CES Newsletter March 2026

LOOK inside for dress-up themed days!



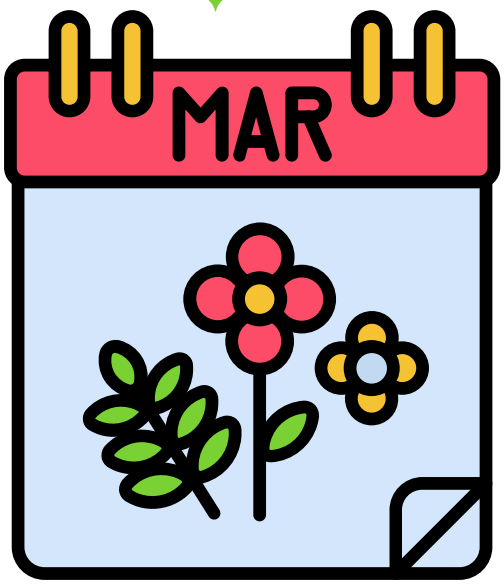
SPRING Break!

No school:

March 16-23

Hershey's Kisses on sale every Friday in March in memory of Calhoun student and teacher, Melissa Hershey. All proceeds go to Relay For Life





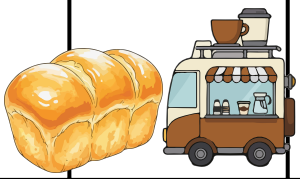
Stay Connected

www.calhounminks.com

Facebook:
Calhoun Elementary School- Calhoun, TN

Student Grades:
Access your ParentVue account with activation key provided by front office.

March

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 No Good News Club	5	6 	7
8	9 Health Screenings 	10 Zaxby's 8th Grade Night Athens 5 - 8 PM	11	12	13  3rd Grade Trip	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 River Town Polar Plunge
22	23 No School	24	25	26 Batter Axe Waffles 	27 	28
29	30	31 Last Day to Order Yearbook				

Read Across America 

SPRING BREAK

March Menu

All students receive breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2 Chicken Nuggets Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Breakfast Pizza	**3** Taco Meat w Soft Shell Salsa / Cheese Chopped Trimmings Refried Beans Fruit & Milk Chicken Slider	**4** Cheeseburger on bun Fresh Trimmings Baked Fries Fruit & Milk Pop Tart & Cheese Stick	**5** Chicken Casserole Creamed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Pancake Pup	**6** Pepperoni Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Bacon Biscuit
9 Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Donuts	**10** Chili Cheese Fries Crackers Baby Carrots Fruit & Milk Muffin Top	**11** Chicken Sandwich Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Fruit Frudel	**12** Beef Patty w/gravy Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Mini Pancakes	**13** Cheese Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Jelly Biscuit
16	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
23 No School	**24** Chicken Nuggets Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Bagel /Cream Cheese	**25** Piggy Back Fries Baked Beans Cucumber/ Tomato Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Breakfast Bun	**26** Orange Chicken with Rice Mixed Vegetables Glazed Carrots Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Yogurt Parfait	**27** Pizza Sticks Marinara Sauce Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Gravy & Biscuit
30 Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Breakfast Pizza	**31** Taco Meat w Baked Scoops Salsa / Cheese Chopped Trimmings Refried Beans Fruit & Milk Muffin & String Cheese			

SPRING BREAK

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Milk, juice, and fruit will be included in each meal.

A cold lunch is available daily.

Access Student Lunch Account

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Mink March 9:00 am	3 No School	4
5	6 No School Teacher Inservice Day	7 PreK Registration @ Center K Registration @ CES	8	9	10	11 Alumni Association Annual Gathering
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 River Town Run to the River
19	20 TCAP Testing	21 TCAP Testing	22 TCAP Testing	23 TCAP Testing	24	25
26	27 TCAP Testing	28 TCAP Testing	29	30		

Read Across America

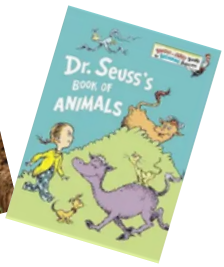
@ Calhoun School



March 2

Books bring out our wild side.
Wear your animal print!



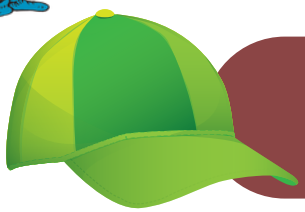




March 3

Wear the craziest socks ever just like the Fox in Socks!





March 4

Hats off to your favorite book!
Wear your favorite hat!

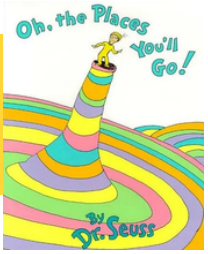






March 5

Reading will bring you a bright future!
Wear your sunglasses and neon clothing!





March 6

Team up to kick off a great weekend of reading!
Sport your favorite team shirt or jersey!











Designed by: Daisy Davis

May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	**2** 6-8 Spring Dance
3	**4** 8th Grade Job Shadowing 7th Grade Trip	**5**	**6** K-4 Field Day 	**7** Academic Olympics	**8** 5-8 Field Day 4th Grade Farm City Day 	**9** Relay for Life Athens Market Park Pavilion
10	**11** 8th Grade Wax Museum Academic Olympic Awards 6 pm MCHS	**12** FCA Trip	**13** Senior Walk 9:30 5-6 Field Trip	**14** School Play 1:30 6:00	**15** Taste of China Food Truck	**16**
17	**18** 8th Grade Class Night 7:00	**19** K-4 Awards 9:00 5-7 Awards 1:00	**20** 8th Grade Trip PreK Graduation 9:30	**21**	**22**	**23**
24 **31**	**25**  No School	**26** Report Cards 10:30 Dismissal	**27** Teacher Work day	**28** Optional Inservice Day for teachers	**29**	**30**



Calhoun School
Morning Drop-Off

01 — Car Rider
Circle the entire building and enter front circle after busses unload at 7:30

02 — Bus
Obtain route driver info from office. Contact driver to arrange pick up

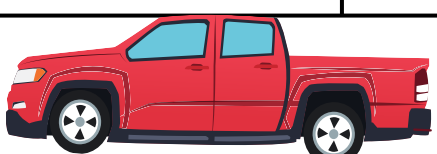
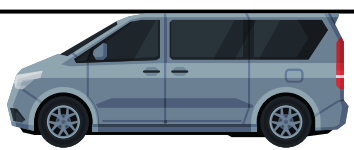
03 — Walker
Enter through front doors beginning at 7:30 after carefully crossing road & driveway

04 — Pre-K
Park in lot behind the gym. Adult must accompany student. Doors open 7:50

Drop off from the road or parking spaces on Sherwood Avenue **is not permitted**. This is dangerous for students and impedes the traffic flow.

Afternoon Pick up

PreK	PreK dismissal is at back of gym at 2:00. Adult on pick up list is required to sign student out daily.
K-3 Car Riders + older siblings	Enter circle drive that passes by playground in 2 parallel lines. Remain in vehicle at all times. Do not block cross walk or pass gate before 3 pm. Families will be issued a car rider number within first month of school. Display number in dash. Students may only be released to those on approved pick up list, and identification may be requested. Student will be walked to your car. Any students remaining after 3:20 will be walked to bus duty for pick up at front of building.
4-8 Car Riders	Students in grades 4 - 8 WITHOUT younger siblings will dismiss to the gravel parking lot. These students are NOT assigned numbers. Please back in to spaces. Faculty and staff will dismiss students in orderly manner, but please be mindful of safety and understand that we may ask for identification. Students remaining at 3:10 will be walked to bus duty for pick up at front of building.
Walkers	Students walking home will be dismissed from front doors.
Bus Riders	Early route #37 leaves school when car riders are dismissed. Driver will inform you if your student is on this route. All other routes dismiss from school after busses arrive from high school around 3:40.



Calhoun School Hats

$25



Checks may be made payable to CES.
Teachers, please send order and money to front office.

Name	
Homeroom	
Number of Youth Hats @ $25 Each (grey bill & black mesh back)	
Number of Adult hats @ $25 Each (maroon bill with grey mesh back)	
Total Money Sent	

Help!

Where do I send this money?

Item	Cost	Directions
Ice Cream	UPDATE **$1.50**	Cash or checks written to CES Turned in to teacher
Water	$1	Purchased with cash from Coach Tucker in the gym
Extras in cafeteria	varying prices	Cash, checks to CES, or online payment in student's cafeteria account

How to add money to student's cafeteria account:

- Send cash or check written to CES to the school cafeteria
- Visit https://linqconnect.com/

1. Form an account
2. Add your students
3. Make payments and manage balance



ATTENTION MINKS!

2025-2026 YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!



COST $20.00
THROUGH MARCH 31ST

NAME:

HOMEROOM:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

TO RESERVE YOUR COPY, PLEASE SUBMIT PAYMENT ALONG WITH THIS FORM BY 3/31/26

QUESTIONS:
CONTACT KELLIE WALLACE AT 423-336-2974 OR KWALLACE@MCMINNSCHOOLS.COM

Calhoun Public Library presents...

Wise Owl Reading Hour

Stories
Snacks
Games & Crafts

2nd Thursday each month

2:15

PreK students are encouraged to attend after dismissal



RELAY FOR LIFE 2026

Relay for Life is an event benefiting American Cancer Society. Calhoun School established a team many years ago in honor and memory of those battling cancer. The McMinn County Relay for Life Event will be held May 9 at Athens Market Park Pavilion.

- For $1, you may purchase a moon in memory of or a star in honor of friends and loved ones who've battled cancer. Names will be displayed at Calhoun School.
- Our team designs a shirt annually. The names from moons and stars will be placed on the back of the Calhoun team shirt. This year's design will feature "Fight Like a Mink" design. Please watch for announcements to see final artwork release.

Shirts will be $20 with all proceeds going to our Relay Team.
Deadline for orders is April 17th. Checks may be made to CES.

Order placed by: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Phone Number: _____

IN HONOR OF: $1 each. Name placed on star	IN MEMORY OF: $1 each. Name placed on moon

Shirt Order

SIZES	YOUTH XS	YOUTH SMALL	YOUTH MEDIUM	YOUTH LARGE	ADULT SMALL	ADULT MEDIUM	ADULT LARGE	ADULT XL	ADULT 2X	ADULT 3X
QUANTITY OF EACH										

Calhoun FCA
March 26

AFTER SCHOOL - 4:30





Pick up from back gym lot

SERVICE PROJECT:

Bring Easter Eggs and candy or small treats to go in the eggs.

Box tops are now digital! Download the Box Tops app, Choose Calhoun School, and scan receipts to help our school earn rewards!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

FOOD CITY SCHOOL BUCKS CHALLENGE

• LINK YOUR •
VALUCARD ONLINE AT
FOODCITY.COM/SCHOOLBUCKS
TO START EARNING CASH
FOR OUR SCHOOL!

McMinn Middle School Sports

McMinn County Schools offers a variety of sports to middle schoolers. Calhoun 6th - 8th Graders are eligible to participate! Please follow the Facebook Page **"McMinn Middle Middle School Athletics"** to see postings about try-outs and what all is available!

McMinn County Schools
2025-2026 Parent Calendar



August 1st	Classes Begin - Abbreviated Day 10:30 Dismissal
September 1st	No School - Labor Day
September 2nd	No School - Professional Development Day
September 5th	Mid-Terms Go Home
October 6th-13th	No School - Fall Break
October 20th	Report Card Day and Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30
November 12th	Mid-Terms Go Home
November 24th - 28th	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 19th	Abbreviated Day - 10:30 Dismissal
December 22nd - Jan 5th	No School - Christmas Break
January 12th	Report Card Day and Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30
January 19th	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 5th	Mid-Terms Go Home
February 16th.	No School - President's Day
March 16th - 23rd	No School - Spring Break
March 30th	Report Card Day
April 3rd	No School - Good Friday
April 6th	No School -Teacher In-service
April 7th	Pre-K and K Registration Day all schools
April 22nd	Mid-Terms Go Home
May 5th	No School - Election Day
May 25th	No School Memorial Day
May 26th	Early Dismissal @ 10:30am, Report Card Day
May 15th	Central High School Graduation 7:00pm
May 16th	McMinn County High School Graduation 9:00am

Good News Club

Wednesdays
After school - 4:30 pm
Grades K-5

See the "Clubs" page of calhounminks.com for more information and to register. Students must be registered in order to attend.



Calhoun Elementary Business Partners

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Groundscape Concepts

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C&R Construction
423-309-7511
423-381-1154

Southern Industrial Service

Maroon Level

The Pope Law Offices

213 E Washington Ave.
Suite 104
Athens, TN 37303

Farm Bureau Insurance Tennessee

Drew Mays, Agent • Jeffrey Raffield, Agency Manager • Michael Moody, Agent

ZAXBYS

GOOD CHICKEN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

Tuesday, March 10

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

1510 S. Congress Pkwy. Athens, TN



10% of proceeds will be donated to: Calhoun School 8th Grade

Thank you

Domtar

Join us in thanking Domtar for printing our monthly newsletter! We appreciate this long-standing community partnership with Calhoun School!



Trip Dates: 6/4/26 - 6/7/26
Our Trip ID is: 220496

Sign up today with only a $115 deposit!

Scan to Register

Online at worldstrides.com/register

Call WorldStrides Customer Service at 800-468-5899

Questions? Contact: Melissa Trotter at mtrotter@mcminnschools.com
or visit our trip website at
https://worldstrides.com/custom/2026-calhoun-es-dc-220496/

TOOLS TO HELP PAY FOR THE TRIP

Gift of Education: Over $2.5 million in financial assistance is given out each year by WorldStrides.

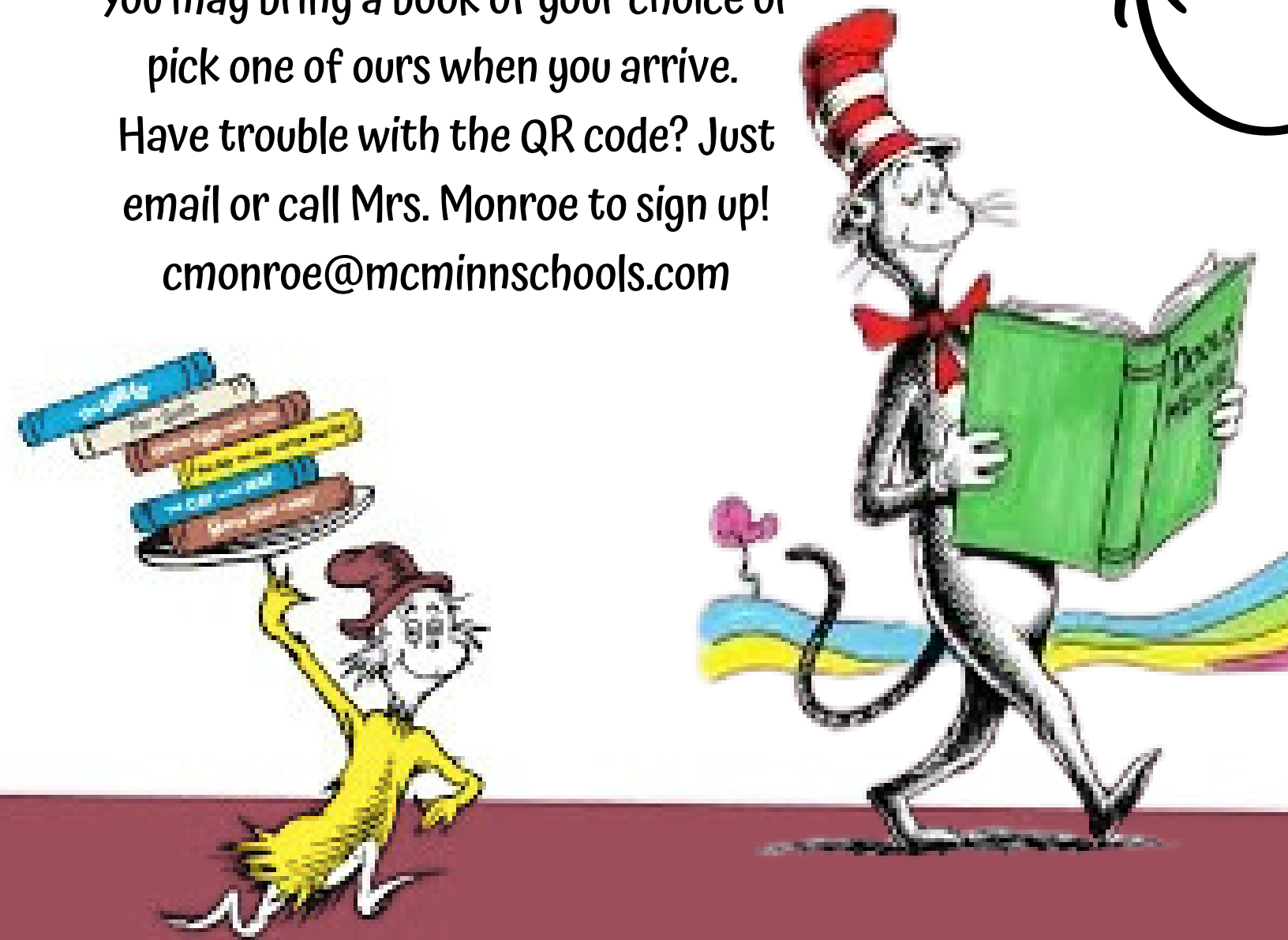
Gift of Education: Student driven fundraiser where 100% of the money raised goes to offset the trip price.

Extended payment plans are also available.

Guest Readers Needed

On March 6th, classes will rotate throughout the school to enjoy listening to guest readers after lunch! Please scan the QR code below and sign up to be a guest reader as we celebrate all things reading at Calhoun School! You may bring a book of your choice or pick one of ours when you arrive. Have trouble with the QR code? Just email or call Mrs. Monroe to sign up!

cmonroe@mcminnschools.com



8th Grade Class ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MARCH 10- ZAXBY'S FUNDRAISER
- APRIL 1- TRIP MONEY DUE
- MAY 4- JOB SHADOWING DAY
- MAY 11- WAX MUSEUM
- MAY 18- CLASS NIGHT 7 PM
- MAY 20- 8TH GRADE TRIP

***More information will be sent on each of these events as the date approaches.**

MCS
McMinn County Schools • Excellence In Action

Save the Date

Find your place in our puzzle

Enroll in Pre-K Today

Pre-K Registration

Location

McMinn County Schools Board of Education Office
3 South Hill Street Athens, TN
Next to Food City

April 7th

Date and Time

12:00pm to 6:00pm

Information

All students are required to provide documentation of the following:

- Proof of Age: Such as a birth certificate, an adoption record, an affidavit from a parent, or previously verified school records.
- Proof of Residency: Must provide 2 of the following: copies of phone and water bills, or lease agreement, or affidavits.
- Health Records: Certificate of Immunization and Physical on TN Dept. of Health Form. (Provided by healthcare provider)
- Pre-K Students Only: Proof of Income: Such as current paystub, W2, or tax return.



Mink March 2026

When: April 2 9am

Who: All students march!

Guests are invited to line the streets cheering on our Minks!

What: Students find individuals to sponsor their march raising funds for Calhoun PTO.

Win:

Top Raiser: Grand Marshall of March and VR Game Console
Escorted around Calhoun in fun car from **Trade Up Auto Sales**



Top Earning Class and Class with my School Spirit:
Party from PTO plus a surprise you don't want to miss!

Raise $10: Get sticker

Raise $25: Get sticker AND keychain AND entered in prize drawings

Theme:



Watch for more info from your teacher about the places your class will go!

Due: All march funds due to school by **March 31st**

While waiting on the march to return, grab a treat from the Pam's Bundt Cakes!