



Cougar Chronicle

Administrator's Message

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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving break! We had a great November with many successful school events.

The third, fourth, and fifth grade students rocked the **talent show** on November 2nd. **The Veteran's Day Celebration** was a touching and memorable tribute to our Veterans near and far. All K-5 students had a blast running in the **Turkey Trot**. **The Healthy Living Labs** and **Nutrition labs** were here the

week of 11/27/17. The students learned about healthy living, including fun exercises and healthy recipes. It was a successful month of learning and growing for our students!

We are sad to report that Mr. Bowens was moved to another school to be the principal. However, we have another principal on assignment at Caloosa. Dr. Iovine comes to us with many years of experience in the Lee County Schools system and we are excited to have her on board. Her children were Caloosa Cougars too!

On December 1st students (who qualified for PBS day) may wear their **favorite football team shirt/jersey**. If your child did not receive a minor infraction or referral for the month of November, then they qualify for the PBS event.

We are excited to have **Reindeer Lane** from December 4th-12th. Students may purchase gifts for loved ones during this time. Please send money with your child to shop during these dates only.

We also have our **Drum/Bell Winter concert** on December

7th at 7:00 p.m. We can't wait to see our students perform.

Students will be **STAR testing** during the week of December 11th, 2017. Please ensure your child gets to school on time and eats a good breakfast.

We will have **field days** December 20, and 21st. More detailed information will be sent home about field days soon.

Quarter two ends on December 22nd, 2017. **We also have early release that day at 12:10 p.m.** Please remember to have early dismissal transportation home for your child on December 22nd, 2017. This was originally a day off for students, but is now a "Hurricane Make-up day" from Irma.

There will be no school from December 25th, 2017 through January 5th, 2018 for winter break. Students return to school on **January 8th, 2018**. This was originally a day off for students as well, but is now a "Hurricane Make-up day."

Don't forget to have your child read or log into **COMPASS** over the break. We hope you have a wonderful winter break and everyone comes back in January recharged and well rested.

Danielle Hudzina

Assistant Principal

****Dates to remember:**

Dec 1st: PBS favorite football team shirt/jersey

Dec 4th-12th: Reindeer Lane

Dec 7th: Drum/Bell winter concert at 7pm

Dec 20th- Field day, grades K-3

Dec 21st: Field day, grades 4-5

Dec 22nd: Early release 12:10pm

Dec 25th- Jan 5th: Winter break



Clinic

Dear Parents, if your child received a **vision referral** this year, please make arrangements to have an eye specialist do a comprehensive vision exam. The referral form should be completed by the vision specialist and returned to the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance to complete the referral, please call me at Caloosa Elementary - 574-3113.

Sincerely,
Jill Books RN, BSN, School Nurse

From the Library

Did your child forget their Accelerated Reader book as they are leaving school early for the day or checking out of Sunset? Check out the **Lending Library** in the foyer! Students may choose a book, read it and return it the next day. Choose one together and have a special reading time at home.

Looking for books to put on your phone or tablet? Students may use **OVERDRIVE**, a library of books that can be downloaded to your phone or table for FREE! Students may access their Launchpad account and go into OVERDRIVE. Directions for Launchpad Access can be found on the Caloosa Webpage. It's a great way to read! Over the holidays, please remember to read with your child. Whether they are in Kindergarten or fifth grade, it is important to connect through a book and it creates a wonderful time to bond with your child. Check out some of these wonderful titles and authors:

For primary students:

- *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser
- *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
- *Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies* by Carolyn Crimi
- *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and Mary Azarian

For intermediate students:

- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- *The Wish Giver* by Bill Brittain

Mrs. Bravard

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time. ~E.P. Whipple

PTO

Let's start with a thank you to all of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students for making our **Caloosa Cougar Talent Show** a huge success! They had an awesome show! Now we will begin preparing for our **Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade talent show** that is scheduled for April 26th. Detailed information about registration and the Talent Show will be sent home in February.

We are in great need of **VOLUNTEERS** for **Reindeer Lane**, which will run from December 4th-12th. Please let us know which days and times you are able to help. Your time is greatly appreciated!!!

Our next **PTO / SAC Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. We look forward to seeing you there! Remember...children are always welcome!

Leigh, Michelle, Robyn, Jenn, and Christine

Art

Hi Caloosa artists and families! Don't forget to check out our decorated tree at the **Edison Ford Children's Tree Trail** all December long. Many of our students in grades K through 5 helped in making the ornaments for the patriotic red, white, and blue celebration this season. Hope you can make it! All ornaments were made from recycled items!