



Caloosa Middle Newsletter

A Title I School

September 26, 2022

WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

What a great start to the school year! Can you believe we are about half way through 1st quarter? Please be sure to check out the important reminders and dates throughout this newsletter.



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Middle School

Sept 27 – Curriculum Night and Title I Parent Meeting

Oct 5 – Yom Kippur (No School)

Oct 13 - Quarter 1 ends

Oct 14 – Duty day (No school for students)

Oct 26 – Early Dismissal Day (2PM)

Nov 11 – Hurricane Make Up Day (No school)

Nov 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break (No school)

Dec 21 – Quarter 2 ends/Early Dismissal (2:00)

Dec 22 – Jan 6 – Winter Break (No School)

Jan 9 – Professional Duty Day (No school)

Jan 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Feb 17 – Hurricane Make Up Day (No school)

Feb 20 – President's Day (No school)

JOIN US!

Please join us for our Title I Parent Meeting at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 27th. We will also be hosting our 1st Curriculum Night of the school year with our Science

Department starting at 5:30 PM.

USEFUL LINKS

FOCUS: FOCUS is used for schedules, attendance, and grades. You can log into FOCUS at: FOCUS.lee schools.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. 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, Erika Elmore, Heather Fisher, Alicia Ford, Amanda Hernandez, Jeannette Hernandez, Megan McAfee, Kristin McGarry, Meghan Perez, and Anne Rennard.

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Please visit our website to view our Family Engagement Plan, which has been developed to established expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in our school.

[Family Engagement Plan](#)

ASBESTOS DISCLAIMER

This school has been recently inspected and certain asbestos-containing materials or assumed asbestos-containing materials such as: fire doors or roofing materials that are tested prior to repairs or removal as needed, have been located in the school buildings. Please be aware that the School District of Lee County has an active management plan designed to ensure that the building is maintained safely for all occupants. These materials are being controlled in accordance with the Asbestos Management Program for the School and following the limitations and procedures of the policies and requirements of the Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program of the School District of Lee County.

The report listing the location, quantities, and condition of all known materials and contains the details of the control procedures is available at the school office for your inspection during normal school hours. Copies of the whole or parts of the school's asbestos file can be supplied to you at a cost of \$0.15/page