



# Cougar Chronicle

## Administrator's Message

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Caloosa Elementary  
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Dear Parents,

We want you to know how happy we are to have students back. We are extremely lucky that the school had minimal damage and our awesome custodial crew was able to get the campus cleaned up quickly.

We know some of our families may need extra assistance due to the storm. Please contact our counselor, **Mr. Algernon**, or our school social worker, **Mrs. Phimmason**, if you need any assistance at all. Our goal is to help you get back on your feet.

**Interim reports** went home on September 25th, 2017. Due to Hurricane Irma, your child may have less grades than normal on their interim report. The teachers are working hard and will continue to provide high academic instruction in the classroom to ensure your child receives the best education possible.

The district is creating a plan to revise the academic calendar. They have also proposed a plan to make-up 6 of the days we missed due to Hurricane Irma. The plans will

be presented to the school board on October 3rd, 2017 for approval and we will communicate changes with you at that time. If the make-up schedule for missed days is approved, please be aware that we will have school **October 16th, 2017**. It was originally a day off for students. Thank you for your patience while the county determines the best plan of action for our students.

**Parent conference week** is the week of October 16th, 2017. **Parent Conference Night** will be October 19th, 2017. Be on the look-

out for communication from your child's teacher regarding a parent conference.

October 27th, 2017 is a big day for us! PBS is hosting **"Favorite Costume Day"** at school and our PTO is hosting the **Fall Festival** from 4:30-7:30. Come join us for food, games, and loads of fun! All family members are welcome! There will be no admission and free carnival games! Come out and have a blast!

Please ensure your phone number and address are up to date in our system. If you have not received any **Parent Link phone calls or text messages** from us or the district, please come in and update your records. This is the main form of school wide communication from the school. We also have a **Facebook** and **Twitter** page, so be sure to "follow us" on both of those pages to stay up to date!

Parents can also create their own **FOCUS parent account** at [focus.leschools.net](http://focus.leschools.net). Once there, go to "Click here to create Focus Parent Portal Account." We want our parents to be as informed as possible on their child's education, behavior, and attendance.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you as the year continues.

*Danielle Hudzina*

**Assistant Principal**

A **BIG Thank You** to our custodial crew for post Hurricane Irma cleanup!



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Dear Parents,  
Due to Hurricane Irma, the mandatory **Health Screenings** for Caloosa Elementary students have been rescheduled for October 16th. We will have **vision screening** for K-3 Kindergarten, first, and third grade students. If your student has glasses at home, please have the student wear their glasses to school on October 16th so we can evaluate their effectiveness.

We use the SPOT screening tool which takes a quick picture of the eye. This device is quick, effective and painless for the students. If we identify any concerns, you will be notified with a vision referral form to be filled out by a vision specialist.

If you have any questions, please call 574-3113 and ask to speak to the school nurse.

Sincerely,  
Jill Books RN, BSN, School Nurse

Welcome Back!!! We hope that your family and your home is safe and that you are getting back into a routine. To celebrate our Caloosa families, the PTO is excited to announce that our **Family Fall Carnival** is Friday, October 27th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. We have exciting new carnival games, bounce houses, pony rides, face painting, food, and much more!!! If you would like to volunteer to help at the carnival, please complete the **Volunteer Flyer** that is being sent home the first week of October. We look forward to seeing everyone for a GREAT night!!!

Now it is time to start thinking about...**Caloosa's Got Talent!** We want to showcase the talents of our **third, fourth, and fifth** Graders here at Caloosa with a **Talent Show** on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. A registration form will go home the week of October 2nd. Interested students will show a preview of their talent for the PTO board. Appropriate content and costumes are expected. Don't worry Kindergarten, first, and second Graders...your talent show will be coming soon!!!

Our next **PTO / SAC Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. We look forward to seeing you there!!! Remember, children are always welcome!!! Have a Marvelous Month!!!

Leigh, Michelle, Robyn, and Jenn

### From the Library

Sunshine State is coming! Look for the **Sunshine State Young Reader Award books!** We will kick off our Sunshine State Readers for third, fourth and fifth grade students in September and October. Sunshine State is a Florida reading motivational program that encourages students to read the best in new fiction for students. These books are also available through the public library. Our **Junior Sunshine State program for Kindergarten, first and second** grade students will begin in the spring.

Thank you for reading with your child every night! It is an important time that creates a lifelong love of reading.

Mrs. Bravard

*A book is like a garden carried in the pocket ~Chinese Proverb*

The following teachers are working towards their ESOL certification and are currently considered **out-of-field** in this area: Wendy Slager ; Tiffany Tackett & Lynette Thomas.