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August Newsletter

We are living up to our theme as construction has begun on McElroy Hall. The demolition process has started as we prepare for the TK/K/1st Grade classrooms that will include bathrooms and a playground specifically designed for the younger students. This project is being funded through your tax dollars, under the Universal Pre and Kindergarten (UPK) grant. Modernization and general funds are also added into the stream. The overall project should take until the beginning of February. The students have minimum contact with the construction workers and all of the construction workers have been fingerprinted. Our plan is to remodel classrooms 1 and 2 into our multi-purpose rooms. This planning will not occur until the UPK retrofit is complete.

Clean water is now coming from our faucets. The water analysis has been within the state standards for drinking water for over a year and the faucets have been flushed out. The students are now using the faucets within the classrooms. We are working on adding an additional water bubbler on the playground. Until then, water will be dispersed through a water container and cups.

We are looking for a substitute bus driver. If you or someone you know is interested in going through the training, please contact Clancy McCay cmccay@calienteschooldistrict.org. He can provide you with the details of the training and the job.

Speaking of positions, Ms. Carothers has moved. We will miss her as our school cook/custodian, and friend. She has trained Ms. Veronica, who has taken over the position. We are happy for the opportunity that has opened for Ms. Carothers and the time and care that she has taken to ensure that Ms. Veronica is ready to provide high quality meals for our students.

We need your help!!! Thanks to you who have turned in the signed pink papers from the first day packets and the emergency cards. There are still quite a few missing documents. If you did not receive them, please call Ms. Black in the school office, and she will get them to you. Also, if you have not yet signed up for Class Dojo, please contact Ms. Caffee at acaffee@calienteschooldistrict.org. This is how we will communicate with you on upcoming events and photo ops from current activities.

PBIS

We're proud of the great attendance and positive behavior we've seen so far — students are off to a strong start living out the Wrangler Code! As a reminder, students earn 5 points for each day they attend school, and these points help them stay eligible for fun rewards throughout the year.

Upcoming Events & Rewards:

- **August 15** – *Mid-Quarter Movie & Pajama Day*
➔ Requires 125 ClassDojo points by August 15th
- **September 16** – *STEAM Museum Assembly (Quarter 1 reward)*
➔ Requires 230 ClassDojo points by September 16th

Points may be deducted for behavior infractions (e.g., detentions, referrals, suspensions), but students can earn them back by helping out during recess with tasks like assisting teachers, Mr. McCay, or the office staff.

Students can also recover points through after-school club participation! Attending three club sessions (one hour each) earns back the equivalent of one school day (5 points). This is a great option if a student has a few absences and needs to make up lost points.

Clubs Offered This Quarter:

- **ELOP (TK-8th) / Homework Club (TK-3rd)** – Ms. Penney, Room 4
Monday–Thursday, 7:00–8:15 AM (TK-8th) & 3:30–4:30 PM (TK-3rd)
- **Homework Club (4th–8th)** – Mr. Alexander, Room 7
Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **Musical Club (TK–8th)** – Ms. Marianne, Room 1
Monday & Wednesday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **Cool Craft Club (TK–8th)** – Ms. Megan, Library
Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **Archery Club (4th–8th)** – Mr. Travis, Archery Field
Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:30–4:30 PM

- **Theatre Club (4th–8th)** – Ms. Caffee, *Room 2*
Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM

Reminders for Club Participation:

- Permission slips are required.
- Space is limited. Students with 3 unexcused absences may be removed from the club.
- Students must be caught up on schoolwork to participate.
- No transportation is provided — pickup is at 4:30 PM.
- If your child is signed up but not staying after school on a club day, please contact the office by 12:00 PM to update their dismissal plan.

Let's keep the momentum going — show up, stay involved, and keep earning those rewards!

ASB

ASB elections will run the week of **August 11th to August 15th**. If you have an eligible student, they should receive a permission slip on **August 7th**. This year, the 5th graders may run for the officer positions of secretary or representative. If you would like your student to run for an ASB office, you will need to return the permission slip no later than **August 11th**.

Being an ASB officer is an extremely rewarding experience, but it also requires dedication in academics, behavior, and time. Once your student signs up for ASB, they will be held to the highest standards for the entire school year. If your student is unsure about committing to ASB, consider having them run a different year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 4 @ 3:15 - PTC meeting

Aug 11th - 15th – ASB elections week

Aug 15 - Mid-Qtr. Grades go home, and Mid-Quarter PBIS Movie Day Reward

Aug 15 - Camp KEEP 5th - 6th grades meeting @ 1pm

Aug 18 - First ASB meeting

Aug 25 - ASB meeting

Aug. 22- K-3rd Swim Meet

Aug 22 - 7th-8th grades Washington DC trip meeting @ 1pm

Aug. 29 4th-8th Swim Meet

That's it for now. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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