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Newsletter

january

2026

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

Tennessee School
Letter Grades

2024 ★ 2025

Calhoun
Elementary
School



CONGRATULATIONS
for outstanding student acceleration
and school success!



Jan. 19th



No
School

Stay Connected

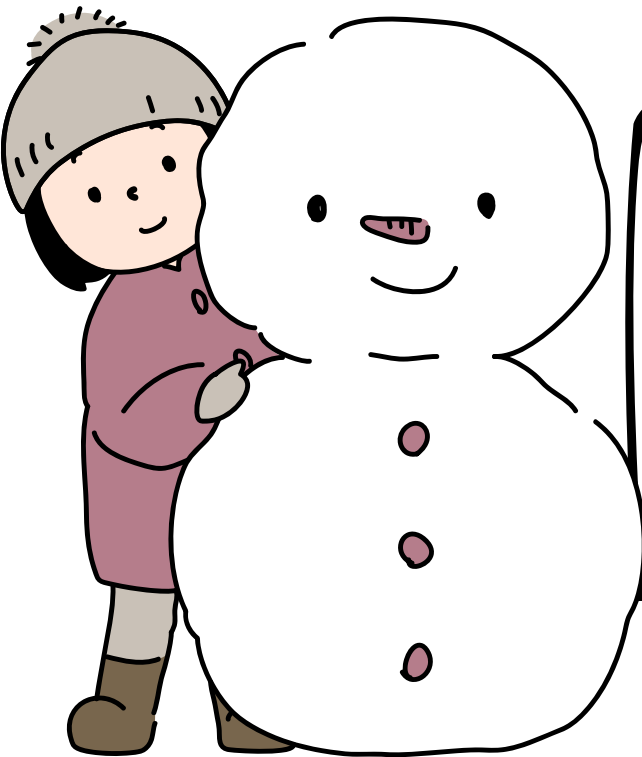
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Facebook:

Calhoun Elementary School- Calhoun, TN

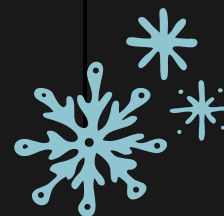
Student Grades:

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





January



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No
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Students
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Parent-
Teacher
Conferences

Report Cards

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School-Wide
Spelling Bee
8:15



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Basketball
Tournament
@ Central

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No
School



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Basketball
Tournament
@ Central

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100th
Day of
School

Basketball
Tournament
@ Central



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Calhoun School Morning Drop-Off

01

Car Rider

Circle the entire building and enter front circle after busses unload at 7:30

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Bus

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

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Walker

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

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Pre-K

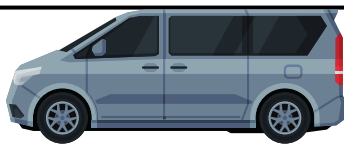
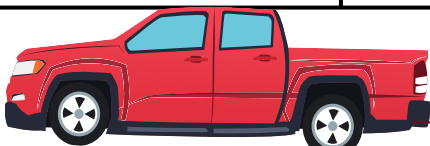
Park in lot behind the gym. Adult must accompany student. Doors open 7:50



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.



January Menu

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

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

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No School

Chicken Nuggets
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli w/cheese
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Breakfast Pizza

Cheeseburger on bun
Fresh Trimmings
Baked Chips
Baked Beans
Fruit & Milk

Cinnamon Roll

Chicken Parmesan
Leafy Green Salad
Glazed Carrots
Bread Stick
Fruit & Milk

Pancake Sandwich

Cheese Pizza
Leafy Green Salad
Seasoned Corn
Fruit & Milk

Sausage Biscuit

A cold lunch is available daily.

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Remember to start your day with breakfast!



Chicken Tenders
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli w/cheese
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Yogurt & String Cheese

Taco Meat w Hard Shell
Salsa / Cheese
Chopped Trimmings
Refried Beans
Fruit & Milk

Chicken Slider

Orange Chicken w Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Glazed Carrots
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Pop Tart & String Cheese

Popcorn Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese
Pinto Beans
Cole Slaw
Cornbread
Fruit & Milk

Pancake Pup

Pizza Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Leafy Green Salad
Seasoned Corn
Fruit & Milk

Bacon Biscuit

Access Student Lunch Account



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No School

Chicken Nuggets
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli w/cheese
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Donuts

Sloppy Joe on Bun
Baked Fries
Baked Beans
Fruit & Milk

Muffin Top

Chicken Sandwich
Fresh Trimmings
Baked Chips
Baby Carrots
Fruit & Milk

Mini Pancakes

Pepperoni Pizza
Leafy Green Salad
Seasoned Corn
Fruit & Milk

Jelly Biscuit

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Chicken Tenders
Creamed Potatoes
Broccoli w/cheese
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Muffin & String Cheese

Spaghetti w Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Leafy Green Salad
Bread Stick
Fruit & Milk

Bagel w Cream Cheese

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Fresh Trimmings
Baked Chips
Baked Beans
Fruit & Milk

Breakfast Bun

Chicken Casserole
Creamed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Baked Roll
Fruit & Milk

Yogurt & Scooby

Cheese Pizza
Leafy Green Salad
Seasoned Corn
Fruit & Milk

Gravy & Biscuit

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



Calhoun Public Library presents...

Wise Owl Reading Hour

2nd
Thursday
each month

Stories
Snacks
Games & Crafts

2:15

PreK students are encouraged to
attend after dismissal





4-H BAKING CONTEST

Drop Items off on Tuesday, January 20, 2026

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30AM - 6:00PM

at the 4-H Office located inside:

McMinn Higher Education Center

2345 Denso Drive Suite 167

Athens, TN 37303

Any 4-H Member in 4th- 12th Grade is invited to participate!

4th Grade: Cornbread - 5th Grade: Biscuits - 6th Grade: Cookies

7th-8th: Cupcakes 9th-12th: Quick Bread

Items need to be homemade by the 4-H member

Don't forget to send items in a container that can be thrown away!

Be sure to bring your recipe with your item!

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

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



• 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



McMINN COUNTY SCHOOLS • EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

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

McMinn County Schools - Excellence in Action

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.



Save the Date

MOTHER SON DANCE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21



CALHOUN ELEMENTARY BUSINESS PARTNERS



Legacy Level



Southern
INDUSTRIAL SERVICE



THE

Pope Law Offices

213 E Washington Ave.
Suite 104
Athens, TN 37303

MAROON Level



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

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN YOUR CLASSMATES IN



Washington, D.C.

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@mcminnsschools.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.



Let's Read20 of McMinn County proudly presents...



Party with a Princess



Saturday, January 17, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

McMinn County High School Cafeteria

\$20 per child (one adult per child included)

\$10 for additional siblings & adults



10:00 - 11:20

Picture opportunities with 7 different princesses

(Dress like a prince or princess yourself if you wish)

11:20 - 12:00

Face Painting * Cookies & Lemonade * Dance Party

All proceeds will assist Let's Read20 of McMinn County and enhance literacy in our community!

Make your magical reservation by January 14!

- **Venmo** with QR code below-
note the names of children attending
- **Mail** the bottom portion with payment to:

Let's Read 20 of McMinn Co
202 Hicks St
Athens TN 37303

Schools will NOT accept reservations or payment.

For questions, visit our Facebook page at "Let's Read 20" or email
letsread20colorfulbus@gmail.com. Payments are nonrefundable.



Participants' Names:

Amount Paid:

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*Calhoun
School's*

100 DAYS OF LEARNING

January 22

Join us in celebrating this year's
milestone with a dress-up day!

Students may come
dressed as if they're
100 years old OR
dressed in other attire
to celebrate 100 days
of school! Have fun
and get creative!



Calhoun FCA

January 15, 2026
After school - 4:30



Message & Refreshments
Provided by:

Solid Rock Baptist Church
Service Project:

Donate gloves, scarves, and healthy snack
items for McMinn Warming Shelter

TECHNOLOGY CLASS**

Join us for our free monthly technology class where we cover a new and exciting topic designed to help you navigate and master the digital world.

This month's topic:
Getting Started
with Smartphones

NOON BOOK CLUB

Join us for our monthly book club discussion, sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

This month's book:
Flash Boys by Michael Lewis

MEND TOGETHER: SEWING REPAIR WORKSHOP

Learn simple sewing repairs like patching, hemming, and buttons. Bring a clean item to mend. No experience needed, repairing supplies provided.

POP-UP BOOK CLUB

Library Director Becky Coleman will lead a discussion.

When *Breath Becomes Air*
by Paul Kalanithi

GENEALOGY CLASS**

Learn how to research your roots using online tools, historical records, and the library's Family Search system.

**Registration Required

ADULT CRAFT TIME**

Dive into creativity and connect with fellow community members as you explore various crafts.

This month's craft:
Iris (Style) Folding Card
Making

LITTLE BITES:

SNACK WORKSHOP**

Join us each month for a fun, hands-on cooking experience where kids and their grown-ups team up to create a delicious snack!

This month's snack:
Veggie, Fruit, and Meat
Variety Pinwheels

PULSE FOR KIDS

Introduces elementary and middle school students to fundamental concepts in health and science through creative and engaging hands-on activities.

This month's topic:
Snow Day Squeezes

POKEMON CLUB

Discover our Pokémon Club, where games, activities, and all things Pokémon await! No supplies needed, though many kids like bringing cards to trade or battle, plus plushies and other memorabilia to show off.

CHESS CLUB

All skills, experiences, and ages are invited to learn/play chess.



E.G. FISHER
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026

JANUARY

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

STORYTIMES

Join us Tuesdays for **Preschool storytime**! Designed for kids ages 3-5, this session includes stories, songs, and crafts while building school readiness skills in a fun, creative setting.

Join us Thursdays for **Baby Storytime**! Designed for babies 0-2 and their caregivers, this session features stories, songs, and play to encourage early literacy and language development in a fun, social setting.

Join us Fridays for **Toddler Storytime**! Designed for toddlers ages 1-3, this session includes music, stories, and activities to stimulate early learning and social skills in a fun, interactive setting.

Library Hours

Monday - 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday - 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday - 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday - 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday - 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday - 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Our Contact

(423) 745-7782
fisherlibrary.org
1289 Ingleside Avenue
Athens TN 37303

Find us on Facebook
& Instagram!

For more information ->

**Registration Required
Call to register

Closed Sundays and the
first Wednesday of the month





JANUARY 2026

THIS MONTH AT E.G.FISHER PUBLIC LIBRARY

****Registration Required
Call to register**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
C - Children T - Teen A - Adult G - General P - Passive * - Registration Required; Call to register	Free Meals (18 and under) Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM, Saturdays from 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM.		1 Library Closed	2 C - 10:30 AM Toddler Storytime G - 12:30 PM Shine Bright: Circuit Creations G - 3:30 PM Tutoring Lab	3 A - 10:00 AM Mend Together: Sewing Repair Workshop A - 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM Magic: The Gathering
5 A - 3:00 PM Pop Up Book Club C - 4:00 PM Minecraft Club G - 4:00 PM D&D: Beginners T - 4:00 PM D&D: Teens A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	6 C - 10:30 AM PreK Storytime G - 4:00 PM D&D: Family A - 5:00 PM Yarnaholics A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	7 Staff Training Library Closed	8 C - 10:30 AM Baby Storytime A - 2:00 PM Yarnaholics P - 4:00 PM Lego Club T - 4:30 PM TAB Meeting T - 5:30 PM Teen Connect A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	9 C - 10:30 AM Toddler Storytime G - 3:30 PM Tutoring Lab	10 A - 10:00 AM Genealogy Tech Class** G - 12:30 to 2:30 PM Chess Club
12 C - 4:00 PM Pokemon Club G - 4:00 PM D&D: Beginners T - 4:00 PM D&D: Teens A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	13 C - 10:30 AM PreK Storytime G - 4:00 PM D&D: Family A - 5:00 PM Yarnaholics A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	14 A - 10:00 AM Free Technology Class** A - 12:00 PM Noon Book Club	15 C - 10:30 AM Baby Storytime A - 2:00 PM Yarnaholics P - 4:00 PM Lego Club T - 4:30 PM Teen Anime Club T - 5:30 PM Teen Connect A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	16 C - 10:30 AM Toddler Storytime G - 3:30 PM Tutoring Lab	17 A - 11:30 AM to 4 PM D&D: Adults
19 C - 4:00 PM Minecraft Club G - 4:00 PM D&D: Beginners T - 4:00 PM D&D: Teens A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	20 C - 10:30 AM PreK Storytime G - 4:00 PM D&D: Family A - 5:00 PM Yarnaholics A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	21 A - 10:00 AM Adult Craft Time**	22 C - 10:30 AM Baby Storytime A - 2:00 PM Yarnaholics P - 4:00 PM Lego Club T - 4:30 PM TAB Meeting T - 5:30 PM Teen Connect A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	23 C - 10:30 AM Toddler Storytime G - 3:30 PM Tutoring Lab	24
26 C - 10:30 AM Little Bites** C - 4:00 PM Pokemon Club G - 4:00 PM D&D: Beginners T - 4:00 PM D&D: Teens A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	27 C - 10:30 AM PreK Storytime G - 4:00 PM D&D: Family A - 5:00 PM Yarnaholics A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	28 A - 10:00 AM Write the Year Ahead: Writing Workshop**	29 C - 10:30 AM Baby Storytime A - 2:00 PM Yarnaholics P - 4:00 PM Lego Club T - 5:30 PM Teen Connect A - 6:00 PM D&D: Adults	30 C - 10:30 AM Toddler Storytime G - 3:30 PM Tutoring Lab	31 C - 10:30 AM Pulse for Kids A - 2:30 PM My Weekend is All Booked: Saturday Book Club