



# Cubby Newsletter

## October 2007



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Dear Caldwell Families:

Thank you to everyone that came attended our PTA/Open House the first of this month. We had 45% of our families attend the event this year. Our Basket Silent Auction was also a big success! Everyone seemed to be having a great time as well as helping our PTA raise funds.

Our last SAC Meeting was held October 9, 2007. The following was discussed:

- Vote on Florida Recognition Funds
- School Grades
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- Facility Update
- Positive Behavior System update
- School Improvement Plan
- PTA Report



Our next SAC meeting will be held November 13, 2007.

All students have completed all of the beginning of the year assessments. This would be a good time to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to review this information. We cannot stress enough the importance of communication concerning your child's academic achievement.

**Children must have a 2.0 to be promoted.** The end of the first grading period is October 24th. Now is the time to help children that may be falling behind. Don't forget to visit our Family Resource Center. It has some great materials for parents to check out to help their children.

Students have begun using Compass Odyssey program in the computer lab and in their classrooms. Odyssey is a web-based program that enhances the children's curriculum. This powerful tool is also available at home with internet access. Parent letters will be sent home concerning directions, user name and passwords. As a parent, you can monitor their progress at anytime and see how they are doing on Compass Odyssey. If you have any question about this program, you can e-mail our network manager, Nicole Taylor, at [Nicole.taylor@polk-fl.net](mailto:Nicole.taylor@polk-fl.net).

We are having a wonderful year thus far. Feel free to come to us with concerns about your child's education. Working together is what is best for each child.



*Jenny R. Mudgett*

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Principal

# October

| Sun | Mon   | Tue         | Wed   | Thu                           | Fri                                 | Sat |
|-----|---|-------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
|     | 1 Book Fair                                 | 2 Book Fair | 3 Book Fair   | 4 Book Fair                   | 5 Book Fair                         | 6   |
| 7   | 8 Open House<br><b>Fire Prevention Week</b> | 9           | 10  | 11 School pictures in uniform | 12                                  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16          | 17  | 18                            | 19 Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23          | 24 End of the 1st 9 weeks<br><b>National School Bus Safety Week &amp; Red Ribbon Week</b> | 25                            | 26                                  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30          | 31  |                               |                                     |     |

# Character Key Of The Month: HONESTY

***Speaking and seeking the truth. Your actions are also forms of speaking.***

Honesty is being consistently truthful so others can trust you. Honesty is keeping your commitments and never stealing, cheating, defrauding, or misleading. When you are honest, you take a stand for what you know is right.

## A Great BIG "Thank You!"

### Volunteers

Caldwell's Scholastic Book Fair was very successful. We appreciate all the volunteers that came in to help collect money, assist students and monitor the large crowds. The event is more beneficial to the students when we have enough volunteers. Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be in April, 2008.

### Playground Progress

Our playground funding is still underway. Local business organizations that have donated funds toward our playground project are: Wal-Mart, Auburndale Lions Club, Schalamar Creek Golf and Country Club, Auburndale Life and Praise Church. Thank you for your consideration and giving to the children of Caldwell Elementary. If you or someone you know would like to donate to our playground project, please e-mail our PTA vice-president: Nicole.taylor@polk-fl.net.

### PTA Basket Donations

The basket auction at Open House was a very successful fundraiser, in part due to the donations from parents and these local businesses: Blockbuster, Carrabbas, Lakeland Home Depot, Spa Bella & Winn-Dixie

## Caldwell Chorus & Recorders Update

3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents should now be enjoying the wonderful sounds of their children playing their recorders. I promise we will soon learn more than how to play just one note! The Caldwell Chorus has been busy rehearsing for their first concert. A Veteran's Day Program will be presented at Caldwell Elementary on November 9th, at 1:30 P.M. featuring the chorus and the advanced recorder group.

## **WANTED**

Art collects Box Tops to help fund the Art program at Caldwell. If you purchase items and see the box top label then you can help!

1. Use a Ziploc bag to keep the box tops you save.
2. Keep the Ziploc bag clipped to the refrigerator until it's full.
3. Have your children turn in the box tops to their teachers. The class with the most Box Tops is rewarded by Mrs. Marion!



## Reading Blocks

Below are the five building blocks of reading to help parents and teachers identify key skills and methods central to reading achievement. Use the five building blocks of reading when you read along with your child.



### Phonemic Awareness

-knowing that words are made up of sounds



### Phonics

-the link between sounds and letters



### Vocabulary

-what words mean and how to say them



### Fluency

-the ability to read words accurately and at an appropriate pace.



### Reading Comprehension

-the ability to understand what you read

## Students' Attendance and Tardiness

For students to have their best opportunity for learning, they need to be at school and they need to be on time. We want your children here at school everyday and look forward to educating them. Please join with us and commit to have your child(ren) at school everyday and on time. If there is a reason that the child will be absent, please notify the teacher so they can gather his/her work for the day(s) missed. You can also help by working with your child(ren) to make sure that all missed work is completed and returned.

## SES After School Tutoring

Informational Catalogs were sent home October 11th. Enrollment deadline is November 6th for the January session. Contact Kimberly Swartz for details.

## NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

### NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control release of asbestos fibers. All inspections for Caldwell Elementary School have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the Governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the District School Board of Polk County Environmental and Safety Department and is available for review upon request.