Hello Calais Cougars!

This week has been so strange with the weather. One-day snow, the next day sunny and warm. I’m beginning to think the universe is sending us some crazy messages about 2020! No matter the weather, I’m beginning to feel the hope and rejuvenation that spring brings. I’m holding onto those good feelings by focusing on what is going well so that my vision is on what we CAN do rather than what we CAN’T do.

This feels especially important to me as I begin working with other administrators across our district to figure out end of year plans for our rituals and traditions like step up day, 6th grade graduation, and end of year gatherings. Rituals and traditions are important so it’s on all of us to be creative about how to honor those traditions in a way that feels special AND safe. I plan to reach out to 6th grade families in the coming week to talk about potential ideas for 6th graders transitioning to U32 and will also meet with 6th graders via Zoom to gather their input. One of the traditions we have already been creative about...6th graders have historically toured U32 in the spring to start getting a sense of the space and place. This year staff from U32 have put together a virtual tour as a first step towards the transition. Click here for a link (I’ll send to 6th graders as well) it’s long but really well done.

I’ve had an opportunity over the last few weeks to join a few morning meetings. I love that Zoom offers us a chance to connect during this time of physical distance as our social emotional learning is even more important during this time. Morning Meeting is an important element of Responsive Classroom as it establishes routine, social expectations, and connectedness. I was a little concerned though at the number of students who were opting for a black screen. In this new way of connecting, blacking out your screen sends the message that you are not fully participating or present for connecting or learning. If students were here in person, we would have expectations about: gathering together, putting distractions aside, listening to the speaker, participating appropriate to the task, and always the right to pass. We even have the expectation that faces and heads are not covered by hoodies or hats that get in the way of learning and connecting. In this new setting, it’s important to have expectations also and we’re naming them “Zettiquette”.


I will be sending students an email from me directly and asking teachers to help students meet this expectation and it’s my hope that families will help support this as well. Zettiquette at Calais means:

- Adhere to group agreements
- Students join meetings on time (internet permitting)
- Video is on, audio is muted until it’s their time to talk
- Leave settings alone
- Dress appropriately for school
- Do not eat or drink near your school device
- Leave your school device on a flat surface

Lastly, I want to share the news that John Fish has made the really hard decision to retire after over 27 years as our PE/Health teacher at Calais. I know for Mr. Fish; this was a tough choice to make as he cares very much about Calais but he is also excited to discover what new adventures await him in this next chapter. I’m sure you all join me in wishing Mr. Fish a fond farewell with the hope that we can celebrate him in person once we all can be together again.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Cat, CES Principal

### Important Dates

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Send Us Your Pictures

6th grade families, if you’d like to show off your soon to be 6th grade graduate please send your pictures to Sandy at ssavard@u32.org or calaiisschool@u32.org

Everyone......... PreK – 6 share your fun, silly, exciting, acrobatic, adventurous, bored, happy, working, questioning or any other type of picture you’d like to share. We LOVE seeing your faces and what you’re doing!!

Send to: calaiisschool@u32.org or ssavard@u32.org

New Zoom Support Group for Calais School
Parents and Guardians

The Health Center in Plainfield will be offering a parent/guardian support group in Zoom for families in your school once a month on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm. The group will meet on the 4th Tuesday each month, beginning on Tuesday May 26th.

We understand that this period of quarantine at home is so challenging for us all. As parents/guardians, we have had to become teachers, child care workers and still try to be the best parents we can. Join this Zoom group to talk with other parents/guardians about how they are surviving and learn some ideas for taking care of ourselves while we care for our children. Each group will be facilitated by two counselors from the Health Center, Isabel Senter and Jamie Spector, who can offer ideas and support. One of the best tools for taking care of ourselves is to reach out to others for support. This group can be one step in that direction.

Just click the link below to join this group:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99336150547?pwd=UWVLYWtiOW5CdThsOVg3ZlFsejBZZz09

Meeting ID: 993 3615 0547
Password: 973185

One tap mobile
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+13017158592,,99336150547# US (Germantown)
Do you need to refresh or return your library books? Soon you will have a chance to use our food delivery buses to pick up a few requested library books and return them as well!

On Library Week Sundays (May 3, May 10, May 17), students can access a link to a Google Form to request library books from the CES library. Requests are due by that Wednesday morning and will be delivered on the school bus the following Wednesday with the school lunch run.

Students will be able to request their top 10 books using the library catalog link in the google form. Our goal will be to ensure 5 of their top 10 requests will be honored.

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Have books to return? You can return them via the bus on WEDNESDAYS. Please note that there will be a delay in books showing back up on our end. All books being returned to school need to be isolated for a period of time before being recirculated, so if you know that a friend has the book you want, do not expect it to be available. Branch out and look for something new!

Regular school year account limits do not apply, but we encourage you to return all of your books quickly.

All materials are due back by the week of June 8.
We Love Our Community
Celebrating Our 6th Grade Class

Colby Tuller

Trey Houghton

Ani Eckhouse

Isabel Parris
Dear Colby,

We are so very proud of the young man you are becoming! It's so hard to believe that you are going to be a 7th grader!! Time has flown by and you have already had many accomplishments. You are a wonderful son, brother, friend, history buff and talented bagpiper. You can do anything you put your mind to! Keep reaching for the stars! We love you and are very proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Colin, Grammy and Papa