

# ***The Cougar Chronicle***

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

## **Readathon News!**

This Friday we will announce our first Reading Bingo winners so turn in your Bingo Cards to the office. Students can play as many times as they want to earn a chance to win a \$20 Barnes and Noble gift card. If you haven't already, please share your student's personalized fundraising URL via email, text and social media. If we raise \$10K, the entire school will have a No Homework week in March. Also, be sure to keep track of the books your students are reading at home. If Cougars read 3000 books this month, there will be an extra surprise reward.

## **Valentine's Day Reminder**

Please remember that at Caleb we do not celebrate Valentine's Day with any type of food item. Please do not attach candy, treats, or any other type of food to Valentine cards. If these are sent to school with your child, they will be returned home. Please don't put your child's teacher and your child in the position of having to send these items back home. Non-food alternatives to consider are pencils, erasers, stickers, and temporary tattoos. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks are now \$35.00 for hard cover and \$25.00 for soft cover. Visit [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) to order. Sixth grade ads are due Friday, February 16. Email Gretchen White with any questions at [jonahpetersmom@yahoo.com](mailto:jonahpetersmom@yahoo.com).

## **Auction Donations**

Does your family have an item or experience you'd like to contribute to the school auction? **Talent to Share?** Sewing lessons, Photography session.... **Friends and Family?** Vacation homes, Event tickets... **Favorite local businesses you patronize?** Coffee, Restaurants... **HOSTED PARTIES?** Host a night at your home or business- Backyard movie night, Theme dinner nights, Cooking Classes... A donation form is included in this week's folder, please take this time to send back your family's donation. It takes our entire school community to make this a successful event for our kids and their important school programs, please consider and commit to what you can give to support the auction this year. Questions about donations? Contact *Jennifer Wonnacott* ([jenwonnacott@gmail.com](mailto:jenwonnacott@gmail.com) or [916-996-3672](tel:916-996-3672))

## **Open Enrollment: February 6-20**

Families residing outside our attendance area and seeking open enrollment for 2018-19 kindergarten must apply for Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment applications are submitted online, February 6-20, 2018 at <http://www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment-k-8>. Open Enrollment for siblings is not guaranteed, however siblings are given priority over other families applying for Open Enrollment.

## **Winter Concert Thank You!**

Thank you to our incredibly talented, patient, and flexible music teacher, Mrs. Nan Fitzpatrick, for putting together a beautiful Winter Concert last week. The venue was great, our students were amazing, and you all were a wonderful audience. Thank you to DJ Char for running the sound system, our parent volunteers for helping make the evening run smoothly, our former students for assisting back stage, and our teachers for their commitment to making this a great show!

## **Alice in Wonderland, Jr.**

**Fri, Feb 23 @ 7:00pm & Sat, Feb 24 @ 10:00am, 12:30pm & 3:00pm**

Support our Caleb Greenwood casts in this year's Young Actors Stage performances. Purchase tickets at [www.youngactorsstage.com](http://www.youngactorsstage.com) and be sure to click the Caleb cast!

# Arrivals, Tardies, Early Dismissals & Attendance

Arrival: The cafeteria is open at 7:30am for breakfast and the playground/blacktop is open at 7:45am for students to play. If your child arrives prior to 7:45, they must go to and remain in the cafeteria until 7:45 when adults are available to supervise the playground/blacktop. Students are not to arrive on campus prior to 7:30am unless they are going to 4thR.

Tardies: Our first bell rings at 7:58 indicating that students need to use the restroom, get a drink of water and line up. When the second bell rings at 8:00, students should be in line and ready for class. If your child arrives after 8:00, a tardy slip from the office is required for the student to enter class. If your child arrives after 8:30, you will need to accompany them to the office to get a tardy slip and sign them in for the day.

Appointments: Please make every effort to schedule appointments for your child outside the school day. If your child misses school for the day, or a portion of a day, due to an appointment, you will need to bring a note from the service provider to excuse the absence.

Early Dismissals: Early dismissals are allowed through the front office only and you must sign your child out when removing them from school prior to dismissal. However, please note that due to end of day procedures, all early dismissals must be complete by 2:00. Requests after 2:00 will have to wait until our 2:12 dismissal.

Attendance: In order for your child to gain the maximum benefit from their education, it is imperative that they attend school each and every day. Please only miss school for illnesses and family emergencies. Always call the front office or use our online tool <http://calebgreenwood.scusd.edu/quick-link/report-absence> to clear your child's absences.

## Upcoming Dates

W 2/7: Progress Notices Sent Home  
Art 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
PTSO Board Meeting 6-7:30

M 12/12: Holiday

T 2/13: Music 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

W 2/14: Art Kinder & 3<sup>rd</sup>

F 2/16: Friday Sing

M 2/19: Holiday

T 2/20: Music 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
School Site Council 2:30-4

W 2/21: Art 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

F 2/23: Comfy Spirit Day  
1<sup>st</sup> PYP Planning  
Alice in Wonderland, Jr @ 7:00pm

S 2/24: Alice @ 10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm

T 2/27: 3<sup>rd</sup> PYP Planning

W 2/28: 1<sup>st</sup> (rm 1 & 2) to Powerhouse Science  
5<sup>th</sup> to SPLASH Vernal Pools  
Art 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

F 3/2: Friday Sing & Student Recognition  
Read Across America Day

M 3/5: 4<sup>th</sup> PYP Planning

T 3/6: 6<sup>th</sup> PYP Planning  
Music 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

W 3/7: 1<sup>st</sup> (rm3) to Powerhouse Science  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Garden Day  
PTSO Board Meeting 6-7:30

M 3/12: 2<sup>nd</sup> PYP Planning

## February Attribute **KNOWLEDGEABLE**

Students who are KNOWLEDGEABLE have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations. *How can parents help to develop students who are Knowledgeable at home?*

- Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the concepts they are learning about in school. In particular, books in their mother tongue will help your child make more meaningful, lasting connections to what is being taught in their classroom in English.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversation about it. Some questions to ask are: What do you think is an important thing to know about? Can you think of anything that is happening in the world today that might be similar to that concept in history? You're learning about pulleys and gears at school? This reminds me of your simple machines unit in grade 2. Have you noticed any similarities? How is what you're learning different?
- Foster any area that your child expresses and interest in with books and activities, but also be sure to encourage them to explore other areas.
- Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate. Make connections to the concepts they're learning about in school.

## Want to know what's happening? Text Reminders!

Sign up for text reminders about events and happenings around campus by texting @calebg to 81010.