



Caloosa Middle Newsletter

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January 31, 2023

HELLO 2023!

We started third quarter on January 10th and it's off to a great start! Please be sure to check out the important reminders and dates throughout this newsletter.



2/2/23: Student of Merit Ceremony

2/20/23: No School- President's Day

3/7/23: School Advisory Meeting 8:15AM

3/17/22: End of Quarter 3

3/20/23-3/24/23: No School- Spring Break

4/7/23: No School- Good Friday

4/10/23: No School- Easter Monday

4/25/23: School Advisory Meeting 8:15AM

5/25/23: 8th Grade Busch Gardens Trip

5/29/23: No School-Memorial Day

6/5/23-6/6/23: Early Dismissal Days (2PM)

6/2/23: Last day of School

Principal

Dr. Ann Cole

Administration

Jennifer Pierson

Lisa Whaley

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com.leeschools.net

School Social Media

Twitter: @CaloosaM

Facebook: Caloosa
Middle School

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

We would like your input for the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Caloosa Middle School's DRAFT Parent and Family Engagement Plan is available to view on our website.

USEFUL LINKS

FOCUS: FOCUS is used for schedules, attendance, and grades. You can log into FOCUS at: [FOCUS.leeschools.net](https://focus.leeschools.net).

Fortify: Each student has a Fortify FI button on their Launchpad on their chromebook. Use this to submit anonymous tips to the school and law enforcement.

FAST TESTING

Language Arts and Math FAST progress monitoring data for most students has been uploaded to the FOCUS parent portal. The Florida Department of Education has implemented a much different process this year as Florida has transitioned away from FSA testing to measure progress on the Florida Standards and now uses FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) to measure progress on the BEST (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) standards for ELA and Math. Students will take FAST progress monitoring in 3 cycles of testing (August, December, May).

It is very important to note that the August scores now available in FOCUS are meant to be a snapshot of standards mastery as if it was a test delivered in May after a full year of learning. January scores will be uploaded soon. Most of the standards measured are standards that students have yet to cover in class. Teachers have access to information to better inform how to structure lessons for this year due to this change in testing methodology.

To access scores, parents should:

1. Log into their portal account
2. Select a student
3. Select the **Child Info** link
4. Select the **State Assessments** link

OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

In an effort to ensure that all students at Caloosa Middle School are provided the highest quality education by effective and skilled teachers, we are continually working to make sure all academic subjects meet the definition of Highly Qualified under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The following teachers are Highly Qualified, but they are out of field and are currently working toward the needed endorsement: Allison Bennett, Sean Cox, Erika Elmore, Heather Fisher, Alicia Ford, Amanda Hernandez, Jeannette Hernandez, Megan McAfee, Kristin McGarry, Meghan Perez, and Anne Rennard.

CONNECT WITH LEE

Connect with Lee is an online free tutoring service that provides virtual after school support. All Connect with Lee live educational experts are certified Lee County teachers. Your student can access the Connect with Lee website through their Launchpad on their Chromebook. It is available Monday through Thursday from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to
Mr. Crayton, a
Golden Apple
Finalist!



Art in the Capitol Winner!

Congratulations to 8th grader Mia De La Cruz Matos for being selected to have her painting displayed in the State Capitol during the 2023 legislative session.

SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT

We would like your input for the School-Parent Compact for the 2023-2024 school year. Please review both documents and submit input on the Google Form located on the same page.