

CALUMET SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Happy Thanksgiving

Reminder

The Calumet Kindergarten, Music, and FFA Students will host the Veteran's Day program, on Monday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the west gym. Please help us spread the word and invite Veterans and the community to be a part of this program. Lunch will be served to all Veterans following the program in the school cafeteria. Come join us as we celebrate our greatest heroes, our Veterans.



There will be NO SCHOOL from Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23, for Thanksgiving break. Hope everyone has a safe holiday with family and friends.

Chamber of Commerce

We want to give a big thank you to all who supported and participated at the Calumet 5K Fun Run. Also, thank you to all who helped make it possible. It was a huge success!



Note from the Counselor

WOW, I cannot believe it is already November. You know what they say, "Time flies when you are having fun." I guess I have been having lots of fun because it seems like this school year just begun. We have finished Cross Country, Softball and Baseball and now we are ready to start basketball season. I know the teams have been working hard. We also have 12 cheerleaders to cheer them on. Our academic teams have also been attending meets.

Student Council, FFA, and Music have been busy with their activities. Wow, this is a wonderful school to be a part of. There is plenty for everyone to do and be involved in.

We have already given PSAT to our juniors and they will take the ASVAB test the third week in November, and the Sophomores have taken the Pre-ACT. The elementary have been taking the STAR test and accelerated readers test. It is important that the students read every day.

October was national bullying prevention month. I would like to explain some of the things that is considered bullying.

Definition of bullying-- *an intentional act of aggression, occurring in a relationship characterized by an imbalance of power, and is persistent or pervasive*-- and the three types of bullying listed below.

PHYSICAL Bullying means:

- Hitting, kicking, pushing (or threatening to do it!)
- Stealing, hiding, or ruining someone's things
- Making someone do things they don't want to do

VERBAL Bullying means:

- Name calling, teasing, or insulting

RELATIONAL Bullying means:

- Ignoring or excluding
- Spreading rumors or gossip
- Making someone do things they don't want to do

**If you can imagine it, you can achieve it
if you can dream it, you can become it.**

by William Arthur Ward

STOP-WALK-TALK is a bullying prevention technique I would like to suggest.

When someone encounters a bullying situation, the first thing they should do is tell that person to **STOP** in a firm voice. Then they should use an "I Message" to tell the other person how their behavior is affecting them (i.e., "I feel ____ when _____. Please stop.").

If that doesn't work, they should **WALK** away from the situation and to go to a safe place where that person cannot bother them.

If that doesn't work, they should **TALK** to a trusted adult to get help.

Calumet's School Rules Against Bullying are:

- ★ We will not bully others.
- ★ We will try to help students who are bullied.
- ★ We will include students that are often left out.
- ★ When we know someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

Harsh words don't break bones, but they often break hearts.

~Rev Run

It is a lot better to be a
friend than a bully.

Is it possible to change our thoughts? When we get a negative thought, turn it around to a positive thought. I positive world is so much better than a negative world. Think about this when you are talking about someone else. Remember, do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Thanksgiving is the most important time in November. I pray that this time is spent with family and friends. This year Calumet School will be out the whole week to give everyone time to be with their family. Please remember to pray for the families in need and to help others in your community. God has blessed us with a kind and giving community and I am so glad to be a part of it.

Best wishes,

Laura Sessions

Calumet School Counselor

I Am an Active Participant in My Children's Lives

I give them bed times, so that they get enough sleep. Adequate sleep has been linked to better productivity in school, better health and better decision making. My idea of a 9pm bedtime on school nights is not too strict. Keep in mind, when I say "bed time," that doesn't mean I am going to stand over them and make sure they are asleep. It's a "lights down, electronics off," time because without this rule, they will stay up till 2am online.

They are not allowed to date unsupervised until they are eighteen. However, going to the movies with friends of either gender, school dances, etc. is totally fine. I realize I cannot keep them from having relationships, but there is nothing wrong with picking your kids up from the movies or dinner while they are still teens. *I do not want them ended up a parent themselves!*

My children dress in age appropriate clothing.

I ensure that my children are receiving the best education they can get and I actively monitor their school work to make sure they are doing well. They don't have to get all A's; they just have to do their best.

I do not allow them to sleep at other people's homes, and I set a curfew of 8pm on school nights and 9pm otherwise. It is my responsibility to know where my children are at all times, to make sure they are *safe*.

Some people may say I am being too strict, but I am not.

Others suggest that I may not trust them, or that they will rebel.

I actually have a stellar relationship with my children and they understand why I have set these rules. It is for their own protection and well-being. Some parents have become too relaxed, and as a result, things like [teen pregnancy and drug use are at a record high](#).

Yes, we can teach our children not to drink, do drugs and have sex etc., but when they get alone with other kids their age, *peer pressure can take over and they can forget all the things you taught them*. Having your children inside at night time, where they are secure and not being taken advantage of is *smart*, not unreasonable.

Parents are responsible for their children until they are at least eighteen, so yes, it is up to me to set rules that I feel will help keep them safe. It is also up to me to teach them and equip them with life skills so that when they do reach eighteen and have to make their own choices, they make good ones.

So, I would rather be the responsible and caring parent, over the "cool," one.

Promoted by Ever Quote

Flu Season/Illness at School

Flu season is fast approaching! Remind your children to use good hand washing. Wash with soap and water. Saying ABC's or singing happy birthday through while rubbing each surface of your hands is a great way to make sure they have washed them a good amount of time. Rinse them and dry them well.

Covering your cough is another good practice. Coughing into your elbow/sleeve is helpful vs. coughing into your hands. You can refer to the batman cough, pretend pulling your cape up to cover your mouth when you cough. They may also use a tissue to cover their cough.

Immunization is a great way to help prevent the flu. Check with the health department or your primary care provider about flu vaccines. The health department is immunizing against the flu.

When Is My Child Too Sick To Go To School

- **Temperature over 99.5 F**
- **Vomiting within past 8 hours**
- **Having frequent diarrhea stools**
- **Difficulty breathing**
- **Open sores that are draining**
- **White part of eye is red**
- **Child has an unexplained rash**
- **Persistent coughing**
- **Your child acts or looks sick**

Winter Weather

- **As usual, winter in Oklahoma signals periods of cold and sometimes adverse weather conditions for the Calumet School District. Continued snow and icy roads may result in school closing for students.**
- **In the event school starts late, dismisses early, or cancels due to inclement weather; our school app, website, & all news media in the area will be notified immediately. Parents please make sure you have our app downloaded on your phone in advance.**
- **If very many days are missed due to adverse weather, we may have to add some days to the end of the school year or spring break. Some "snow days" are already in the calendar.**
- **Schools are generally closed when it is determined by the school administration that buses cannot operate safely due to adverse weather. However, the most hazardous areas for school buses to travel are paved highways. When the weather is bad, we remind all bus drivers to be cautious and drive defensively. Our drivers realize that the safety of the children is their top priority.**

Calumet FFA

Calumet FFA has been very busy lately. We had a very successful Labor Auction on October 11th, serving catfish and calf fries to over 200 people and raising funds for the FFA Chapter. After that we competed in the Regional Green Hand Quiz/Opening Ceremonies Contest. The Sophomore team won 3rd Place, just missing the chance to go to state and we had two Students make the top 10 in the Quiz, Wesley Heilaman placing 8th, and Karla McConnell placing 6th overall. These are very competitive contest, we are the smallest school, going up against 3A, 4A and 5A schools, so this is a huge accomplishment for these students.

The Officer Team also attended the National FFA Convention last week, in Indianapolis, IN. The theme this year was JUST ONE, and students learned to make a difference in their homes, communities and nationally. Calumet FFA received the 3 Star Gold Emblem National Chapter Award, the highest award a FFA Chapter can receive. Our President and Vice-President, Jake Percival and Lauren Young, went on stage to receive our award. Tyler Wilkinson was a National Proficiency Finalist, 1 of 4 in the nation, in Swine Placement. He competed in the finals on Thursday and was recognized on Friday afternoon, representing Calumet FFA and Oklahoma FFA as one of the top in the nation. This was a very educational and rewarding trip, and the FFA officer Team wants to publicly thank the Calumet Superintendent Dr. Weldon, Principal Mr. Pennington and the whole Calumet School Board, who so proudly supports our FFA chapter and the continued growth of our FFA members!

Next up for the Calumet FFA Chapter is the AFR Speech contest in two weeks. We are in the planning stages for the Veterans Day program. We are also doing a special project, Blankets for Heroes. We are very excited to be able to give back to those who have served our Nation.

Calumet FFA wanted to recognize Devon Energy Corp. participating in the Calumet FFA Labor Auction. They are committed to being a good neighbor by supporting communities like Calumet, where they have a business presence. We also wanted to recognize the Masons Lodge in El Reno for also participating in the Labor Auction. The Masons are an integral part of giving in our communities and we look forward to working with both of these great organizations.

Thank You

The Elementary Staff would like to thank the parents who supported our Calumet Festival Fund Raiser! Each class, from 3 y/o to 6th grade, received \$902.21 in their classroom account. We really appreciate your support sending in the items that we asked for.

The PTO would like to thank all that helped and attended the first mother-son event. Everyone had a great time eating, playing games and taking pictures. We look forward to next year's event.

STUCCO News

This is a busy month for the Calumet Student Council. November 3-5, student council members will be attending the OASC (Oklahoma Association of Student Council) 2018 State Student Council Convention. This is a state-wide leadership conference and is being held in Bixby, Oklahoma this year.

The student council will also be selling “Eileen’s Colossal Cookie Dough” this month. Find a student council member and order your favorite cookie. Students will be selling for this annual fundraiser November 3 – 30.

Last month, during Red Ribbon Week, we had a classroom door decorating contest. Our door decorating winner went to 3 y/o classroom in Elementary and to the juniors in the High School. It was a very hard decision; all the classroom doors were very good. The winner for most elementary students in a class that dressed up this week went to 6th grade and the high school class was the juniors.

Music News

First-Sixth grade will be singing in the Veteran’s Day assembly. All grades, Pre-K - HS choir, will perform at Christmas concert on Thursday Dec 20. Please save the date, you don’t want to miss it.

Box Tops & Labels for Education

Please continue to send your Box Tops and Label for Education points with your student or bring them to the office at Calumet School. Thank you for your support.

Juniors & Seniors:

Have you taken your ACT yet? Time is going by fast, so please do not delay in taking this important test for college admission.

Also, have you applied for any scholarships or grants? It is time to buckle down and get into the swing of filling these out. Do not wait until the last minute until the scholarships are all gone. Please see Ms. Sessions if you have any questions about these all important decisions for your future.

Homecoming Information

Calumet's Basketball Homecoming will be held on November 30th for both Junior High and High School. This year the cheerleading team made it a goal to make homecoming a bigger and exciting event for all!

The theme this year is "Rock & Roll". We will be kicking off the Homecoming festivities with a spirit week starting on November 26th! The dress up days are listed below:

- Monday (26th)- Rock & Roll Saved My Soul
(Dress like a Doctor/Nurse/Firefighter/ENT)
- Tuesday (27th)- Rock & Roll All Night (PJ Day)
- Wednesday (28th)- Rock Hinton like a Hurricane! (Rain Gear)
- Thursday (29th)- Bless the Rains down in Africa (Safari Day/Animal Print)
- Friday (30th)- Black Out!
purchased a please wear



Rock Out in your
(Rocker Day! If you
homecoming shirt,
it!)

\$15

*Shirt orders are due to Ms. Ren by November 14th.

There is also going to be a semi-formal dance held following the games. This dance is open to all students in grades 7-12. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 a person, or \$10 at the door. Tickets go on sale November 12th. All festivities will end at 11:30PM.

PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Education of Calumet Public School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #4 seat on the Calumet Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the Canadian County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday, December 3 through Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Legal Notice

The Board of Education of Calumet Public School District hereby provides legal notice that the annual school election filing period for candidates will open on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and will close Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Member Position On Ballot:

The voters shall elect a board member for board position No. 4, which has a 5-year term of office.

IMPACT AID FUNDS

The federal government makes funds available to school districts that have land which is deemed federal land. This land cannot be taxed locally by school districts therefore the federal government has provided funds to school districts.

Some of the major types of federal land identified through the Impact Aid Program are usually military bases, federally sponsored recreational areas and Indian Trust Property.

Money received by a school district for federal land in their district is put in the general fund. As required by Impact Aid rules and regulations, local Indian parents are given the opportunity to address the school board to give their opinions or views as to what is needed by Indian students. The school district determines the extent that Indian children are participating in all school programs on an equal basis.

This hearing gives the Indian parents an opportunity to review the program, provide input on the needs of their children and voice their views is scheduled to be held during the school board's monthly meeting, Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

This past school year, the Calumet School District used Impact Aid Funds for the following expenses: salaries, Impact Aid dues & fees.

CALUMET PUBLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL GATE POLICY

2018-2019

ADMISSION:

	SENIOR HIGH GAMES	JUNIOR HIGH GAMES	ELEMENTARY GAMES
STUDENTS (K-12)	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
ADULTS	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN	FREE	FREE	FREE

SEASON TICKET PRICES:

ADULT	\$40.00
STUDENT (KINDERGARTEN – 12TH GRADE)	\$25.00
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FAMILY	\$30.00
SENIOR CITIZEN CARD – AGE 62 & OVER	FREE

**ANYONE LEAVING WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE
CHARGED AGAIN UPON REENTERING.**

**SEASON PASSES AND SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES ARE GOOD
FOR ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED HOME BASKETBALL
GAMES**

**TOURNAMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON
SEASON PASSES OR SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES**

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High School Basketball Schedule 2018-19

November 2nd (Home) Binger-Oney

November 6th (Away) Lookeba-Sickles

November 9th (Away) Amber-Pocasset

November 13th (Home) Okarche

November 16th (Away) Hammon

November 27th (Home) Lomega

November 30th (Home) Hinton (Homecoming)

December 3rd – 8th Canton Tournament

December 11th (Away) Corn Bible

December 14th (Home) Hydro-Eakly

December 18th (Away) Dover

January 4th (Away) Union City

January 8th (Home) Geary

January 10th – 12th Alex Tournament

January 15th (Home) Gracemont

January 18th (Away) Arapaho

January 21st – 26th West Central Tournament

January 29th (Home) SW Covenant (Senior Night)

February 1st & 2nd Conference Match Play

February 8th & 9th Districts

February 14th – 16th Regionals

February 21st – 23rd Area

Feb. 28th – March 2nd State

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Junior High Basketball Schedule

2018-19

November 1st (Home) Amber-Pocasset

November 5th – 10th Calumet JH Tournament

November 12th (Away) Binger-Oney

November 15th (Away) Lookeba-Sickles

November 26th (Home) Hydro-Eakly

November 29th (Away) Okarche

December 10th (Home) Arapaho

December 11th (Away) * Corn Bible

December 13th (Home) Binger-Oney

December 17th (Away) Lomega

January 4th (Away) *Union City

January 7th (Home) Lookeba-Sickles

January 8th (Home) * Geary

January 14th – 19th West Central Tournament

January 28th (Home) Hinton

January 31st (Away) Gracemont

- *HS & JH Game on same night*

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2018-19

5/6 Grade

Nov. 7	Away vs. Lomega	Following 3/4 games
Dec. 10	Home vs. Arapaho	4 games in old gym 4:00 pm
Dec. 12	Home vs. Lomega	Following 3/4 games
Dec. 14	Home vs. Hydro	4:30 pm

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3/4 Grade

Nov. 7	Away vs. Lomega	12:00 pm
Nov. 15	Away vs. Lookeba	4:30 pm
Dec. 12	Home vs. Lomega	12:00 pm

CALUMET SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2018

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1. Biscuit, Sausage, & Fruit Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Hot Rolls Mandarin Oranges	2. Donuts, Bacon & Fruit Hamburger Baked Fries Apples
5. Pancake on a Stick Fruit Chicken/Dumplings Carrots Cracker Tropical Fruit	6. Biscuit & Chicken, & Fruit Beefy Tacos Pinto Beans Strawberry Cake	7. Breakfast Pizza Fruit Lasagna Dark Green Salad Garlic Bread Pineapple	8. Biscuit, Sausage & Fruit Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges	9. Funnel Cake, Bacon, & Fruit Turkey & Dressing Mashed Potato Green Beans Hot Rolls Pumpkin Cake
12. French Toast Stick, Ham Patty Crispitos Refried Beans Tropical Fruit	13. Biscuit & Sausage & Fruit Popcorn Chicken Dark Green Salad Apple Crisp	14. Combo Bars & Fruit Stuffed Crust Pizza Carrots Pineapple	15. Biscuit, Sausage & Fruit Smothered Steak Mashed Potato Hot Rolls Mandarin Oranges	16. Long Johns, Bacon, & Fruit Corn Dogs Okra Bananas
19. NO SCHOOL	20. NO SCHOOL	21. NO SCHOOL	22. NO SCHOOL	23. NO SCHOOL
26. Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, & Yogurt Meaty Nachos Corn Tropical Fruit	27. Biscuit, Chicken & Fruit Chicken Strips Dark Green Salad Cherry Crisp	28. Bagel Topper & Smoothie Mac & Cheese Little Smokies Crescent Rolls Pineapple	29. Biscuit, Sausage & Fruit Pot Roast Mashed Potato Hot Rolls Mandarin Oranges	30. Cinnamon Rolls, Bacon, Fruit Soft Tacos Refried Beans Strawberries

• MILK AND JUICE ARE SERVED WITH BREAKFAST

Milk is served with lunch for 3 y/o – 6 grades; milk or juice is served with lunch for 7-12 grades

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CALUMET SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1. HS Academic Meet @ Lomega JH ball Am-Po (H)	2. Pep Assembly HS ball Binger (H)
5. STUCCO Convention Calumet JH Tourn	6. HS @ Lookeba FFA @ Cache	7. 3-6 grade ball @ Lomega Cal's/Youth	8. Hearing Screening AFR Speech @ Cache FFA Calumet JH Tourn	9. HS @ Am-Po
12. Veteran's Day Program @ 10:00 w/ lunch to follow JH @ Binger	13. HS Ball Okarche (H)	14. Cal's/Youth	15. 3/4 @ Lookeba JH @ Lookeba	16. HS @ Hammon
19. NO SCHOOL	20. NO SCHOOL	21. NO SCHOOL	22. 	23. NO SCHOOL
26. JH Ball Hydro (H)	27. HS Academic Meet @ Kingfisher HS Ball Lomega (H)	28. Cal's/Youth	29. Group Picture Day JH Ball @ Okarche	30. HS Ball Hinton Homecoming

3-4 STUCCO Convention
10 – Calumet JH Tournament
Academic Regionals - Drummond