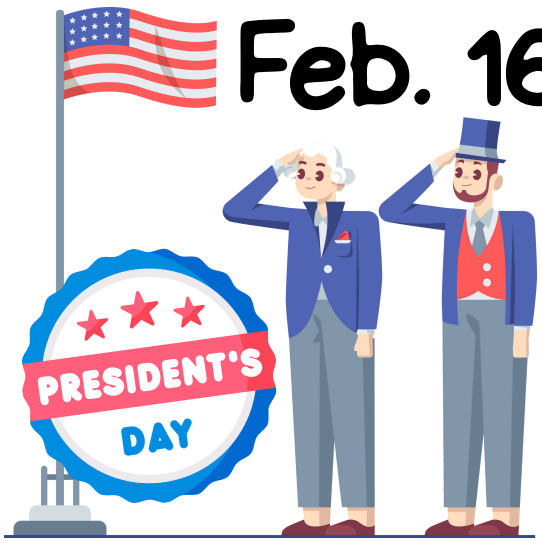
CES Newsletter

February 2026

No school

Feb. 16th



Book Fair

Feb. 23rd -27th



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www.calhounminks.com

Facebook:
Calhoun Elementary School- Calhoun, TN

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

FEBRUARY

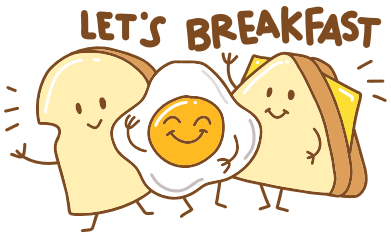
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Health Screenings	3	4 Good News Club Canceled	5 Midterms	6	7 Healing Hearts Grief Camp
8	9	10 Beta Club Induction 6:00 Gym Middle School Basketball Celebration 6:45	11 Candy Grams due	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15	16 No School PRESIDENT'S DAY	17	18	19 Picture Day FCA	20 Mother Son Dance 6 - 8 Taste of China Food Truck	21 Daddy-Daughter Dance 6-8
22	23 BOOK FAIR	24	25 8th Grade MCHS Tour	26 Family Night 4:30 - 6:00	27	28

February 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** Chiili Cheese Fritos Chopped Trimmings Baked Fries Fruit & Milk Muffin & String Cheese	**4** Chicken Sandwich Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Fruit & Milk Cinnamon Roll	**5** Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Pancake Sandwich	**6** Pizza Sticks Marinara Sauce Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Bacon Biscuit	
	9 Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Yogurt & String Cheese	**10** Cheeseburger on bun Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Chicken Slider	**11** Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Breakfast Bun	**12** Hot dog on bun w/ chili Cole Slaw Baked Fries Baby Carrots Fruit & Milk Pancake Pup	**13** Pepperoni Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Bacon Biscuit	
	16 No School  	**17** Chicken Nuggets Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Donuts	**18** Piggy Back Fries Refried Beans Veggie Pickups Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Muffin Top	**19** Beefy Patty w/gravy Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Mini Pancakes	**20** Cheese Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Jelly Biscuit	
	23 Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Muffin & String Cheese	**24** Taco Meat w Hard Shell Salsa / Cheese Chopped Trimmings Refried Beans Fruit & Milk Bagel w/cream cheese	**25** Chicken Sandwich Fresh Trimmings Baked Chips Fruit & Milk Breakfast Bun	**26** Chili Cheese Fries Veggie Pickups Roll Fruit & Milk Yogurt & String Cheese	**27** Pizza Sticks Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Gravy & Biscuit	

Remember to start your day with breakfast!



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



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

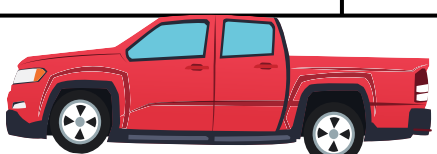
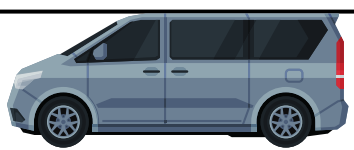
03 — Walker
Enter through front doors beginning at 7:30 after carefully crossing road & driveway

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

FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday
February 26
4:30 - 6:00



Game Night



PTO Chili Supper

See flyer



Book Fair

Calhoun PTO

Chili Supper & Cook-Off

$6



Thursday, February 26
4:30 - 6:00



Register and donate Here!

Calhoun School
150 Sherwood Ave

Family Engagement Night @ CES!

Candy Grams

The Relay for Life team will be selling candy grams that will be delivered to students on Friday, February 13th. **Candy Grams are $1.00 each** and will include a Valentine Lollipop and the written message. If you would like to send a candy gram to a student or teacher, please complete the form below and return to Mrs. Garrison **by Wednesday, February 10th**. Additional forms can be printed from our school website, and online purchasing my occur by emailing cgarrison@mcminnschools.com.

You have a Candy Gram!

To: _____

Grade:_____ **Homeroom:**_____

From: _____

Message:

You have a Candy Gram!

To: _____

Grade:_____ **Homeroom:**_____

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From: _____

Message:

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
TROUGH 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



Beta Club Induction

Tuesday, February 10
6:00
CES Gym

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

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

Legacy Level

Bowater Credit Union
Better Begins Here

Groundscape Concepts

Southern Ionics

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



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.

FEBRUARY
23-27

2026 Calhoun

BOOK FAIR

Come and Immerse yourself in the magical world of books at the Calhoun Book Fair!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tennessee School Letter Grades

2024 2025

Calhoun Elementary School





CONGRATULATIONS

for outstanding student acceleration and school success!

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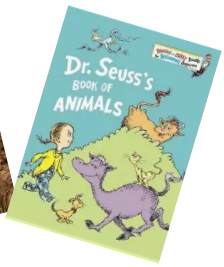
TN Department of Education

Read Across America
@ Calhoun School



March 4
Books bring out our wild side.
Wear your animal print!

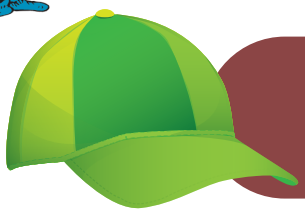






March 5
Wear the craziest socks ever just like the Fox in Socks!





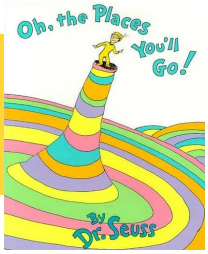
March 6
Hats off to your favorite book!
Wear your favorite hat!







March 7
Reading will bring you a bright future!
Wear your sunglasses and neon clothing!





March 8
Team up to kick off a great weekend of reading!
Sport your favorite team shirt or jersey!









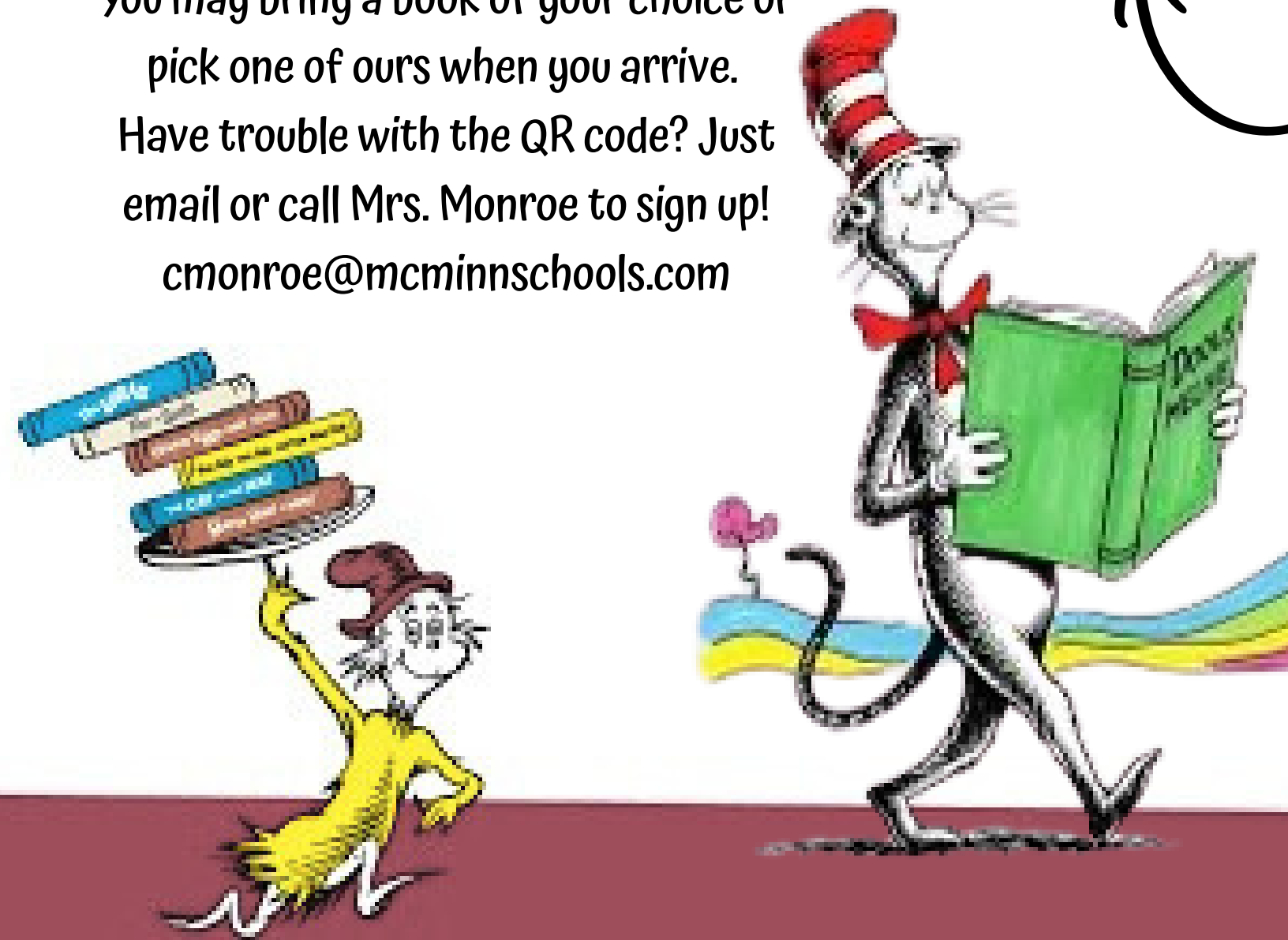


Designed by: Daisy Davis

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



Calhoun
Feb. 19



Message by
SANFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Service Project:

Bring the following items for Women at the Well:

paper plates	napkins
cups	paper towels
toilet paper	trash bags
storage bags	plastic wrap

AFTER SCHOOL - 4:30

Pick up from back gym lot



INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS CONTEST FOR 6TH–8TH GRADES

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An interactive exhibit consists of a table top exhibit. 4-H members will have 2-3 minutes to expain their exhibit. Students should be prepared to answer questions from judges. However, the board should have enough information on it to explain itself. The board should include the 4-H clover.

Rules:

Present the exhibit yourself and it must relate to a 4-H project.
Projects can be found by scanning the QR code below
Participate in only one exhibit.
No children or animals used in presentation.
Follow school rules while preparing your presentation.
Exhibit must have a title and must include the 4-H clover.





Due at the February Club Meeting

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
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DEMONSTRATION
CONTEST FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADES



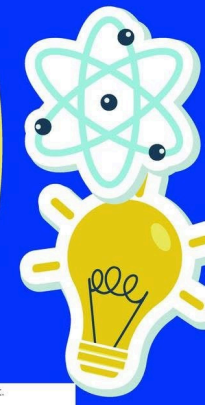
DUE IN FEBRUARY CLUB MEETINGS

Rules:

Must be given by 4-H member.
You may only participate in one demo.
No children or animals may be used.
Follow school rules when preparing.

- Demos should include visual aids.
- Explain each step in the process in 3-5 minutes.
- Include both a introduction & conclusion in your presentation.
- Demo MUST relate to a 4-H project area. List of projects available using QR code.

For More Information and list of project areas scan the QR code:



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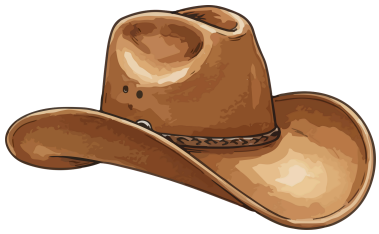
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Calhoun Relay for Life proudly presents...

BOOTS & Bows

MOTHER SON DANCE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21



6:00 - 8:00

$5 PER PERSON
OPEN TO PUBLIC

$5 FOR PICTURE
DIGITAL PICTURE EMAILED TO YOU



Relay For Life



HELP BUILD A BIRTHDAY CAKE KIT!



McMinn 4-H wants EVERYONE to experience the joy of having a birthday cake, and we NEED YOUR help!

4-H members do a service learning project each month during clubs. In February we are collecting items to create “Birthday Cake Kits”. Each grade level will be responsible for bringing specific items (see list to the side). We will put kits together in Honor Club and donate them to different food banks in McMinn County to help everyone be able to have a birthday celebration!

The birthday cake recipe we will include in the kits are simple:

Mix the cake mix with the 12 ounce can of soda and bake according to the directions on the cake box. No need to add the eggs or oil. If you have a yellow cake mix, you need a light colored soda, such as Sprite. If you have a dark cake mix, you need a dark soda, such as Coke.

DUE FEBRUARY

4TH GRADERS

Bring an aluminum pan - 8x10 or 9x12 sizes are preferred!

5TH GRADERS

Bring a yellow or chocolate cake mix - any brand!

6TH GRADERS

Bring a 12 ounce can of sprite or cola - any brand!

7TH GRADERS

Bring cake icing - any flavor you want!

8TH GRADERS

Bring a package of birthday candles and/or sprinkles to help make the cake fun!

HONOR CLUB & HIGH SCHOOL

Bring roll of plastic wrap and/or roll of ribbons to help us put the birthday cake kits together!

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Mark Your Calendar

March 2 - 6 Read Across America Week
March 10- Zaxby's Night for 8th Grade
March 16 - 23 Spring Break

8th Graders:

March 10- Zaxby's Night
April 1- Money due for 8th Grade Trip
May 4- 8th Grade 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.



TennesseeWesleyan UNIVERSITY
WILHELM DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month, TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic is providing **FREE** dental hygiene services in the month of February for children 18 and under.

Services include cleanings, x-rays, fluoride and sealants

Call to setup an appointment: (423) 252-1475