

# Calhoun Academy of the Arts

October 2022  
Principal's Newsletter to Parents

## Important Dates & Events

- October 11 - 13: Grade 2 takes CogAT Testing
- October 13: One School, One Book Kick-Off - Family Engagement Night - 5:45 PM to 7:45 PM
- October 14: **NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS** - Teacher Professional Development Day
- October 17 - 28 - One School, One Book Event
- October 18 - 19: Grade 2 takes Iowa Test
- October 19: End of the 1st Nine-Weeks
- October 20: PTO Board Meeting at 5:30 PM - Library
- October 26: Report Cards Go Home
- October 28: PTO Fall Festival 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- November 7-8: **NO SCHOOL** - Fall Break



Tonna Marroni, Principal

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Families you will not want to miss this event! All Calhoun students and their families will participate in the reading of a VERY SPECIAL BOOK from October 17 - 28. On Thursday evening, October 13 at 5:45 PM in the Auditorium we will announce the title of the book with an exciting "Book Reveal." After the "Book Reveal" families will transition to the school and participate in several different rotations of fun activities in the classrooms that will give many "clues" about this wonderful book. Families participating in three rotations will receive a free pizza meal in the Calhoun cafeteria for each member of the family along with some free books. The "Book Reveal" will count as one session.

**Look for the flyer sent  
home with more  
information!**

Nicole Torbert-Moorer, Asst. Principal

## Calhoun Clubs

Calhoun currently has the following after-school clubs for various grades or groups of students. All club participation requires students to sign up with a parent permission or attend a tryout before acceptance into the club. Each club is limited to a certain number of students.

- Running Club - Meets on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:00 p.m. (Grades 1-5)
- Calhoun Chorus - Meets on Mondays from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Good News Clubs - Sign-up is in progress. Meets on Thursdays beginning Oct. 13 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. (Grades 1-5)
- GLOW Club - Girls in Grades 4 - 5 - Sign up is in progress. The club will meet on the 4th Wednesday each month.



## PTO is Sponsoring a Fall Festival on Friday, October 28

The Calhoun PTO is sponsoring a Fall Festival on Friday, October 28 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will be a fun evening of games, food, and trick-or-treating for students. Students are encouraged to wear costumes, especially if they plan to trick-or-treat. It has been quite awhile since Calhoun has been able to have this event. It will be a great time for Calhoun students, their families, and teachers. We hope to see you that night!



## AWARDS DAYS

Calhoun has scheduled various Awards Days beginning in November. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving an award. We will be recognizing the Calhoun students earning the following awards:

- **Terrific Kid**
- **Avid Reader**
- **Author of the Month**

## CogAT and Iowa Tests for Grade 2 Students

Each school year Grade 2 students in public schools across the state of South Carolina are administered the CogAT and Iowa Tests.

- The CogAT Test measures a student's ability to solve problems with the use of words and without words compared with students the same age and grade.
- The Iowa Test is a nationally norm-referenced standardized assessment that measures a student's academic achievement in reading and math.

These two tests serve as data points to help teachers differentiate classroom instruction and serve as initial screeners to determine state identification of academically gifted learners.

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## Thank You, Parents!

Parents, thank you for all your support this school year. With new administration there are always changes. Just know everyone at Calhoun is working very hard to retain all the wonderful things that make Calhoun Academy of the Arts special. We have also worked hard to make sure your children are safe and learning all they can every day at school.

### So, thank you for...

- being cooperative with the new afternoon pick-up procedures and having your pick-up tag up in your window, ready for us to call your child to their pick-up cone each day
- for your patience with late buses as the District desperately tries to recruit and train new bus drivers
- responding to your child's teacher and attending parent/teacher conferences. It is so important that the school and parents work as partners to help each child work to their full potential
- the volunteers that help the teachers prepare materials each week
- for coming to eat lunch with your child when possible. We understand just how much this can mean to a child. And...students sure missed this during COVID.
- getting your child to school every day AND on time. It's so important students don't miss a minute of instruction. Being in school every day will improve your child's academic performance. We want ALL Calhoun students to experience success!



## *FROZEN the Musical*

Calhoun students will be performing

*FROZEN the Musical*

February 28, 2023 and March 2, 2023

at 6:00 p.m.

**SAVE the DATE**

**Rehearsals are starting this week!**