CES Newsletter

May 2026

Awards Day

May 19: K-3rd@ 9 am

4th-7th @ 1 pm



Mark your Calendars



Pre-K Graduation

May 20 @ 9:30 am

8th grade graduation

May 18 @ 7 Pm

Stay Connected

www.calhounminks.com

Facebook:

Calhoun Elementary School

Calhoun, TN

Student Grades:

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

May Menu

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Milk, juice, and fruit will be included in each meal. A cold lunch is available daily.					**1** Cheese Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Sausage Biscuit	**2**
3	**4** Chicken Fried Chicken Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Doughnut	**5** No School Teacher Inservice Day	**6** Hamburger on bun Fresh Trimmings Hashbrowns Cucumbers & Tomatoes Fruit & Milk French Toast	**7** BBQ Pork on Bun Baked Chips Baked Beans Fruit & Milk Yogurt & Scooby Bones	**8** Pizza Sticks Marinara Sauce Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Gravy & Biscuit	**9**
10	**11** Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Donuts	**12** Taco Meat w Soft Shell Salsa / Cheese Chopped Trimmings Refried Beans Fruit & Milk Muffin Top	**13** Grilled Cheese Veggie Pickups Baked Chips Fruit & Milk Fruit Frudel	**14** Orange Chicken with Rice Mixed Vegetables Glazed Carrots Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Mini Pancakes	**15** Pizza Sticks Marinara Sauce Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Blueberry Biscuit	**16**
17	**18** Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Broccoli w/cheese Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Donuts	**19** BBQ Pork Nacho's Fresh Trimmings Queso/ Baked Scoops Refried Beans Fruit & Milk Mini Cinni	**20** Cheeseburger on Bun Fresh Trimmings Baked Fries Fruit & Milk French Toast	**21** Popcorn Chicken Fries Green Beans Baked Roll Fruit & Milk Mini Pancakes	**22** Cheese Pizza Leafy Green Salad Seasoned Corn Fruit & Milk Jelly Biscuit	**23**
24	**25** No School	**26** Early Dismissal Cereal & Cereal Bars Fruit & Milk	**27** Summer Break	**28**		

Access Student Lunch Account

May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 School Lunch Hero Day 1st Grade Trip 4th Grade Trip	**2** 6-8 Spring Dance 5-7 pm
3 All CES Library books due May 4th	**4** 8th Grade Job Shadowing Kinder Trip 2nd Grade Trip 7th Grade Trip	**5** No School ELECTION DAY	**6** K-4 Field Day KONA ICE	**7** Academic Olympics	**8** 5-8 Field Day 4th Grade Farm City Day MINI MELTS Ice Cream	**9** Relay for Life Athens Market Park Pavilion
10	**11** 8th Grade Wax Museum Academic Olympic Awards 6 pm MCHS	**12** FCA Trip Muse Planetarium for MPP	**13** Senior Walk 9:30 5-6 Field Trip Jim Brooks Burnt Bean Band for MPP	**14**	**15** Taste of China Food Truck	**16**
17	**18** 8th Grade Class Night 7:00	**19** K-3 Awards 9:00 4-7 Awards 1:00	**20** 8th Grade Trip PreK Graduation 9:30	**21**	**22**	**23**
24 **31**	**25** MEMORIAL DAY 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

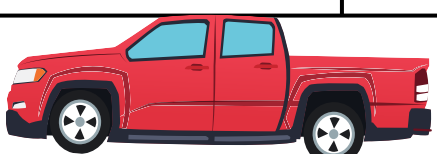
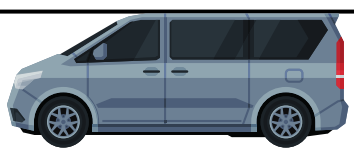
03 — Walker
Enter through front doors beginning at 7:30 after carefully crossing road & driveway

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.



summer camp

June 5th

MINI MELTS Ice Cream

June 12th

KONA ICE

June 18th

Sno Biz

Treat Days @ Calhoun School

12 pm - 2 pm

Community is welcome!



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



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



Thank you

Domtar

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

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

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.

8th Grade Class ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MAY 2- SPRING FORMAL
- 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.**

Spring Formal

CALHOUN 6-8 GRADES

5pm - 7pm
Saturday, May 2, 2026

The Barrel Room
1084 Highway 30
Athens, TN 37303

$15 per student
Pay upon arrival
Dress is semi-formal

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EVENT VENUES LLC

SUMMER ARTS CAMPS AT THE ARTS CENTER

Please contact The Arts Center with questions 423-745-8781 | artsed@athensartscouncil.org



KIDS ARTS CAMP*

WEEK 1 June 1 - 5 | WEEK 2 June 8 - 12 | Completed Grades K - 6 | Cost: $125**

Daily classes in art, music, drama, and dance. The summer camp led by Kay Frank and Lisa Sharp is for newbies and practiced performers alike.

REGISTER BY MAY 18 (WEEK 1) & MAY 25 (WEEK 2)
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MAY 12



JR. MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP*

June 15 - 26 | Completed Grades 1 - 6 | Cost: $200**

Two weeks of theatre games and classes in acting, music, movement, and stage craft led by Michael Webb and Ethan León. The camp ends with three performances of "Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS" on June 26 & 27.

REGISTER BY JUNE 1 | SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MAY 25



YOUTH THEATRE CAMP*

July 6 - 17 | Ages 11 - 17 (by July 31) | Cost: $250**

Two weeks of classes in acting, improvisation, stage combat, music, movement, and stage craft. The camp ends with a performance of the original musical, "Wnderful," directed by Kelly & Bob Borwick, & Pam Thigpen.

REGISTER BY JUNE 22 | SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE JUNE 15



VISUAL ARTS MINI CAMP*

July 20 - 24 | Completed Grades K - 5
Cost: $80**

Students create daily visual arts projects ending with an exhibit of finished work during the last 30 minutes of camp. (Grades K-2 meets in the morning, while grades 3-5 meet in the afternoon.

REGISTER BY JULY 6



MAKE YOUR MARK CAMP*

July 27 - 31 | Completed Grades 6 - 12
Cost: $75**

Students study master artists, then create their own artistic expressions. Camp ends with an exhibit of finished work during the last 30 minutes of camp.

REGISTER BY JULY 13

*Limited need-based scholarships are available for Kids Arts Camp, Jr Musical Theatre Camp, and Youth Theatre Camp. Email artsed@athensartscouncil.org, visit The Arts Center at 320 N White St, or call 423-745-8781 to request a scholarship application. All scholarships are given on a first come, first received basis, and only for fully completed forms.
AACA does not offer scholarships for Visual Arts Mini Camp & Make Your Mark Camp. However, AACA will not let financial limitations be a barrier to participation in the arts - please call 423-745-8781 if you need to discuss financial assistance or payment plans.

**There is a transaction fee for online payment. As with all tickets and registrations; no refunds, no exchanges.

Please scan QR Code at right for more information and to register for all SummerArts Camps at The Arts Center.









FCA Camp Cherokee

May 12

Activities :

- Praise & Worship
- Scavenger Hunt
- Meal
- Meeting FCA members from other schools
- Crafts

Bring/Wear:

- FCA Shirt, school appropriate shorts, and shoes for a day of OUTDOOR fun.
- Refillable waterbottle

Special thank you to: Volunteer Energy Customer Share Grant, McKee Foods, Charleston-Cumberland Presbyterian Church, & Spring Creek United Methodist Church for making this event possible!

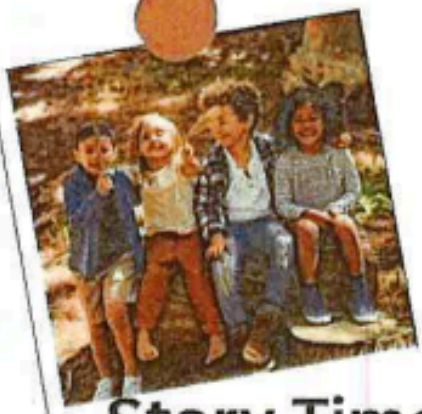
Summer Reading Program

Calhoun Public Library

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EXCAVATION



Games



Story Time



Snacks & Treat Bags

Friday, May 29, 2026
10 a.m.-Noon

Hiwassee Meadowland Park

SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

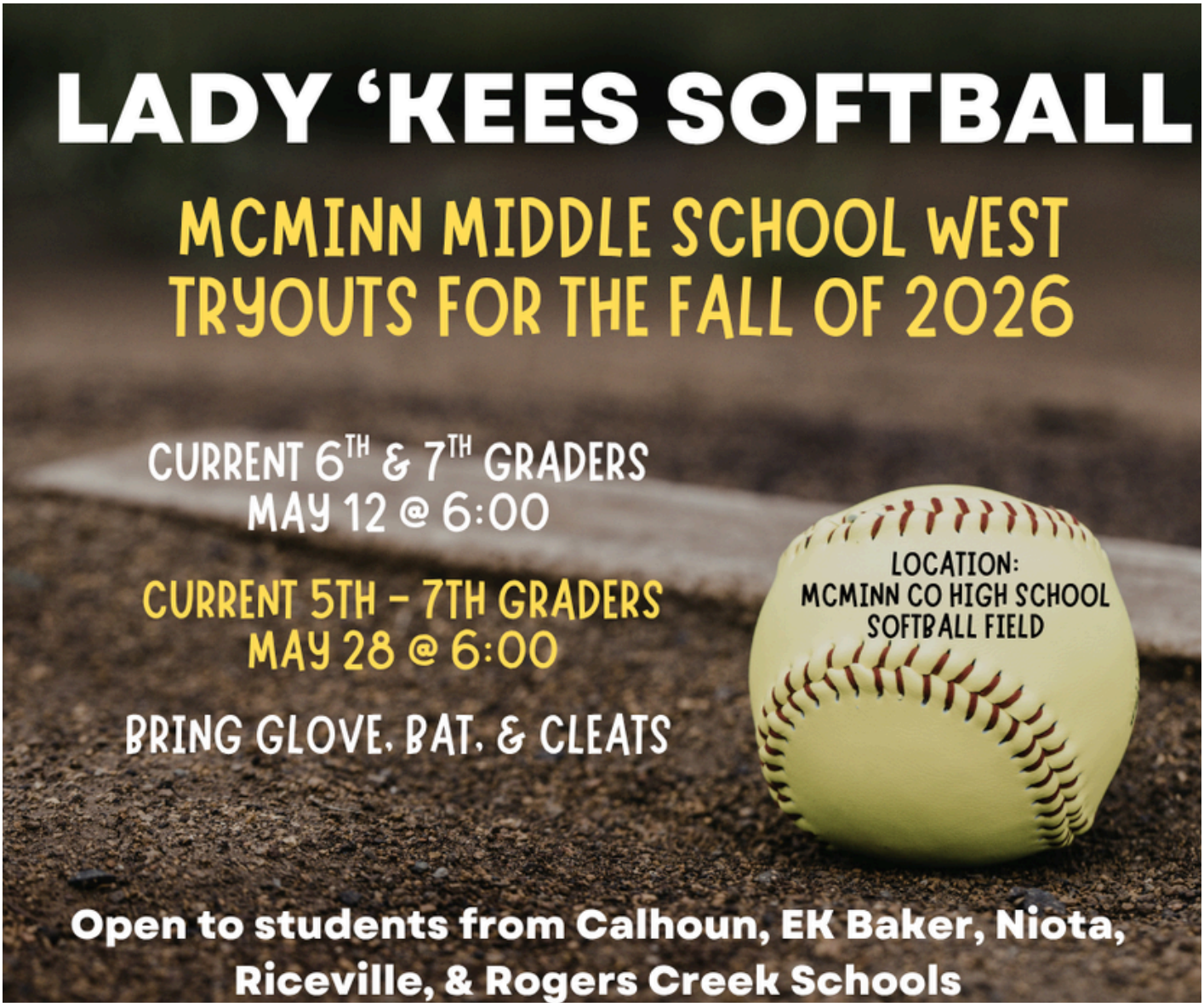
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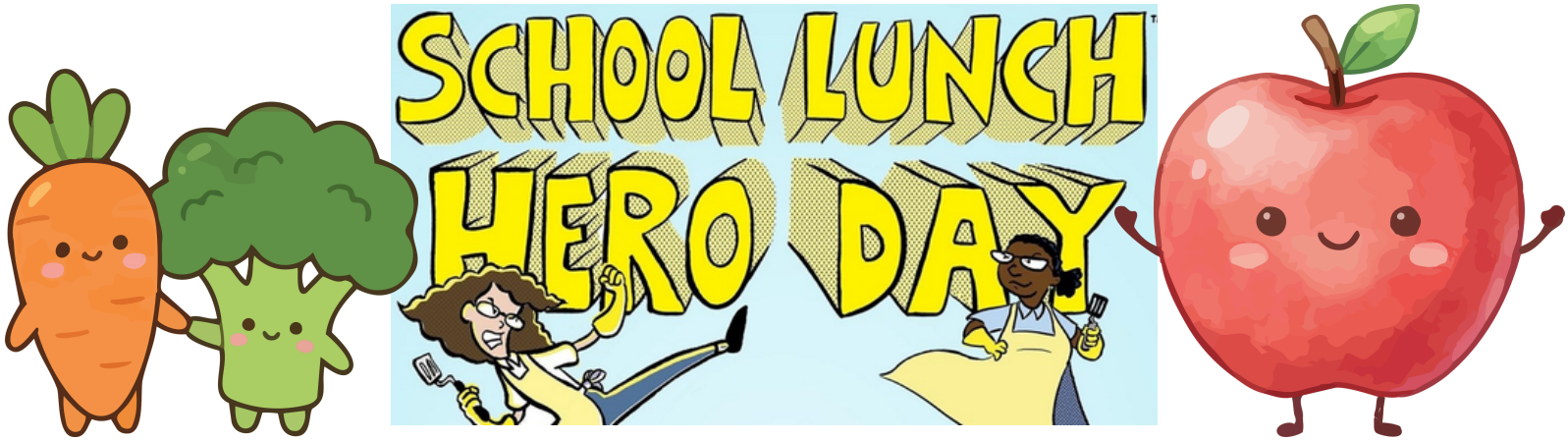
June 1st - 23rd



Camp Information

- Dates: **June 1 - 23**
- Monday - Friday from 8:00-3:00 each day
- No Camp on June 19th Juneteenth Holiday
- **FREE** for all participating students
- Bus transportation provided
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided
- Students provided with extra practice and support with focus on grade-level reading and math





On May 1st, we celebrate School Lunch Hero Day! The Calhoun Cafeteria does an excellent job of keeping us fed every day! Let's remember to say "Thank you" on May 1st and everyday. These ladies don't need capes because they have aprons!

McMinn County High
School Athletics

Home of the Cherokees

2215 Congress Parkway
Athens, TN 37303

(423) 744-7347

PROSPECTIVE ATHLETE

Please download the survey below and fill out. This will give us vital information on High School and Middle School athletics.

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