Welcome Back!!!

First of all, I hope that everyone had a great couple of months away from Callahan, and that all of our students are now rested and ready to learn. The 2018-19 school year is upon us, and teachers have been here at Callahan eagerly preparing for the first day of school. On Wednesday, September 5, students in Grades 1 through 5 will report for their first day of school. That morning, teachers will be located in the front schoolyard with class lists on over-sized chart paper for all to see. If you’d like to see who your child’s teacher is in advance of Wednesday morning, class lists will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the school on Tuesday, September 4, from 12:00-3:00. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will report for their first day of school on Monday, September 10.

I am happy to announce that Lynn Public Schools has made school breakfast and lunch available to all students free of charge. Each student is entitled to one breakfast and one lunch each day. Further details can be found at www.lynnschools.org, and a notice will be sent home with all students sometime during the first week of school. As a reminder, as part of the Lynn Public Schools safety policy, parents, guardians, or any family members who are not students, are not allowed to enter the building and attend breakfast. This is a district-wide policy, but if you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please call the school and I will be happy to speak with you.

I could not be more excited to begin my first full year as Principal of Callahan Elementary. I look forward to working with each and every family in our community to ensure that all students are receiving the absolute best learning experience we can provide. The Callahan Staff and Faculty are committed to you and your families, and in everything that we strive to accomplish. We promise to work hard, work smart, and work together!

Dates to Remember:

September
5 – Opening Day for grades 1-5 @ 7:45
5 and 6 – Kindergarten Screenings
6 – Pre-K Open House T/TH 9:00-10:00
7 – Pre-K Open House M/W/F 9:00-10:00
7 – Kindergarten Open House 9:00 Presentation
7 – “Patriot Spirit Day”
10 – Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin @ 7:45am
10 – BooHoo Breakfast for Pre-K and K Parents 8:00am
14 – 9:30 PBIS Kickoff with Johnny the K (parents welcome)
17 – Scholastic Book Fair
17 – Faculty Meeting
18 – Open House 6:00-8:00pm and Book Fair
19 – PTO Fundraiser –Charleston Wrap

October
5 – SOAR rally
8 – Columbus Day/No School
15 – Faculty Meeting
19 – Progress Reports
20 – Harvest Fest

Boo Hoo Breakfast:
The decision to enroll your child into pre-k or kindergarten can be a stressful time for parents and students alike. On Monday, September 10, the Callahan PTO will be hosting a ‘Boo Hoo’ Breakfast for parents in our Conference Room at 8:00. During this time, parents can meet with one another, learn about Callahan Elementary, learn about the PTO, and enjoy some light refreshments. We hope that you can join us.
Callahan is a ‘Uniform Choice’ School

At Callahan students have the option of dressing in the school uniform attire which can be ordered on the school website throughout the year.

The uniform consists of:

- The Callahan navy polo shirt with the eagle logo
- Khaki pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts
- Dark colored shoes/sneakers
- On gym days: sweat pants and gray t-shirt (found on website)

Participation in the uniform program is completely optional! If you do participate, students wear uniforms M-Th and Fridays are “Free Fashion Friday”!

PBIS

PBIS is our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program. It is used throughout the school to give positive praise and recognition for students who exhibit SOARing behavior. SOAR represents our Callahan Core Values of Safety, Ownership, Attitude and Respect. When students are caught SOARing they are rewarded with verbal praise and a SOAR ticket. Each week SOAR tickets are collected and entered into a raffle. Each day an ‘Eagle of the Day’ is draw. These students receive a bumper sticker, a certificate, and have their picture posted on our “Eagle of the Day” calendar. Additionally, students are recognized at our monthly SOAR rallies. SOAR tickets are also counted weekly. When a grade level meets a particular goal, they participate in an activity chosen by the students. At the end of the year, if the students reach the school goal, a school-wide celebration is had. Last year the students participated in a Luau Day to celebrate reaching the school-wide goal of SOAR tickets.

SOAR Rallies are part of our PBIS Program and will be held the first Friday of the month. All students are invited to wear ‘Callahan’ spirit wear for these rallies. Students can wear their uniform, field day t-shirt or any other ‘Callahan’ spirit wear. (This is not mandatory.)

SOAR Rally Dates:
- September 14 – Johnny the K

Universal Breakfast and Lunch
- This year each student will be receiving a breakfast and lunch – free of charge
- Breakfast is served at 7:15 AM in the cafeteria
- Lunch is served during regular school hours
- If you would like to purchase an additional lunch, ie: a second lunch, you may do so by sending in money

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