

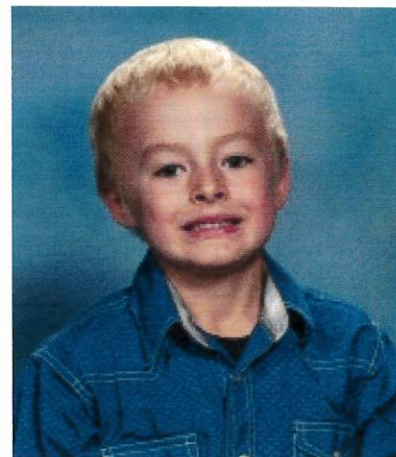


Bobcats of the Month -October

Leland Keeney

Leland is a great helper in the preschool classroom. He helps keep us on schedule and is a great helper at clean up time. He is a hard worker and makes me smile with his stories. Leland is a joy to have in class.

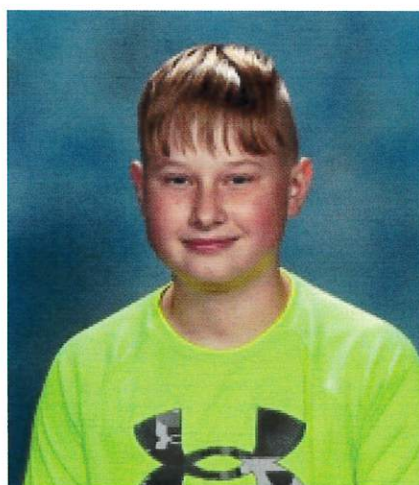
Mrs. Hickenbottom



Remi Flynn

Remi found a hundred dollar bill on the floor of the locker room. He brought it to the office to turn it in. That is a testament to his character and a great example of integrity! Great job Rem!!

Mr. Birkel



Devyn Denney

Devyn shows up every day with a smile, positive attitude and is willing to learn. He is very polite and great to work with. Devyn is up for any challenge and always pushes himself to get it complete and correct. It has been fun seeing him in the metal shop; a different side of the shop than he is used to.

Mrs. Chytka





FFA FRUIT DELIVERY

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-15TH

For any special delivery arrangements please discuss this with your seller or call Mrs. Chytka at the school (308) 836-2272

Callaway Public Schools October Board of Education

There were many things to celebrate in the month of November. Mr. Birkel and Mrs. Jesseph proudly presented the students who made 1st Quarter Honor Roll as well as congratulating the football team on a great season. It was also announced that Mathilda Bollig will be receiving her FFA Jacket through the Blue Jackets. Bright Futures. program. Other events worth noting: DeMoine Adams and Tiffany Evers came to talk about the TeamMates program, High Five Fridays have started and everyone is loving them, and Dave Chesley came as the guest speaker for our Veteran's Day Program. The school board went ahead and approved: the 200's School Board Policies, the 2022-2023 Financial Audit, the Co-op for volleyball, boys and girls cross country and football, and updated the signers on the First Interstate Bank safe deposit boxes.

The poster features a festive border with various holiday-themed cookies and decorative elements. At the top left is a star-shaped cookie with a snowflake pattern. To its right is a cookie shaped like a pine branch. At the top right is a Christmas tree cookie with lights and ornaments. On the left side is a large candy cane cookie with stripes and dots. On the right side is a star-shaped cookie with a complex snowflake pattern. At the bottom left is a cookie shaped like a flower or star with a central dot. At the bottom right is a stocking cookie with a heart and snowflakes. The background is filled with stylized clouds and small stars.

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Holiday
COOKIE

Sales

Nov. 22nd-Dec. 11th

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cpopp@callawaypublicschools.org
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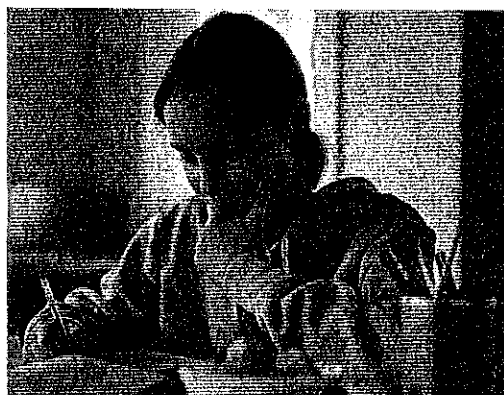


December 2023

Reading actively will help your child become a better reader

Reading and thinking go hand in hand. To master complex or challenging reading material, your middle schooler must do more than stare at a page. Fortunately, this type of reading is a learned skill and can be improved with practice.

Three strategies can help your child get more out of reading assignments. Encourage your student to:



- 1. Take notes.** Many students' minds drift off when they read. To keep your child engaged with the content, suggest taking notes. Your child will have to think about which points are most important and how they connect. Just the act of notetaking often improves reading comprehension. Your child can also use sticky notes to mark key places in the text.
- 2. Think about vocabulary.** One reason middle school texts and fictional works are challenging is that they introduce students to new words and terms. On encountering an unfamiliar word, have your child stop and look up the definition and write it on an index card.
- 3. Read often for pleasure.** The more students read, the more they are able to read smoothly and accurately. This is called *fluency*, and it is an important step toward reading comprehension.

Source: "Middle School Reading: Improving Your Seventh and Eighth Grader's Reading Comprehension," Math & Reading Help, American Library Association.



Shift responsibilities onto your child

Middle schoolers don't morph into responsible young adults overnight. But with encouragement from their families to take responsibility for things kids this age can do for themselves, they get there.

Students in the middle grades are generally capable of taking responsibility for:

- **Waking up** to an alarm and getting ready on time. If your child is quick to hit the snooze button, put the clock across the room.
- **Updating a family calendar** with test dates and other school commitments.
- **Tracking assignment** due dates and scheduling time to do the work.
- **Turning assignments** in on time.
- **Reading for as much time** as they spend watching screens.
- **Keeping track of supplies** and notifying parents when they are low.

Speak up to support safety

Students have a key role to play in the safety of everyone at school. Rather than just standing by, it's essential for them to report information and concerns about violence and issues that affect classmates' well-being.

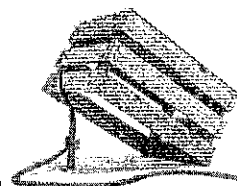
Talk with your child about the need to report concerns immediately. Topics to report include not just threats of school violence, but also bullying, drug use, self-harm, depression and suicide. Emphasize that reporting makes it possible to prevent tragedies and get people the help they need.

Source: "Improving School Safety Through Bystander Reporting: A Toolkit for Strengthening K-12 Reporting Programs," U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Avoid the friend trap

Middle schoolers are growing up, but they still need you to set limits and enforce rules about things like health, schoolwork and respectful behavior.

You are not just one of your child's friends. So don't try to be like "one of the kids" or base decisions solely on what would please your child. Instead, trust yourself as the adult and make decisions that are best for your child.



Share math success secrets

Promote the habits that help students do their best with middle school math. Encourage your child to:



- **Take notes** in math class and follow along with handouts.
- **Study class notes** every day.
- **Tackle sample problems** in the textbook. Your child can read how to solve them, then close the book and try it.
- **Ask for help** if a concept is confusing. Your child could ask a classmate to demonstrate problem-solving steps.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 2023

Q&A A family trip conflicts with school. What should we do?

Q: I know that attendance is important, but we will be traveling over the holidays and my child will miss a week of school. How can I keep my middle schooler from falling behind?

A: The only way to ensure that your child won't miss out on essential learning is to plan your travel to fall within the school's winter break. Any time students are absent from class, they miss things that can't be made up, such as class discussions.

If your travel dates can't be changed, help your child stay on track by:

- **Contacting the teachers well in advance.** Explain the situation. If the teachers are planning to assign reading or other work while you'll be gone, ask if your child can get started now.
- **Planning for learning while you are away.** Explore historical and cultural sites. Look for other educational activities not available at home.
- **Scheduling time for reading and study.** Even if there are no assignments to complete while away, your child should read for pleasure and write about your trip. In addition, solving a few math problems a day will help keep your child's skills sharp.



Parent Quiz

Are you discussing sticky situations?

Thinking and talking through challenging situations before they happen helps your middle schooler be ready to react appropriately. Are you talking with your child about tough issues? Answer *yes* or *no* below:

- ___ **1. Do you bring up** a variety of difficult scenarios—being offered alcohol, being asked to share test answers, etc.) before they happen?
- ___ **2. Do you help** your child rehearse different ways to say no? "My parents would ground me forever" is a standby.
- ___ **3. Do you create** frequent opportunities for casual conversations? They often pave the way for more serious talks.
- ___ **4. Do you make** it easy for your child to be honest with you by listening calmly?

- ___ **5. Do you discuss** and demonstrate your values for your child?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are preparing your child to make good choices under pressure. For each no, try that idea.

"Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you."

—John C. Maxwell

Have a goal-setting session

By now, you probably have an idea of your student's academic strengths and where improvement is necessary. Over the winter break, take time together to establish goals for the rest of the year. Goals are more effective if students set them, so help your child:

- **Identify the most important areas** to improve.
- **Set specific, realistic goals** and write them down.
- **Plan what to do** to reach the goals.
- **Check on progress** every few weeks, and make changes if necessary.
- **Review at the end** of the quarter. Renew unmet goals and set new ones.

Source: "Student Goal Setting: An Evidence-Based Practice," Midwest Comprehensive Center, American Institutes for Research.

Connect to community

Feeling a connection to the surrounding community can help nurture your middle schooler's sense of responsibility to others. Encourage your child to write a letter of thanks to a public servant, such as a fire fighter. Your child will get writing practice—and learn how nice it feels when one responsible member of society applauds another.

Board games boost skills

For a fun and educational family activity during winter break, get out the board games! Board games let students practice skills like:

- **Following** directions.
- **Using** logic, reasoning and strategy.
- **Reading**, spelling and using vocabulary.
- **Recognizing** patterns.
- **Negotiating** and communicating.



Source: D.K. O'Neill and P.E. Holmes, "The Power of Board Games for Multidomain Learning in Young Children" *American Journal of Play*, The Strong.

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DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Long Johns Tacos	2
3	4 Pancake on a Stick Chicken Strips	5 Biscuits & Gravy Vegetable Beef Soup	6 Tornados Chicken Alfredo	7 Sausage/Tri-tators Tator-tot Casserole	8 Grab & Go Walking Tacos	9
10	11 Tornados Mesquite Chicken Sandwich	12 Breakfast Sandwich Fiestatdas	13 Cinni & Apple Sticks Chicken Enchiladas	14 French Toast Sticks Spaghetti	15 Grab & Go Pulled Pork Sand- wich	16
17	18 Breakfast Pizza Hot Dog	19 Long Johns Lasagna	20 Breakfast Bars Chicken Quesadilla	21 Grab & Go Nacho Bar	22 No School	23
24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30

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BREAKFAST ITEM.
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NOT BE SERVED
ON 10:00
STARTS.

Breakfast: \$2.35
Lunch: \$2.80
7-12: \$2.95
Adults: \$4.10
Extra Milk: \$.40
Seconds: \$.75
Extra Juice: \$.25

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Lunch Includes: Veggie/Fruit Bar and Milk

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Callaway Public Schools

Fri Dec 1, 2023

■ 10am Wrestling @ Elwood

■ 4pm Basketball @ Twin Loup

| Description: JV Girls - 4 JV Boys - 5 Var. Girls - 6 Var. Boys - 7:30

Sat Dec 2, 2023

■ 1:30pm Basketball @ Amherst

| Description: JV Girls - 1:30 JV Boys - 1:30 Var. Girls - 3 Var. Boys - 4:30

Mon Dec 4, 2023

■ All day BB Practice @ Arnold

All day FCCLA Officer Lunch Meeting

■ 11am JH Wrestling @ Anselmo-Merna

Tue Dec 5, 2023

■ All day BB Practice @ Arnold

Wed Dec 6, 2023

■ All day BB Practice @ Arnold

All day State One Acts @ Norfolk

Thu Dec 7, 2023

■ All day BB Practice @ Arnold

All day FCCLA Chapter Lunch Meeting

6pm Pre-K - 6 Christmas Concert

Fri Dec 8, 2023

■ All day BB Practice @ Arnold

■ 11am Wrestling @ Sargent

■ 4pm Basketball @ Arnold vs Cambridge

| Description: JV Girls - 4 JV Boys - 5 Girls Varsity - 6 Boys Varsity - 7:30

Sat Dec 9, 2023

■ 10am Girls Wrestling @ Sandhills Valley

■ 10am Wrestling @ Anselmo-Merna

■ 2pm Basketball @ Callaway vs Pleasanton

| Description: JV Girls - 1 JV Boys - 2 Girls Varsity - 3:30 Boys Varsity - 5

Callaway Public Schools

Mon Dec 11, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

All day FCCLA Cookie Orders Due

2:50pm Dare Graduation

7pm Board of Education Meeting

Tue Dec 12, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

7:30am FFA Meeting

 **4:30pm Girls Basketball @ SEM**

| **Description: JV Girls - 4:30 Girls Varsity - 6**

Wed Dec 13, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

All day FFA LED @ Ansley

Thu Dec 14, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

3pm TeamMates Christmas Cookie Extravaganza

7pm Secondary Christmas Concert

Fri Dec 15, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

 **1pm Wrestling @ Southern Valley**

 **4pm Basketball @ Arnold vs Medicine Valley**

| **Description: JV Girls - 4 JV Boys - 5 Girls Varsity - 6 Boys Varsity - 7:30**

Mon Dec 18, 2023

 **All day Varsity Basketball Maxwell Holiday Tourn - TBA**

Tue Dec 19, 2023

 **All day Varsity Basketball Maxwell Holiday Tournament**

Wed Dec 20, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

Thu Dec 21, 2023

 **All day BB Practice @ Callaway**

Callaway Public Schools

All day End of Quarter 2

All day FFA Christmas Party

1:30pm Dismissal

Fri Dec 22, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Sat Dec 23, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Sun Dec 24, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Mon Dec 25, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Tue Dec 26, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Wed Dec 27, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Thu Dec 28, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

9am BB Practice @ Arnold

Fri Dec 29, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

9am BB Practice @ Arnold

Sat Dec 30, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

Sun Dec 31, 2023

All day No School- Christmas Break

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JH/HS BBALL RULE CHANGE BEGINNING 2023-24 SEASON

- **FOULS: NO MORE 1-1 FREE THROWS**
 - BONUS WILL ALWAYS BE 2 SHOTS
 - BONUS BEGINS AT 5 TEAM FOULS
- **TEAM FOULS - RESET EACH QUARTER**
 - SCOREBOARD WILL SHOW A MAX OF 5 FOULS PER QUARTER

THIS RULE CHANGE COMES FROM NFHS. IT WILL
TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO. PLEASE BE
PATIENT WITH OFFICIALS & SCOREBOARD OPERATORS.

