

Calvin Coolidge Middle School

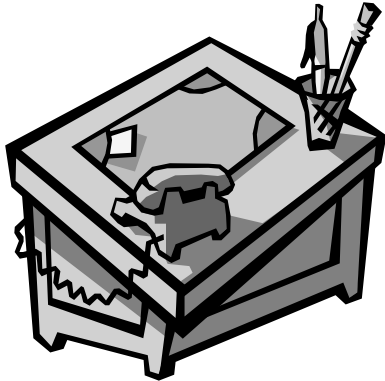


Parent Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL,

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Nine more weeks – and lots to do to make sure your children are ready for the next grade level.

I would rather use this space to only address the positive, but it is my responsibility to also let you know that we will be mailing out letters soon to parents/guardians whose children are at risk of failing. **The letter is a serious warning – but all is not lost.**

If your child attends school every day until the end of this school year, tries his/her hardest to understand the materials presented, and if you will make sure homework is completed and turned in, there is a great possibility your child can succeed and move to the next grade level.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for April 3rd and 4th. Please plan to attend. It's important you

attend, as it will give you an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers as well as an opportunity to let your child know you care about his/her involvement in school.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students for their efforts at the recently administered ISAT testing. According to their teachers, students in the across all grades took the exams very seriously and put forth a genuine effort to meet/exceed state standards.

A thank you to you as parents/guardians as well for getting your child to school on time and with stressing the importance of the ISAT exams.

Sincerely,

Principal

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the month of April. It is an opportunity to meet with all your child's teachers in one short time frame. The teachers are prepared to share your child's academic strengths and weaknesses with you. Report cards are available for pick-up in the office. After reviewing the report card, you are welcome to visit one or all of your child's teachers. All of our teachers will be in their classrooms. **Due to the expected turn-out, please limit your individual conference time to no more than 10 minutes.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the following:

•Thursday, April 3, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

•Friday, April 4, Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians not attending Parent/Teacher Conferences will receive the report card on Monday, April 7.

Schedule of Events

Mon., Mar. 31	School Resumes
Wed., Apr. 02	GREAT Program begins (6th Grade)
Thurs., Apr. 03	Early Dismissal – 7:55 – 10:55 a.m. for Students Conferences: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Report Cards
Fri., Apr. 04	Early Dismissal – 7:55 – 10:55 a.m. for Students Conferences: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Report Cards Spring Picture Day Spirit Day
Thurs., Apr. 10	Chorus Festival @ Woodruff High School
Fri., Apr. 11	Government Day—selected 8th graders
Tues., Apr. 15	Peoria Symphony Performance
Wed., Apr. 16	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
Fri., Apr. 18	Student Improvement Day—Early Dismissal—10:55 a.m. Spirit Day
Wed., Apr. 23	Secretary's Day
Thurs., Apr. 24	University of Illinois Survey PTO Spaghetti Supper/Talent Show
Fri., Apr. 25	University of Illinois Survey Progress Reports CCMS Night @ Peoria Chiefs game
Thurs., May 01	Spring Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
Fri., May 02	Spirit Day
Mon., May 05 – 09	Teacher Appreciation Week
Thurs., May 08	8th Grade Field Trip to Illinois Central College Honors Night, Manual Auditorium, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Invitation Only)
Fri., May 09	Student Improvement Day—Early Dismissal—10:55 a.m.
Sat., May 10	8th Grade Trip to Six Flags, Eureka, Missouri
Tues., May 13	Arts in Education Spring Celebration, 12:25-1:30 Location: Main & Jefferson Street
Fri., May 16	Spirit Day
Weds., May 21	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day Observance
Tues., May 27	8 th graders practice at Manual High – 9:15 a.m. 8 th grade graduation – Manual High – 5:45 p.m. pictures Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.
Weds., May 28	8th Grade Graduation Dance (8th graders only); 7:00-9:00
TENTATIVE	
Fri., May 30	Last Day of School for Students – 7:55 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.
Mon., June 02	Last Day for Teachers – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.





FIRST DAY COMPLIANCE

Except for transfer students who will be given 30 days to meet compliance requirements, all student enrolling for the first time, and all students entering kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades in

the Peoria Public Schools must, **prior to being allowed to attend school**, present evidence of a current school health examination and compliance with immunizations requirements as established by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

STUDENT RECORDS

Student records are subject to periodic review for purposes of removing all information, which is out of date, inaccurate or irrelevant. Parents/guardians are entitled to see this information before it is destroyed.

Records at Calvin Coolidge are gleaned prior to eighth graders' records being sent to the respective high schools in June.

If you want to review your 8th graders' records, please call the school to schedule an appointment to review the file.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

Colorful informal Spring portraits will be taken at your school on Friday, April 4th. Be sure to wear special clothes. If you wish, bring your favorite sports equipment, musical instrument, stuffed animal, or hobby item.

Pictures will only be taken of those students who have their envelopes completed with money enclosed.

Checks may be written to the following:

SCHOOL PICTURES OF ILLINOIS

CALVIN COOLIDGE PARTICIPATES IN FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT ON BULLYING AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Bullying and sexual harassment among middle school students continues to be serious problems. Students who are targets or victims of bullying and/or sexual harassment report difficulty concentrating on school and report depression and anxiety for many years after their involvement. This federally-funded project (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) will help us to design better prevention and intervention programs for elementary and middle schools students to prevent bullying and sexual harassment. Students at Calvin Coolidge Middle School will complete surveys at school about their experiences of bullying and sexual harassment over the next 2 ½ years. Parents will be mailed information letters on April 14, 2008 that will provide more details about the surveys. Administrators and teachers at Calvin Coolidge Middle School are in full support of this project and are in close contact with the researchers/ investigators to coordinate the study so that it will not disrupt academic instruction. Findings from this study will be available to parents, teachers, and administrators through reports and presentations at the end of its completion.

For more information, please feel free to contact the investigators:

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FINE ARTS NEWS



Congratulations to the following band students who received medals in their recent competition at I.C.C.:

Jasmine L. W, David T, Kaylin D, Ashley H, Abby T, Joey H, Briana O, Kassie R, Hanna B, Lexi B, Shauna B, Ian B and Raquel T

Our band is under the direction of Mr. Grant Gillett.

The District 150 Middle School Choral Festival is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at Woodruff High School. Don't forget our CCMS Spring Concert on Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Students are bowling us over with great reading scores!

Students were on a roll this last grading period and "striking it big" as they bowled us over with their reading scores! As students progress through the school year their A.R reading goal increases. The students have taken this 3rd grading period challenge very seriously and their reading scores verified it. To celebrate all of our CCMS students' reading success, an Accelerated Reader Bowling Party is being planned for the 2nd week in April.

Announcing the **Top "10 Pins"** in A R Reading for the 3rd Grading Quarter:

- #1 Morgan S (5W).... 242 Points
 #2 David T (6S) 184
 #3 Ian B (6S).... 160 #4 Shawn S (7S)... 146 #5 Kaylin D (7M).... 146 #6 Jaliyah L (7S)..... 140
 #7 Kaybrechia D (7M)... 132
 #8 Will L (8R) ...126
 #9 Oh'Vere G (8R)..... 114
 #10 Sarah R (7M) 112

Congratulations to these ten top readers who spare no effort when it comes to reading! They truly can say, "Reading is down our alley!"

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Award Luncheon was held in the Library on February 25th. Thirty- two students qualified by reading at least three or more of the twenty books on this year's list. Each was invited to enjoy a tasty lunch and dessert while they chose their favorite author in the series. Their votes were sent to the Illinois State Library in Springfield along with all other participating middle school's votes. We are still waiting to hear what will be the winning title for this year. Our winning choice was: Drums, Girls, And Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick. It's very interesting to find that all 7 copies of that book have been continuously checked out after our winning vote was announced. It proves that students do listen to what other students recommend!

AR Awesome Auction

As we begin the last grading period for this school year, The Accelerated Readers' Awesome

Auction is being planned for the last week in May. This event is the "Grand Finale" for our students; reinforcing their daily reading practice and rewarding each reader for achieving their class and personal goals. Students will use their AR points earned from the entire year to bid on prizes of all kinds: ranging from food items to electronic items (such as CD players and a MP3 player). Other items include sports equipment, beach and swimming pool toys, jewelry, and gift certificates to local restaurants, movie theatres, bowling alleys, skating rinks, swimming pools and sports events. Another added attraction is the "Breakfast of Champions" that is held in our school's cafeteria the morning of the Awesome Auction. Students who earn this 4th quarter AR goal will also be invited to a pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by the Reading Teachers, Mrs. Wineland, and Mr. Denny. What a treat for our readers: "Chef Denny's" flipped pancakes are the best!

P.S. Parents, please encourage your student to keep reading. There are nine weeks left of this school year, nine weeks for our students to use wisely- to read and to learn! Your support is critical to the success of our school's programs, which provide authentic experiences and encourage students to stay focused in school while preparing for their future. Yours Truly,

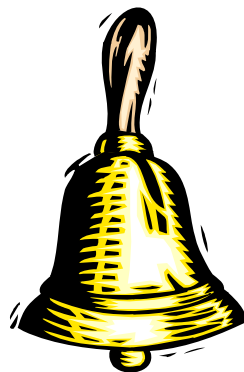
Mrs. Wineland

APRIL 16th —THE DAY TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR

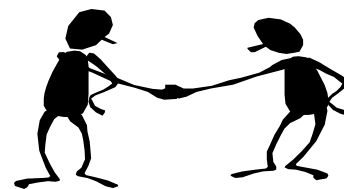
Mrs. Agunod would like to extend to each and every parent/guardian an invitation to attend the next PTO meeting.

- **The meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, April 16th**
- **Calvin Coolidge Library 6:30 p.m.**

Exciting plans are ahead . We need to plan for the graduation, Honors' Night, etc.



PTO News From Mrs. Neltner



THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

The CCMS faculty and staff Would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTO for everything you do to support our efforts with your children in our classrooms.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

The date for this year's 8th grade graduation is Tuesday, May 27th. Again, we have reserved the auditorium at Manual High School. Group pictures will be taken in the foyer at 5:45 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

- All graduates will be attired in gowns at a cost of \$20.00, per graduate.
- **In order to participate in the 2008 graduation ceremony, all graduates MUST be dressed in the gown ordered through the Herff Jones company.**



GRADUATION DANCE FOR EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES ONLY!

Each year, the PTO has sponsored the eighth grade graduation dance. This year, the PTO has again agreed to sponsor the dance on Tuesday , May 28th at 7:00 p.m. . Graduates **must** picked up promptly at 9:00 p.m.

The dance will be held at Calvin Coolidge Middle School in the gym from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

There is no charge and **ONLY STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM CALVIN COOLIDGE ON MAY 27th WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.**



Ms. Oberholtzer-CCMS School and Family Liaison and Mrs. Robinson would like to thank the businesses in the Peoria community that have helped Calvin Coolidge Middle School through their donation of gift certificates and passes to use as incentives for our last attendance party.

Over 100 CCMS students were invited to a sundae party and door prize give-away due to their attendance including absences and tardies!

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MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AND MUCH, MUCH,

The Peoria Promise logo features the words 'PEORIA' and 'PROMISE' stacked vertically, with a graduation cap icon between them. Below the logo is the text 'CITY OF PEORIA'. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a crowd of people holding flags, with a quote overlaid: "Peoria Promise will have a positive impact on our city in ways we can't even imagine." - MARCH 18, 2015.

Peoria Promise is an opportunity for qualifying City of Peoria graduates to receive a scholarship covering full tuition and books toward a degree or certificate at Illinois Central College.