

Callahan School Newsletter



October 1, 2009

A Message from The Principal.....

Welcome back to another school year! It was so nice to see all of our students returning from a restful summer vacation.

To our 2nd grade families, welcome to Callahan. Moving from one school to another can be a big transition for students. If you feel your child is still experiencing transition issues, please feel free to contact me.

We have a busy fall schedule in place already. We have already had our first PTF and SIT meetings. It is never too late to join either group. Our PTF meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the school Library. Our SIT meeting are on the 3rd Tuesday of Each month at 6:00PM in the school Library. Please Join us!!!

Our state testing is right around the corner. This is our students' chance to show all that they have learned over the last school year. Research shows that children who get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast perform better in school. Please see the schedule on page 4.



What's On Tap For October....

October is a busy month in most public schools. It is the month when we have our State Testing called the NECAP Assessments. On

the inside of this newsletter, there is a scheduled posted as a reminder. **Fire Safety Week** Fire Safety Week is celebrated from Oc-

tober 4 thru October 10. All the Fire Departments in town will be coming to WLC on October 8, 2009 to put an assembly on

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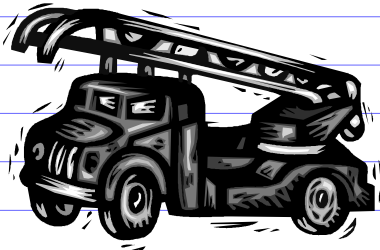
Dates To Remember:

- ✓ October 5, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 6, 2009 School Pictures
- ✓ October 6, 2009 PTF Meeting 6:30PM in media center
- ✓ October 7, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 8, 2009 Fire Department Safety Assembly
- ✓ October 9, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 13, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 14, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 15, 2009 NECAP Testing
- ✓ October 15, 2009 Progress reports come home today
- ✓ October 20, 2009 SIT Meeting at 6:00PM in school media Center
- ✓ October 22, 2009 Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8PM
- ✓ October 26-30 Red Ribbon Week Celebration

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for our students on the dangers of fire as well as what to do in the event of a fire at home or in school. In addition, they give the students the opportunity to climb on some of the fire apparatus that they use here in town.



should wear clothing with Stars on it.)

Tuesday, October 27, 2009: Theme today- "Drugs will turn your mind inside out." (Today children should wear their clothing inside out.)

Wednesday, October 28, 2009: Theme today- "Tie One On Against Drugs." (Today children should wear a tie to school.)

Thursday, October 29, 2009: Today is parade day!!! Wear red to support the Red Ribbon Parade!! The parade will step off at 9:15AM. Please join us on the parade route to support our Callahan students making the choice to lead a drug free healthy lifestyle. We march from the Callahan School to Ashton court to the Levy School and back. JOIN US IF YOU CAN!!!!

Friday, October 30, 2009: Today's theme is "Drugs Give You The Blues." (Today children can show their support by dressing in blue clothing.)



Friday, October 30, 2009: PTF Halloween Party at the Callahan School.

This event starts at 6:00PM and ends at 8:00PM. There will be a variety of activities planned for the evening. There will even be a costume parade!! Children have to be accompanied by an adult for the whole evening.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be coming home on Thursday, October 15, 2009. This will give you an update on your child's progress midway through the trimester.

Parent/Teacher Conference night

Parent Teacher Conference night will be on Thursday, October 22, 2009. This evening is designed for you to meet with your child's teacher about their academic progress to date.

Red Ribbon Week

Callahan will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26-October 30. There are many activities scheduled this week that will teach children about the importance of making healthy choices as they grow up.

The different activities are as follows:

Monday, October 26, 2009: Red Ribbon Pledge, The Story of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena will be shared with the children, and "Reach For The Stars Day, not Drugs." (Students

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From Our Teachers.....

Be a Callahan Bookaneer!

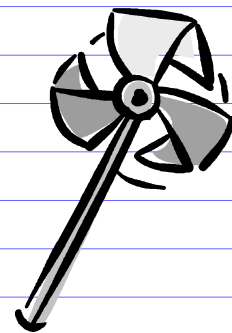
Just a reminder to all our families that every student at Callahan is expected to read 25 "just right" books this year in addition to the books they are reading at school! All our students are learning about what a "just right" book is, so please ask them to share what they know at home. To help families manage this task, we have sent home a reading contract, an explanation of the 25 Books project, a log sheet for the first trimester, and answers to frequently asked questions. Signed reading contracts are due back to teachers on Friday, September 25th. If you have not received your 25 Books packet, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Mayhew or Mrs. Zaleski to get another. The only way to be a better reader is to read more - so jump in and read, read, read!

Pinwheels For Peace Project at WLC

On Monday, September 21st, students at WL Callahan School planted Pinwheels for Peace in honor of International Peace Day. Students in grades two through five created the pinwheels and fifth grade students placed the completed pinwheels on the front lawn in the shape of a peace sign. Mrs. Mueller, the art teacher, and Mrs. Lebrun, the media specialist, worked with classes to create pinwheels with messages of peace written inside. This temporary art installation remained on the lawn for a few days.

In addition, many students watched a short video on International Peace Day and found out that this day was created by one person, who thought an international day of peace would be a great way to start making peace in the world.

Last year, about 1.4 million children in Afghanistan received vaccinations due to a cease fire on the International Day of Peace. This year, they hope to vaccinate 1.8 million people. All the countries belonging to the United Nations agree to one day of peace, where there is no bombing and no threat of danger. The students at WL Callahan School learned that this is extremely important, since there are still many places in the world where people do not receive enough food or medicine because of war and fighting taking place near their homes. If we all become aware of the need for peace, in our own lives, and in the world, this world will become a better place for us to live.



For the grownups who are looking for ways to help children with reading, check out this link:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/booklights/archives/2009/09/thursday-three-reading-help.html>



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Putting Children First

Volunteering

If you are interested in helping out at any school event, volunteering in our schools or chaperoning a field trip, please remember that you have to have a BCI check. You can fill out one of these forms at the Callahan School and have it notarized (Mr. Brissette is a notary). After the form is complete, we will forward it to the Burrillville Police Department. This needs to be done every new school year.

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School Pictures

On Tuesday, October 6, 2009, our students will be having their school pictures taken. Please make sure you return the student envelope by that day.



NECAP Testing

The State testing is about to begin this coming Monday for grades 3, 4 & 5. The following is the testing schedule:

Monday, October 5, 2009:

- AM- Reading Session 1
- PM- Reading Session 2

Wednesday, October 7, 2009:

- AM-Reading Session 2
- PM- Make-ups

Friday, October 9, 2009:

- AM-Math Session 1
- PM-Make-ups

Tuesday, October 13, 2009:

- AM-Math Session 2
- PM-Math Session 3

Wednesday, October 14, 2009:

- AM- Writing Session 1 (Gr. 5)
- PM- Make-ups

Thursday, October 15, 2009:

- AM- Writing Session 2 (Gr. 5)
- PM Make-ups

Feinstein Food Challenge

\$500,000 Challenge to Help our Schools and Local Needy!!

Mr. Feinstein has issued a challenge to help support our local food banks. For every can we collect, he will donate \$1.00 for our school!!!! The more food we donate, the more money we will get as a school.

We are asking for our students to bring in as many canned goods to school as possible. This will go on through the end of October. This year we will be donating our non-perishable food items to the Berean Baptist Church's food pantry.

W. L. Callahan School Families

Children should bring items to their homeroom for the whole month of October.



We will be collecting items for this challenge until October 30, 2009

Any questions,
please call.

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