

# THE COUGAR PRESS QUARTERLY

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## Caloosa Middle School

### A Title I School

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Mission: To inspire a passion for learning and leadership.

Vision: To become a world class middle school.



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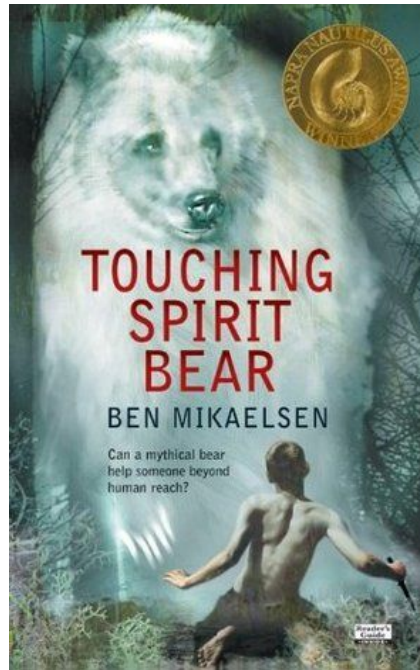
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## March's Student and Staff Member of the month

This year we have partnered with several of our area business partners to bring our staff and students some prizes and well deserved recognition. Our February recognitions are:

Student: Samantha Pierson  
Kaelyn Johns  
Staff: Teresa Myers

We are so proud of your achievements and contributions to Cougar Country. Thank you for making CMS a better place!



## One School, One Book!

All students at Caloosa Middle School will be taking part of the shared reading experience of reading *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. This is an award-winning novel!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Important Dates for Quarter 4:

#### March

3/30- No School

#### April

- 4/4 -FSA writing
- 4/6- 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- 4/10- School Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4/12- 3rd Quarter Straight A's Party
- 4/24- Chorus Concert 6pm
- 4/26- Band Concert 6pm
- 4/27- Interim Report Card Day
- 4/27- Volunteer & Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast 8:30am
- 4/30- Monthly PBS Rewards

#### May

- 5/01- 4th Quarter Student of Merit 3pm
- 5/07-5/11- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/8 & 5/10- 6th Grade Registration Night 5:30- 7:30pm
- 5/21- 6th Grade awards 6pm
- 5/22- 7th Grade Awards 6pm
- 5/24- Paw Pat Festival
- 5/25- Early dismissal
- 5/28- Memorial Day- No School
- 5/29- 5/30- Early dismissal
- 5/30-Last day for students, 8th grade awards 6pm & dance 7-9pm



## Congratulations!



CMS has four Teachers of the Year! Congratulations Mr. Cojocari, Mrs. DeCarlo, Ms. Espailat, and Mrs. McCarthy! We are SO proud of you!

## Parent Involvement Tips

### *Three Ways to Help Children Develop Responsible Habits*

When parents think of their children's habits, they usually think about the things that drive them crazy. But habits can be positive, too.

Habits are automatic actions that take no conscious thought. For example, you probably don't have to think about what you do first thing in the morning. Brushing your teeth and taking a shower are habits you've developed over the years.

On the first of the month, you've probably developed the habit of paying bills. If you wait longer than a day or two, you'll probably feel something nagging at you to get this job finished.

As parents, one of our most important responsibilities is to help our kids develop positive habits. Here are some suggestions.

- **Don't try everything at once.** Remember the year you made 15 New Year's resolutions? By February, you had given up on most of them. Your kids are the same. Choose only a few habits for your kids to develop.
- **Make sure your kids are involved.** After all, you are trying to change their habits. Talk with them about what you're trying to do. Let them know that positive habits can make their lives easier and more pleasant.
- **Allow 21 days.** Experts have discovered that if you repeat an action every day for 21 days, it will become a part of your subconscious mind.

## 8th Grade End of the Year Award Ceremony and Dance Information

At Caloosa Middle School we celebrate our 8th grade students and their promotion to high school with an 8th grade awards ceremony that is by **invitation only** and is held in the evening during the last week of school. Students are awarded for demonstrating scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend.

Immediately following the awards ceremony, all 8th grade students who have **good grades, behavior, and have returned all school property and settled any outstanding fees or fines** are invited to attend the 8th grade dance. This dance is for 8th graders only. Although not required, students may choose to dress up for this event in semi-formal attire; however, all students must be in dress code in order to be admitted into the dance.



## **FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT - CMS SPRING TESTING DATES/TIMES**

| Date                                | Training Dates                            | Test Name                | Computer/Paper  | Time            |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Friday, January 26                  | Wednesday, January 24<br>(8:15-8:45 Cafe) | Infrastructure Trial     | 6th, 7th & 8th Grade-Computer Based                       | 2nd Period      |
| March 8th and 9th                   |   | STAR Reading and Math    | Computer Based  | 1st/2nd Periods |
| March 12th and 13th                 |   | Compass Sci 3 and Civics | Computer Based  | In Class        |
| Wednesday, April 4                  | Wednesday, March 7                        | Writing                  | 6th & 7th Grade- Paper Based<br>8th Grade- Computer Based |                 |
| Wednesday, May 2 & Thursday, May 3  | Wednesday, April 11                       | FSA ELA                  | 6th, 7th & 8th Grade FSA ELA<br>Computer Based            |                 |
| Wednesday, May 9 & Thursday, May 10 | Wednesday, April 11                       | FSA Math                 | 6th, 7th & 8th Grade FSA Math<br>Computer Based           |                 |
| Monday, May 14<br>Tuesday May 15    | Individual Basis                          | Algebra EOC              | 8th Grade-Computer Based                                  |                 |
| Wednesday, May 16                   | Wednesday, April 25<br>(during team PLCs) | Civics EOC/NGSSS Science | 7th Grade-Computer Based<br>8th Grade-Paper Based         |                 |

### **PRACTICE FSA/NGSSS/EOC SESSIONS**

| Assessment Date                     | Test Name     | Practice Assessment Dates will be shared after Moore and Ziemer attend training | Where will assessment be administered? |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Wednesday, April 4                  | Writing       | Week of:  | ELA                                    |
| Wednesday, May 2 & Thursday, May 3  | FSA ELA       | Week of:  | Reading                                |
| Wednesday, May 9 & Thursday, May 10 | FSA Math      | Week of:  | Math                                   |
| Wednesday, May 16                   | Civics EOC    | Week of:  | Civics                                 |
| Wednesday, May 16                   | NGSSS Science | Week of:  | Science                                |

**Out Of Field Teacher Notification:** Lee County recognizes that teachers, at times, must be assigned duties outside their field certification:

**ESOL**  
**endorsement 300**  
**hours**

Bridget Fieler  
Anna Schladt  
Stephanie Fearn  
Cassandra Rosselle  
Max Gesenhues

Emma Blackwell  
Daniel Livermore  
Gina Whidden  
Anna Schladt  
Bridget Fieler

6th Gr. Science & Gifted  
7th Gr. Gifted  
7th Grade Reading  
7th Grade Reading  
8th Grade Reading

# Do You Help Your Teen Prepare for Tests?

Test-taking is an important part of school, and there are many things parents can do to reduce teens' test anxiety and prepare them for test success. Are you helping your teen prepare to give his/her best effort on tests?

Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- \_\_\_1. **Are you aware** of your teen's testing schedule? Do you write important test days on the family calendar?
- \_\_\_2. **Do you make sure your teen** gets a good night's sleep before a test?
- \_\_\_3. **Do you see that your teen** eats breakfast before a test?
- \_\_\_4. **Do you encourage your teen** to do her best, without putting too much pressure on her?
- \_\_\_5. **Do you avoid conflicts** with your teen on the day of a big test?

## How well are you doing?

More *yes* answers mean you're doing a good job supporting your teen as he/she takes important exams. For each *no*, try that idea from the quiz.

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**Us and Them**  
**Caloosa Middle**  
**5/17/18 - 6pm**

Caloosa Middle  
Theatre II  
Presents



One act is a short play .A meaningful play that begins with two groups of wanderers looking for a place to settle. They agree to share and mark the line between their territories, then build a small wall. The wall is built higher and then still higher. Suspicion and mistrust grow to the point where the groups must inevitably explode in conflict.

# Thanks to our Business Partners!

Creating an environment that values and promotes student achievement, Caloosa Middle School's number one goal, cannot be the sole responsibility of educators and the schools. It requires the concerted effort of the entire community. We would like to thank the following businesses for partnering up with Caloosa Middle School and making Caloosa Middle School a better place for learning.

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