

# CALLAWAY

## Superintendent Corner

## Newsletter

Happy November Callaway! One of my mantras that helps to keep me focused and motivated is "Excellence is not an Accident." This always reminds me that we need to be intentional if we want to see the results we desire. I think this holds true for an individual and for a system, and when I see specific actions that are leading us towards excellence it makes me smile inside. I thought this might be a good space for me to share some of the episodes that tell me we are headed in the right direction here at CPS.

On the way to school one morning, I entered through the shop door at about 6:50. When I walked through the open shop door, there was a buzz of activity. One student was in the welding booth, another was working with the torch, and a third student was on a shop table working on, what looked like, a small engine. Time commitment and dedication are two essential factors in the pursuit of excellence. When I see students that are willing to give their time and a teacher who is committed to facilitate and encourage the students, it makes me smile inside. Mornings here at CPS are pretty lively. We have morning weights, morning one-act practice, and morning cheerleading. I hope our kids understand that going to school in Callaway is just a little different than most places. There is a standard set by our traditions and an expectation that our students live by.

Inspiration is another key ingredient in the recipe for excellence. Last week, I was truly inspired by one of our teachers, and they don't even know it. It is a common trend for teachers to get a little entrenched in their practices as they get a few years under their belt. One attribute of excellence is the constant desire to improve. No matter how long we have been at it. Mrs. Jesseph has been working with one of our teachers on revamping her grading procedures. She is looking for a way to track and measure her classes mastery of the standards. It inspires me to see teachers demonstrate flexibility and see them finding new ways to reach kids. We also have a teacher who has created a buddy curriculum to help reach a diverse group of students. Meeting students where they are and challenging them to test their limits is inspiring to me. We even have a teacher who is trying tables in his room instead of desks. This may seem like a small change, but it is just another way to make our classrooms impact student success. I love the standard set by our more tenured teachers for our young educators to follow. As we develop a new crop of teacher this year, I am reminded of the Tom Osborne Huskers. We don't rebuild we just reload.

If time commitment, dedication, and inspiration are factors that drive us to excellence, then belief and pride are the indicators we are on the right track. When I met with my administrative council of students one of the first questions I asked was, "Are you proud to be from Callaway, and do you feel like your teachers care about you?" Every kid in the group was proud to be from our school and every student said their teachers cared about them and their success. I would point out that this isn't a group of straight A students who all just love school. In our group of students we have boys and girls, 4 year college bound and tech school bound. I think it is a pretty good representation of all of our student body.

"Excellence is not an accident," and make no mistake, there are no accidents here at CPS. The path to excellence was paved long before I got here. I just hope I can help to maintain the high standards and expectation.

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## Bobcats of the Month

## Newsletter



### Fletcher Bellinger

Fletcher is such a kind classmate. He is able to anticipate a need and is so helpful. He works hard in class and is very responsible. - Mrs. Brogan

### Harper Johnson

Harper has really matured and grown into a great leader this year in the classroom and on the field. I always knew that he had great leadership qualities and this year he has proven this and embraced this role. When I need something done, he is one of my "go to" guys because I know it will not only get done but it will be done correctly! I am proud of the leader he has grown into and he is a great role model that our younger kids look up to. Keep up the good work Harp! - Mr. Birkel

### Elliot Quitmeyer

Elliot has been an awesome Second Grader in all areas. Elliot is quick to help everyone with anything they need help with. Recently he has found a love for reading that has also motivated his friends to read non stop! Elliot is ready to persevere when things get tough. I am very proud of how Safe, Respectful, and Responsible Elliot is daily on and off our school campus. Way to set a good example for all Callaway Bobcats. - Mrs. Anderson

## Elementary

### Bear's Bank Dates

11/8	1/17	3/21
11/22	1/31	4/4
12/6	2/21	4/25
12/20	3/7	



**Bear Group Fun**



### Upcoming Events

- 2:40 Dismiss - Nov 6th
- 1:30 Dismiss - Nov 27th
- No School - Nov 28th-29th

## TEAMMATES MENTORING

- We are always looking for mentors for our Teammate program
- We have mentees awaiting a mentor

### We NEED YOU!

- Make a difference
- Get involved
- Don't worry we train you
- Fun planned activities
- As simple as a visit to school
- Contact the school for more information

**CPS Website:**

[callawaypublicschools.org](http://callawaypublicschools.org)

# **Callaway Public Schools**

**Fri Nov 1, 2024**

**All day No School - Teacher In-Service**

 **6pm 2nd Round Football Playoffs @ Ewing vs Summerland**

**Sat Nov 2, 2024**

**2pm One Act @ Loup City**

**Mon Nov 4, 2024**

**8am MNAC Choir @ Arnold**

**8am One Act @Ord**

**4pm High School Quiz Bowl @ Amherst**

**Tue Nov 5, 2024**

**12:40pm FCCLA Officer Meeting**

**6:30pm One Act Practice**

**Wed Nov 6, 2024**

**12am One Act Practice**

**8am Periods Textile Design Field Trip to Kearney**

**2:40pm Dismissal PD**

**Thu Nov 7, 2024**

**12:40pm FCCLA Chapter Meeting**

 **2pm JH Wrestling @ Sutherland**

**6:30pm One Act Practice**

**Fri Nov 8, 2024**

**12am One Act Practice**

**8am Elementary Bear Bank**

**Mon Nov 11, 2024**

**10:30am Veteran's Day Program**

**11am Fall Blood Drive NHS**

**7:30pm One Act Community Night**

**Tue Nov 12, 2024**

**6:30pm One Act Practice**

## Callaway Public Schools

7pm School Board Meeting

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Wed Nov 13, 2024

12am One Act Practice

7:30am Teammate Breakfast

Thu Nov 14, 2024

 2pm JH Wrestling @ Arnold

6:30pm One Act Practice

Fri Nov 15, 2024

12am One Act Practice

Mon Nov 18, 2024

8am Custer County Government Day

6:30pm One Act Practice

Tue Nov 19, 2024

12am One Act Practice

8am MNAC One Acts

Thu Nov 21, 2024

6:30pm One Act Practice

Fri Nov 22, 2024

12am One Act Practice

8am Elementary Bear Bank

 10am JH Wrestling @ Curtis

Sat Nov 23, 2024

8am One Acts @ Minden

Mon Nov 25, 2024

11:50am Act Performance in Learning Center

6:30pm One Act Practice

7pm FCCLA Thanksgiving Dinner

Tue Nov 26, 2024

12am One Act Practice

## Callaway Public Schools

6:30pm One Act Practice

Wed Nov 27, 2024

12am One Act Practice

1:30pm Dismissal

Thu Nov 28, 2024

All day No School

Fri Nov 29, 2024

All day No School

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School	2
3	4 Sausage/Tri-tators Chicken Strips	5 French Toast Sticks Pizza Sticks	6 Grab & Go Chicken Alfredo	7 Breakfast Sandwich Beef & Cheddar	8 Grab & Go Potato Bar	9
10	11 Tornados Tator-tot Casserole	12 Breakfast Pizza Sweet & Sour Chicken	13 Pancake on a Stick Breakfast for Lunch	14 Bacon & Eggs Chili	15 Grab & Go Walking Taco	16
17	18 Breakfast Bars Popcorn Chicken	19 Breakfast Sandwich Runza Casserole	20 Tornados Spaghetti	21 Long Johns Chicken Drummies	22 Grab & Go Enchiladas	23
24	25 Sausage/Tri-tators Hamburgers	26 French Toast Sticks Thanksgiving Meal	27 Grab & Go Sub Sandwiches	28 No School	29 No School	30

BREAKFAST  
INCLUDES:  
MILK, JUICE, OR  
FRUIT AND MAIN  
BREAKFAST ITEM.  
BREAKFAST WILL  
NOT BE SERVED  
ON 10:00  
STARTS.

Breakfast: \$2.40  
Lunch: \$2.85  
7-12: \$3.00  
Adults: \$4.15  
Extra Milk: \$.40  
Seconds: \$.75  
Extra Juice: \$.35

## Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Lunch Includes: Veggie/Fruit Bar and Milk

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# Helping Students Learn<sup>®</sup>

Tips Families Can Use to Help Students Do Better in School

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10



HIGH SCHOOL

November 2024

## Study strategies can boost your teen's math and science results

When it comes to learning math and science, effective study skills make a big difference. Share these strategies with your teen for success with these core subjects:

- **Block out time every day** to work on math and science, whether the classes will meet or not. Allow extra time if the material is challenging.
- **Review recent class notes** at the start of each study session before working on new assignments.
- **Take self-quizzes to verify** understanding of the material. Suggest that your teen try to answer sample questions at the end of a chapter, or rewrite section headings into question form. If your student can't answer the questions, it's time to look back through the text.
- **Draw pictures of concepts** or solving procedures. Creating a visual can help students see how things fit together.
- **Solve extra problems.** The teacher may assign only specific numbered questions on a worksheet or textbook page. But students don't need to stop there! Answering all of the questions can reinforce a process or concept in your teen's mind and boost confidence. When similar problems show up on a test, your teen will know how to answer them.



## These factors raise risk of dropping out

According to federal data, the dropout rate for high school students is more than five percent. These students don't wake up one day and decide to leave school. The desire to drop out typically builds up over time.

Be on the lookout for these factors that your teen may be at risk:

- **Frequent absences.** Students who miss more than five days in a marking period often fall behind. When it's hard to catch up, some students decide to give up instead.
- **Disengagement.** Students who don't pay attention in class or turn in assignments, and who have behavioral issues in school, may end up dropping out.

- **Difficulty** in core subjects. Failing math, science, English or history may mean repeating a class. Multiple failures may mean repeating a grade—and an increased risk of dropping out.

If you see these signs, consult your teen's school counselor for help. Together, make a plan to get your teen back on the graduation track.

Source: "Dropout rates," National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences.

## Steer your teen toward bed

In a recent survey, one in six teen drivers said they had driven a car while feeling drowsy. Car accidents are a top cause of teen deaths. Help your teen stick to a schedule that allows at least eight hours of sleep each night. Adequate sleep not only supports school success—it may keep your teen alive.

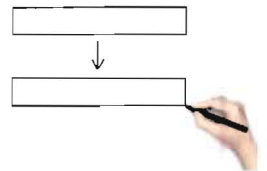


Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine, "Study reveals high rate of drowsy driving by teens," ScienceDaily.

## Suggest a pre-writing step

One of the challenges of writing is how to organize thoughts clearly. Encourage your teen to try using a graphic organizer before starting to write. Your teen can make a:

- **Flow chart** to put events in order. This is a series of boxes, each containing an event, with arrows leading from one box to the next.
- **Web diagram** to identify details that support a main idea. This is a large circle with lines branching off it. The theme of the piece goes in the circle, and details on the branches.
- **Storyboard.** Your teen can make a list of ideas to cover, then sketch them out and fill in details.



## Serving others serves teens

When teens volunteer in the community, they contribute to society—and to their own futures. Your teen can gain work experience, build social skills, and learn about issues facing people living nearby. Counselors at school may have a list of volunteer opportunities, or your teen can contact local libraries and community service groups.

Source: "Why Youth Service," Youth Service America.

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## **Beef Donations**

Help us keep REAL BEEF in our school! We are looking for local donations of beef for our school lunch program. Can you help? If so, please contact the school office for more information. We also accept monetary donations to help pay for processing cost for the animals that are donated. All donations, no matter how big or small, are welcomed and appreciated!!