

Calvin Coolidge Middle School



Parent Newsletter



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ST. LOUIS TRIP FOR 8TH GRADERS

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, our eighth grade students who were invited will depart for St. Louis. Our Peoria Charter Coach bus leaves Calvin Coolidge at 6:45 a.m. Our soon-to-be graduates will spend an entire day enjoying the amusements at Six Flags. They will arrive back at Calvin Coolidge, tired but happy, at 7:00 p.m.

Each eighth grader eligible to attend also will have donuts on the bus and will receive an 8th grade trip t-shirt as a memento. The cost of the trip and the afore-mentioned is \$40.00 that can be paid in the office.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

When the Calvin Coolidge graduating class of 2008 walks across the stage to receive their diplomas on the evening of Tuesday, May 27, they will be wearing their graduation gowns. All graduates will be allowed to keep their gowns as a special memento. The cost of the gown is **\$20.00** and can be paid in

the office. Again this year, the ceremony will take place in the auditorium of Manual High. Graduates are to report to Manual High at 5:45 p.m. for a Group Picture! The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates will have the rest of the evening to share with their families.

A special dance will be held in the Calvin Coolidge gym on the following evening, Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by our PTO and the dance is for the graduates only! Parents, if you can help chaperone, your help is needed and welcomed. .

GRADUATION GROUP PICTURE



School Pictures of Illinois will be at Manual High before graduation to take a group picture of the graduates. The cost for the 8 X 10 group portrait is \$12.00. **A check should be made payable to Calvin Coolidge and paid prior to the graduation date, May 27.** School Pictures has assured us they will have the pictures here on Friday morning prior to our 8:55 a.m. dismissal.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL



On Tuesday, May 27, our eighth grade students, accompanied by the eighth grade teachers will travel to Manual High School for their graduation rehearsal. They will leave Calvin Coolidge at 9:30 a.m. and return around 11:00 a.m.

As is customary, we do expect that some of the graduates will ask permission to be excused early from school for hair appointments, etc at 11:00 a.m. **We do not encourage this policy, but will grant permission when requests are made in writing. The requests should state the specific time the graduate is to be signed out, and the name of the person who will be picking him/her up.**

Schedule of Events

Thurs., May 01	Spring Concert @ 6:00 p.m.
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	Spirit Day
	Regular School Day—No Early Dismissal!
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
Weds., May 14	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library
Thurs., May 15	DATE CHANGE
	Student Improvement Day—Early Dismissal—10:55 a.m.
Tues., May 20	A.R. Awesome Auction & Breakfast
	Honors Band Performance @ Rolling Acres—6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 23	Spirit Day
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day Observance—No School
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
Thurs., May 29	Field Day
Fri., May 30	Last Day Students—Early Dismissal 8:55 a.m.
	Report Cards

A BRIEF SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR

- August 25, Mon. 5th Grade Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
- August 26, Tues. 2 1/2 hour day, 7:55 a.m.—10:55 a.m.
First day compliance for Kindergarten, sixth, and ninth graders and all new students to District 150
- August 27, Weds. First full day—watch for session hours
- Sept. 01, Mon. No School—Labor Day
- Sept. 11, Thurs. Open House—CCMS, 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12, Fri 1/2 day for students—Student Improvement Day
- Oct. 03, Fri 1/2 day for students—Student Improvement Day
- Oct. 13, Mon. Columbus Day
- Oct. 24, Fri. 1/2 day for students—Student Improvement Day
- Nov. 07, Thurs. Parent/Teacher Conferences—No School
- Nov. 11, Tues. Veterans' Day—No School
- Nov. 22, Weds. No School—Holiday
- Nov. 26, 27, and 28 Thanksgiving Recess
- December 19 No School—Teachers' Institute
- December 22—January 2, 2009—Winter Vacation

3rd Grading Period Honor Roll



The following students are congratulated for being named to our 3rd Grading period Honor Roll:

All "A" Honor Roll:

8th Grade—Sydney N, Amber W, Briana B

5th Grade—Sage S, Alicia F, Cameron A

A/B Honor Roll:

8th Grade—Robert B, Alexis B, Karrington W, Jacquelynn A, Abby F, Quintarius M, Trey K

7th Grade—Kaylin D, Kaybrechia D

6th Grade—Kariisa S, Zachary L, Kaylah H, Matthew D, Hanna B, David T, Paige T, Ladaisha SY, Breaija P, Arenza M, Damion J, Lorenzo B

5th Grade—Austin M, Margaux T, Amari M, Baylee G, Brooklynn S- B

IF YOU EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL ...

Ms. Von, our Cafeteria Manager, wants each of you to know that charges will not be allowed after May 16th. Please make sure your child checks to see what his/her balance is or make sure to bring money each day he/she plans to eat. After May 16th, students will be denied a lunch if they do not have sufficient money to cover the cost.

Students who have credits at the end of the year will carry on to the next school year. To avoid having large credit accounts have your child check with Ms. Von as to their balance. No refunds will be given....credit only.

If you have questions, please call the school office, 672-6506, and leave a message for Ms. Von. She'll call back just as soon as she can.

CALENDAR CHANGE!!

Friday, May 9th is no longer an early dismissal date!

Friday, May 9th will be a regularly-scheduled school date. Students will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m.

Thursday, May 15th is an early dismissal date!

Students will be dismissed at 10:55 a.m. for a re-scheduled Student Improvement Day.

AWESOME AUCTION



Calvin Coolidge's Awesome Auction will be held on May 20, in the CCMS gym. Students who have made their A.R. goals for this last grading period will be participating in this exciting event.

Students will use their entire year's A.R. reading points earned as \$\$\$\$ to bid on prizes that have either been purchased by or donated by local businesses or other various community supporters.

This grade finale is a celebration of our students' reading successes for this school year. Students will also be treated to a "Breakfast of Champions" earlier on the same day.

FIRST DAY COMPLIANCE

It is not too early to be thinking about Tuesday, August 26, 2008, the first day of school for the 2008-2009 school year. If your child will be entering Kindergarten, or sixth grade, or ninth grade, you will need a current physical, a current sports physical if your child plays any middle school or high school sport, and any needed immunizations.

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL UNLESS EVERYTHING IS CURRENT! TURN THEM IN ANY TIME STARTING NOW! UNTIL THE FIRST DAY ON AUGUST 26, 2008.

PTO News From



Mrs. Neltner would like to extend to each and every one of our parents/guardians an invitation to attend the next PTO meeting.

Due to the high school

graduation conflict, our next meeting is scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, May 14th**
- **Calvin Coolidge Library 6:30 p.m.**

Exciting plans are ahead . We need to finalize plans for the graduation, the dance, and etc!

PTO AND CALVIN COOLIDGE PARENTS! THANK YOU!

The staff of Calvin Coolidge Middle School would like to say a really big “thank you” to all the PTO members and the parents/guardians who donated food for the staff throughout the year. Everyone enjoyed the treats for meetings and the incredible luncheons. Thank you for everything you do to support us in providing opportunities for your children.

MISSING BOOKS (TEXTBOOKS AND/OR LIBRARY)

Students are required at the end of the school year to turn in all textbooks and library books. If your child has a missing (or damaged) book, it will need to be paid for prior to eighth grade graduation and/or receiving his/her report card at the end of the school year.

Ask your child about this today! Call us if you have questions.

Spring Concert

Please plan to join us on Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. for our Fine Art's Spring Concert!

Our band, chorus and orchestra students have been practicing for this fun evening!

Brown-Bag-It

Our Fine Arts students will perform downtown at the Peoria County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 13th from 12:15—1:30!

Use of Video Cameras on School Buses:

The content of the video/audio tapes are used to monitor conduct and maintain a safe environment for students and employees. Recordings are confidential records and may only be used by school officials and law enforcement for investigations, school disciplinary actions (including school employees), hearings, proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and criminal prosecution, related to incidents occurring in or around the school bus. Note the tape may be viewed regarding employee conduct.

The Transportation Director will be responsible for maintaining Video/Audio Equipment on all buses which will allow for one week recovery of saved recording.

RETENTION

Students that do not meet district academic standards will be retained in their current grade for the 2008-2009 school year. Those identified students will receive a “retention” notice on their last report card that they will be given on the last day of school, Friday, May 30th.

Names of students that were “at-risk” for retention were turned into our summer school office and a letter was sent to parents.

Please call the Title I office at 672-6754 for questions regarding summer school.

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE DATES AND NEWS

- All CCMS graduates **MUST** wear a graduation gown. Students have already been “fitted” and the gowns have been ordered. Gowns are the property of the graduates after the ceremony. **The fee for the gown is \$20.**
- Saturday, May 10: 8th Grade Class Trip to Six Flags (for invited students only). Parents **MUST** complete a the permission slip with emergency telephone numbers! **The fee for the trip is \$40.**
- Graduate families have the option to purchase an 8th Grade Class Picture. **The fee for the 8 X 10 picture is \$12.**

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YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

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Please reserve a yearbook.

Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Payment: \$6.00 () cash () check (Check payable to: Calvin Coolidge Middle School)

If you want more than one, write each additional child's name below:

Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Total Payment: _____