interested, fill out a volunteer form and return it to your child's teacher. We also have an active PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and School Advisory Committee. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 7 at 5:30, please join us.

Shelley Markgraf
Principal

Morning and Rainy Day Drop Off/ Dismissal Information

Both Caloosa Elementary and Caloosa Middle are used for morning drop off. If you are in a hurry and prefer to skip the lines, use the Caloosa Middle drop off. You will drive in and out. We have staff monitoring this ramp daily from 7:30 - 7:55 AM.

As you know, we are in the middle of our rainy season. It is important that you know our rainy day policy. If we are experiencing torrential rains and/

or lightning within a 10 mile radius, our dismissal will be delayed (including busses). If lightning is in the area, all students will be held inside until it is safe to dismiss. Walkers and bike riders will be held with the car riders inside the building until the rain stops or we have an all clear for lightning. During torrential rains, all PK - 2 car riders will dismiss from the inside foyer at our main entrance, 8 cars at a time. All students who use the Caloosa Middle car ramp will be held in the cafeteria until the weather subsides. This

process takes longer, so please be patient. If there is lightning in the area during drop off, our supervising staff will be held inside for safety reasons. Although we have 2 drop off areas, we ask that you use the drop off area at the main entrance of the school if it is storming due to the fact that an adult will not be outside in unsafe weather.

Parent Reference Sheet

Absences: Call or email teacher and send a note in when they return. Five or more days a quarter is excessive.

Bell Times: 7:55 a.m. and 2:10 p.m.

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. It's free.

Caloosa's Number: 239-574-3113

Caloosa's Website:

<http://coe.leeschools.net>. Check in regularly to see our calendar and newsletter.

Change of Address?: Please bring in your ID as well as a mortgage/rental agreement, utility bill etc... showing your new address. (Drivers License are not proof)

Clinic: Sherrill Laskowitz, Clinic Assistant
SherrillAL@Leeschools.net

District Website: (news and contact information) <http://leeschools.net>

Focus: Lee County parents use this to view their child's attendance and grades.

<http://focus.leeschools.net>

School Counselor: Marcel Algernon,

MarcelGA@Leeschools.net

Keep N Track: Our online security screening package that all parents, visitors and volunteers must sign into.

Microsoft Office (Word, etc.): Free to all students! Visit <http://office.leeschools.net>. Student signs in with student ID (two letters and 5 digits)

ELL Contact: Gay Page,
GayHP@leeschools.net

Online Textbooks:

Math-ThinkCentral.

Social Studies -McGrawHill.

Science -National Geographic.

All are at <http://launchpad.leeschools.net>

Parentlink: The School District uses this to contact you about your child and any school emergency or urgent event. Please keep your information up to date!

<http://parentlink.leeschools.net>

Sunset (After hours) : 239-574-7157

Technology: Ken Lundstrom,

Welcome



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