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CMS Mission: To Prepare Every Student For Success

CMS Vision: To maximize the potential of every student and to provide a quality education in a safe and orderly environment

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL, DR. DONNELL

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Caloosa Middle School,

Welcome to *Cougar Country* for the 2009-2010 school year! The anxiety that accompanies every new school year has been clearly evident. With a new principal in place, veteran students adjusting to their new schedules, and new students learning the campus, anxiety levels were pretty high to start the year. However, I am pleased to report that each day the anxiety levels are dropping and are beginning to give way to excitement. Each and every staff member is here to ensure that your child is academically engaged in a rigorous curriculum using the Sunshine State Standards. An enjoyable learning environment is present in which EVERY student is prepared for success.

Our mission is to maximize the potential of every student and to provide a quality education in a safe and orderly environment.

Our vision is to prepare every student for success. In order to realize our mission and vision, we need the assistance of every stakeholder of Caloosa Middle School. I strongly encourage each parent to stay involved with their child. **Parent involvement is a critical factor in the success of a middle school student.** Student achievement soars when children realize that their parents are involved with their academics. As a direct result, they do better on tests, turn in higher quality projects and participate more in class. Being there as a parent for your child to talk to, providing a quiet place in which to study and do homework, or maybe watching a documentary together on television shows students that learning is important.

The teachers of Caloosa Middle School update the information on Parentlink on a weekly basis. Many of the teachers do so more frequently. Teachers and staff can be reached by e-mail and the school website <http://com.leeschools.net/> which also contains additional information about Caloosa Middle School.

The 2009-2010 school year is positioned to be a tremendous year. I look forward to working with everyone to fulfill its promise.

Sincerely,

Dr. Derrick L. Donnell
Principal

Caloosa Middle School
"Cougar Country"



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From Your SGA President



Hello Cougar Country!

My name is Corinne Kompinski, and I'm your SGA president. I promised my fellow Cougars last year that I would listen and be a voice for everyone. If you have any ideas regarding the school, please see me in the hallway or leave a note in Ms. Fortner's room, 5-213. You can also leave a note in the suggestion box. The box will be located in the cafeteria.

Other SGA officers you can talk to are:

Sarah Crowe — Vice-President

Carli Gottfried — Secretary

Grant Grabarczyk — Treasurer

We are all here to represent you and make CMS the best it can be! We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Corinne Kompinski

ONLINE RESOURCES

PARENTLINK NEWS AND INFORMATION

The ParentLink site is located at <http://parentlink.leeschools.net/>

The following information and a link to the ParentLink site can also be found on the CMS web site.

The Parent logon format is as follows:

User name is the StudentID of the eldest child in the School District, living in the student's **household**, and your first and last initial. The student's **household** includes all students living at the same address, with a common parent or guardian.

The password is the birth date of Students ID used as the User name, defined in MMDDYY format.

For example: Jane Doe's eldest child's in the household is 12345678, her user name would be 12345678JD Jane Doe's eldest child's birth date is January 1, 1965, her password would be 010165

Please remember to change your password to something unique, that you can remember after logging on for the first time.

GRADES AND ATTENDANCE: Grades should be updated weekly on Wednesday, and are reflective of the previous week's grades. If you have a question about your child's grades or attendance, or are concerned about a specific grade or assignment, please contact your child's school directly for the most up-to-date information.

CAFETERIA BALANCES: Cafeteria balances are updated nightly. Depending on timing, they might not include the current day's activity. If you have questions about the balance, please contact your child's school.

CONTACT INFORMATION: To update your contact information (telephone number or e-mail address) please contact the Information Specialist at your child's school. Contact information cannot be changed directly in the ParentLink System. If you have questions about the contact information, please contact your child's school.

GETTING HELP: If you are having difficulty accessing ParentLink or finding the information you need, please contact your child's school and ask to speak to the "ParentLink Contact Person". The ParentLink Contact Person will be able to assist you in using the ParentLink system.



Have Fun and Learn on These Web Sites



Did you know that there are two websites that can help you prepare for the FCAT and help your grades? The Web sites are called FCAT Explorer (fcatexplorer.com) and Study Island (studyisland.com).

You can access both from school and home. First, get your username and password from your teacher. Then, you can go to the Web sites, choose your grade, and you will find math, science, and reading questions. There are fun games related to each subject and learning standard. Have fun and learn at the same time!

VISIT CMS ONLINE!

Visit <http://com.leeschools.net/> to find important information for students, parents and community members. Some teachers maintain classroom Web sites. You can find these by clicking on the "Edgate" button on the left side of the CMS Web site.

PTSA Corner

Remember Box Tops for PTSA

Please keep those Box Tops for Education and send them to school every Wednesday with your child. This is a very successful fundraiser for our PTSA. Last year we raised \$970.00 from Box Tops for Education. This year, we hope to raise \$1,000.

Entertainment Books have been sent home with students to sell this year again. The sale runs from August 28 thru September 8.

The next PTSA meeting is November 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Media Center. Any student whose parent attends will receive five Paw Pats. Come and find out about the special events the PTSA will sponsor this year! We need your help and input! ALL are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Cross-Country, Basketball Begin

Intramural basketball and cross-country began Aug. 31. The Girls' Basketball Coach is Ms. Stefancin. Boys Basketball Coach is Mr. Mytnik. Ms. Applegate is coaching the cross-country team. Mrs. DeCarlo is the Intramural Director and Ms. Applegate is the Assistant Director.

The current practice schedule is:

Tues. Sept. 8 Girls Basketball & All XC

Wed. Sept. 9 Boys Basketball & All XC

Mon. Sept. 14 Girls Basketball & All XC

Wed. Sept. 16 Boys Basketball & All XC

Thurs. -Fri Official Boys and Girls Basketball Teams will be announced

Mon. Sept 21 Boys and Girls Basketball Team Only!
& ALL XC

Wed. Sept 23 Team Practice

***All rides must be here at 5:15 p.m. Activity buses also are available.

The game and meet schedule is:

Basketball:

Wed. Sept 30 Caloosa @ Diplomat

Mon. Oct. 5 Caloosa @ Cape Charter

Mon Oct. 12 Mariner @ Caloosa

Wed. Oct. 14 Diplomat @ Caloosa

Oct. 19-29 Playoffs TBA

Cross Country:

Wed. Sept 30 Caloosa @ Diplomat

Mon. Oct. 5 Caloosa @ Cape Charter

Wed. Oct. 7 North Regional Meet @ Mariner Middle

Mon Oct. 12 Mariner @ Caloosa

Wed. Oct. 14 Diplomat @ Caloosa

Mon. Oct. 26 County Finals @ Lee County Sports Complex

All games are scheduled to begin at 5:15pm.



Magazine Sales Begin Sept. 8

The magazine sale kick-off is Tuesday, Sept. 8. A packet of magazine, music and book selections will go home with your child. Turn-in days are Sept. 14 (Double Day), where all of your orders count double towards prizes; Sept. 18 (Shredder Day), where students will receive a personal paper shredding pen, and Sept. 22., the last turn-in day, where students will receive an airhead for each order turned in. The sale ends Sept. 22.

First Yearbook Sale Sept. 14-18

The *Cougar Paw Yearbook* will have its first sale of the year starting September 14 and running through September 18. The theme for this year is *Caloosa Composed!* Our 112-page, all-color yearbook is designed exclusively by CMS students and captures life in and outside of school. The cost to pre-order your yearbook is \$32, and students can order their book during lunch. Please bring correct change or a check written out to "Caloosa Middle School" – remember to put the student's first and last name on the memo line. If you are interested in having a book personalized with the student's name, visit our website at www.jostensyearbooks.com (online orders are credit/debit card only and will be delivered to school). The next pre-order sale will be December 7-14, cost at that time will be \$33.

Yearbook Advertisements For Sale

Have a business you'd like to advertise? Want to brag about your CMS student? Space is available in the 2010 Yearbook! We are now accepting advertisements for the yearbook. All Ads are in full color, and priced as follows; Full page \$180, Half page \$95, ¼ page \$60, Business Card size \$35. Deadline for advertisements is November 1. For more information or to place your advertisement, contact yearbook advisor, Mary Graham, at MaryEGr@leeschools.net.

Message from the School Nurse

Congratulations to all the 7th graders who made it into class this year despite the new 7th grade immunization requirements.

I know how confusing it can be. For the first time, 7th grade students were required to have a Tdap which is different from a Td (last year's requirement), a DT, or a DTP. Some students were given a Td for the 09-10 school year which will leave them incomplete. They are missing the pertussis vaccine which is now required. Those students will be required to have a Tdap in 2 years. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school nurse at Caloosa Middle School.

OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

Florida Statute 231.095 recognizes that teachers may be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which they are certified. If they are assigned to one or two classes outside their area of certification, they are required to enroll in additional college credit course. The Caloosa Middle School teachers that are fully certified and teaching outside their certification are Darrell Braman, Gifted Endorsement; ESOL, Out of Field teachers that are engaged in training to add the endorsement English as a Second Language to their current certificate are Sharon Field, Gail Kilyk, and Jody Chilton.

2009- 2010 Business Partners

Dairy Queen Grill & Chill
1419 NE Pine Island RD
Cape Coral

Hogbody's
1103 Del Prado Blvd.
Cape Coral, Fl. 33990

Moorings
1326 SE 16th Place
Cape Coral, Fl. 33990

I Ragazzi Pizza
159 Hancock Bridge Pkwy
Cape Coral, Fl. 33990

Beef 'O' Brady's
2481 Del Prado North
Cape Coral, Fl. 33909

Ice Cream Club of Cape Coral
Shops At Surfside
2384 Surfside Blvd., Suite A-107
Cape Coral, Fl. 33991

Bubba's Roadhouse
2121 SW Pine Island Rd
Cape Coral, Fl. 33991

Arizona Pizza Company
547 Pine Island Rd.
N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903

NJHS to meet Sept. 14

NJHS will have its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 from 4:15-5:15 in the Media Center. We will be voting on this year's official positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We will also be discussing fund-raising and community service opportunities. Further meeting dates will also be decided at this meeting. All rides must be here by 5:20 or students will be put on the activity bus.

Pick-up, Drop-Off Reminder

Parents, if you are dropping off or picking up your students at school, please do so at the parent pickup only. For their safety, please do not pick them up or drop them off at any other location.

Message from Mike Scott,

Office of the Sheriff

Dear Citizens of Lee County,

In 2007, the Florida Legislature amended the Florida Sex Offender Statutes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) now maintains a public, automatic email notification service regarding sexual predators and offenders.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is pleased to announce the Florida Sexual Offender/Predator Email Community Notification Services is now available.

Information may be requested in two different ways:

1. Select an address of interest
2. Select an offender of interest

We encourage you to sign up for this free service by:

1. Visit the Lee County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Click on Crime Activity
3. Click on SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Follow the instructions to register your request

For inquiries or assistance contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at 1-877-335-3767 or for all other sex offender related questions, contact Sergeant Tracey Booth of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Sexual Offender/Predator Unit at 239-477-1081.

Sheriff Mike Scott

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Mensaje de Mike Scott,

Oficina del Alguacil "Sheriff"

Estimados Ciudadanos del Condado de Lee,

En el 2007, la Legislatura de la Florida emmendó los estatutos de los Transgresores/as Sexuales de la Florida. El Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida "Department of Law Enforcement (por sus siglas en inglés FDLE)" ahora mantiene una notificación pública, automática por correo electrónico "e-mail" respecto a los predadores/as y transgresores/as sexuales.

La Oficina del Alguacil del Condado de Lee, participando con el Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida, tiene el placer de anunciar los Servicios de Notificación Comunitaria por

Correo-Electrónico disponible ahora respecto a los Transgresores/Predadores Sexuales de la Florida.

Se puede pedir la información de dos maneras:

1. Seleccionar una dirección de interés
2. Seleccionar un transgresor/a de interés

Le animamos que se inscriba a este servicio gratis haciendo lo siguiente:

1. Visite el sitio de la red "website" de la Oficina del Alguacil al <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Haga clic en Actividad Criminal en inglés - "Crime Activity"
3. Haga clic en Ofensor Sexual Comunicación por e-mail en inglés - "SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION"
4. Siga las instrucciones para registrar su petición

Para preguntas o ayuda comuníquese con el Departamento de Orden Pública (policía) de la Florida - "Florida Department of Law Enforcement" (FDLE) llamando al 1-877-335-3767 o para todas las otras preguntas respecto a los transgresores/as sexuales comuníquese con la Sargenta

Tracey Booth de la Oficina del Alguacil del Condado de Lee Unidad de Trasgresor/a/Predador/a Sexual llamando al 239-477-1081.

Sheriff Mike Scott

Oficina del Alguacil Policial del Condado de Lee - "Lee

Mesaj ki sòti nan men

Mike Scott, Biwo cherif

nan konte Lee

Chè sitwayen nan konte Lee,

An 2007, lejislati Florid la te amande pwojè lalwa Florid yo konsènan delenkan seksyèl. Depatman chajè pou fè respekte lalwa an Florid (FDLE) menyen yon sèvis piblik pou notifikasyon otomatik pa kouriyèl konsènan delenkan ak predate seksyèl.

Biwo cherif nan konte Lee, an patenarya ak FDLE, kontan anonse ke Sèvis konminotè pou notifikasyon pa kouriyèl konsènan delenkan/predatè seksyèl se disponib kounyeya.

Ou gendwa aksede enfòmasyon nan de fason diferan:

1. Seleksyonnen yon adrès patikilye
2. Seleksyonnen yon delenkan seksyèl patikilye

Nou ankouraje ou abònen pou sèvis gratis sila a lè ou:

1. Vizite sitwèb pou Biwo cherif nan konte Lee nan <http://www.sheriffleefl.org>
2. Klike sou "Crime Activity"
3. Klike sou SEX OFFENDER EMAIL NOTIFICATION
4. Swiv direktiv pou enskri demann ou

Pou plis enfòmasyon oubyen pou asistans kontakte Depatman chajè pou fè respekte lalwa an Florid (FDLE) nan 1-877-335-3767, oubyen pou tout lòt keksyon konsènan delenkan seksyèl yo, kontakte sèjan Tracey Booth nan Biwo cherif nan konte Lee inite pou delenkan/predatè seksyèl nan 239-477-1081.

Cherif Mike Scott

Biwo cherif nan konte Lee