

CALICO ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2023

5:30 P.M.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Remarks, and Superintendent's Report	Jerry Skidmore
HS Counselor/Testing Program Report	Stephanie King
Elementary Counselor	LaDonna Franks
Gifted & Talented Program Report	Kish Pool
Parent Center Facilitator	Susan Cowgill
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Annual Report to the Public, October 23, 2023

The 2023-24 school year has started off well. We have a fantastic faculty and staff ready to meet the educational needs of all students.

The Calico Rock School District meets the standards set forth by the Arkansas Department of Education including certification of faculty, either by traditional methods or Alternative Licensure Plans (ALP), ARPEP, formerly known as the APPEL program approved by the department of education.

The board of directors consist of Chris Brandon, Buster Branscum, Kelley Killian, Sharon Lane and Jennifer Brickell. A first year board member is required to get 9 hours of professional development by December 31st of the following year. The initial 6 hours of training is provided in the New Board Member Institute by the Arkansas School Board Association. State law requires board members to get 6 hours of professional development each year thereafter. Board members who get more than the required 6 hours can carry over hours to the next year.

Our wellness committee meets quarterly to discuss ways to improve the overall health of employees and students through nutrition and physical activity and it is facilitated by Anita Nordrum, the high school principal.

Behavioral health specialist are on campus for the aid of students whose parents allow their services or request it.

The parental involvement program is available to provide parents with information on ways to best help their child succeed educationally. This program is facilitated by Susan Cowgill, an elementary teacher.

On the financial side, the district currently has a bonded indebtedness of approximately \$2,685,000. It was last restructured in 2021 and the restructuring of that debt created a savings of \$276,664 over the life of the loan and the bulk of the savings will be experienced in the first three years. The outstanding interest rate is .93% (less than 1%). The loan was obtained to pay for the high school, the gym and fine arts building, elementary classrooms, elementary cafeteria, elementary band room and auditorium. The annual payment for the 2023-24 school year will be \$278,153 and Stephens Incorporated in Little Rock is the financial agent for our district. Our debt to assessment ratio is 5.62% well below the state average of 9.5%.

The district has 3 administrators and 39 certified/licensed employees with a payroll of \$1,827,765. There are 32 classified employees with an approximate payroll of \$763,766. Title 1, Medicaid and ARMAC funds are used to pay \$182,016 in both licensed and classified salaries. Last year the legal ending balance was \$865,521 in the operating fund compared to \$817,952 the previous year.

Four out of the last six years we have been able to save a substantial amount of money and put it into fund 3000 for future use or to use for maintenance expenditures, repairs and renovation as well as building projects if necessary.

We are a Provision II school district which means that we are able to provide meals at no charge to our all students again this year. This program is accomplished through an application process with approval of the school board.

Our food service is still provided by Opa, a food service management company. They are a company that contracts with schools to provide meals for students, staff and guest.

We also have a food pantry program that is facilitated by Ms. Chelsie Moss. This program helps families by providing essential food items like meat, noodles, can goods and juices. With the increase in food prices more families are in need of these programs. Bridges is another civic organization that provides food, clothing, and other essential items for families in need. It is headed up by Amanda Thornton and staffed by community volunteers.

We are very glad that the Izard County Sheriff's department substation is on our elementary campus. This has been a very successful partnership for the past several years now. It has allowed the citizens of Calico Rock to have a much faster response time when in need of law enforcement and a deputy is on our campus every morning and at other times throughout the day. As you probably know, we have added another School Resource Officer and he is stationed at the elementary campus providing an extra level of security.

The division of Facilities and Transportation inspects our buildings twice a year and each time their findings are minimal. They are very complimentary of our facilities and they are well maintained by a very capable staff who clean and repair daily to make sure the students of Calico Rock are provided with an environment that is conducive to learning. Also, the district is an asbestos free district with an abatement plan on file in the maintenance department files.

I would like to thank all of the patrons of the Calico Rock School District for their patience and support.

For more information visit our website at <http://pirates.k12.ar.us>

October 23, 2023
Report to the Public
Stephanie King, Test Coordinator and Counselor

Last year was the final year for testing with ACT Aspire for grades 3-10. Beginning this year, the state is switching to Cambium Assessments. From all of the meetings we have attended, we are excited for this testing program because the state has had major input and all questions on the test can be tied directly to an Arkansas standard. This is a major improvement from previous tests. We have one teacher that has been going to meetings and involved in this process of looking at and writing test items. Students will continue to be assessed in English, Reading, Math, Science and Writing. A difference will be the English and Reading tests will be combined into one test. The writing test will be administered in March this year which is a month before the other tests open so there is plenty of time for grading this first year. For grades 3-8, students will take all tests. At the upper grades, students will take the test based on which classes they're enrolled in. Examples would be algebra I, geometry or biology. The 9th graders will not take a science test because they are in physical science which won't be tested.

With this testing program, there is a classroom test component where teachers are able to build a test by selecting standards they are teaching. There is a bank of questions tied to standards or teachers can make their own. Utilizing this resource will give students practice with the portal and functions of the testing site. This year, there will also be science interim tests only. We will be giving the first one next month and they are considered mini summative tests. Next year, we will have access to interims for ELA and Math also.

We continue to use IReady for Kindergarten-2nd grade math and reading tests. This is the final year in the current contract with the state for it. We have had a choice of 4 testing companies up to this point. Beginning next year, everyone in the state will use the same test for K-2. They haven't released any details about which company that will be. We are still continuing to monitor 3rd grade and up using IReady as well throughout the year.

Each spring, our juniors take both the ASVAB and the ACT test. In addition, the state is providing access to the ACT WorkKeys assessment for all students before they graduate. They can get different levels of certification showing work ready skills. We are also working in conjunction with Ozarka to facilitate the giving of the accuplacer test for students seeking concurrent courses as well as attending college after high school.

The scores from last year's ACT Aspire showed that our district is above state level in readiness for English, Reading and Science. We had significant growth at the 4th and 8th grade levels in reading and science and the 6th grade level in science and math. We have implemented remediation on both campuses to address gaps and expect to see even more growth this year based on those programs and the change to standards based assessments.

In accordance with ACT 190, The Comprehensive School Counseling Act of 2019, a school must formulate a comprehensive school counseling plan to be updated each year. Within the plan are the mission and vision of the program as well as services provided. Each year, one or more goals are developed. Last year, the goal was to increase student knowledge of what bullying is and the appropriate way to respond and report. This year's goal is to increase attendance among a group of students on both campuses with chronic absenteeism.

Report to the Public 2023
LaDonna Franks, Elementary School Counselor

The district goal for the 2023-2024 school year is to increase attendance among a group of students on both campuses with chronic absenteeism.

According to the American Federation of Teachers:

Chronic absenteeism, a primary cause of poor academic achievement, is defined as missing at least 10 percent of days in a school year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences. We understand that parents and guardians are aware of the differences between excused and unexcused absence. However, any type of absenteeism, can predict low academic scores, and which students may possibly drop out of school.
(2016)

Red Ribbon week is being celebrated, October 23-27. The 2023 Red Ribbon theme is “Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.” The elementary students will have dress up days during the week. Officer Shawn Hellums will be doing presentations for students during Red Ribbon week.

We will continue offering classroom lessons using the Guide for Life and Lions Quest to promote social and emotional learning, career awareness, bullying prevention/awareness and suicide prevention within the district. Counselors continue to meet with individual students or groups of students upon request of parents, teachers, counselors or students.

References

Chronic absenteeism. (2016, March 21). American Federation of Teachers.
<https://www.aft.org/childrens-health-safety-and-well-being/childrens-access-care/chronic-absenteeism>

Gifted & Talented Report to the Public 2023-2024

4-12 Grade GT qualifying/selection committee consists of

**Kish Pool- GT Coordinator
Bailey Whiteaker- Elementary Principal
Stephanie King- High School Counselor
Melva Brannon- High school School Science Teacher
Ashley Coley- 3rd Grade Elementary School Teacher**

4th-12th Grade Gifted & Talented Advisory Committee

**Kish Pool- GT Coordinator
Bailey Whiteaker- Elementary Principal
Stephanie King- High School Counselor
Elizabeth Lemon- High School GT Parent
Kitty Dockins-Elementary School GT Parent**

5th-6th Grade students are participating in a 30 minute GT class, five days a week with Mrs. Pool. They are currently participating in the Y.E.S. for Arkansas competition (Youth Entrepreneurship Showcase) this year. Calico Rock GT students have participated in the competition four times and all four times, they finished in the Top 25 in the state as well as bringing home a 2nd place finish two times and last year we brought home two first place trophies. Finishing in first place resulted in an honorary invite to the Governor's Cup Awards to be recognized to the collegiate level of the competition. The top 25 will be announced December 1, 2023 and the final Virtual Expo Day Competition will be held January 26, 2024.

On November 10, 2023, the GT program will present the Annual Veterans Day Honor Ceremony to the entire school district as well as the community of Calico Rock. The Ceremony will be live streamed for further representation as we honor our hometown heroes. We will be sending out letters with the entire student body as well as sending the information to all of the area media. This year's veteran speaker will be Jack Yancey.

The elementary GT students have designed an interactive mural to be displayed in the elementary school cafeteria. Plans to begin painting the mural will be after the Veterans Day Honor Ceremony.

The annual Field Day hosted by the GT program will be held some time in May, following state testing. Many of the students are able to show their skills and talents as well as being able to work alongside many of our community members and stakeholders. This day is an opportunity for all students to participate in an all day outdoor classroom experience where learning and being active is the primary focus.

GT students will attend Quiz Bowl, Chess Tournaments, and Spelling Bee as usual this year.

Currently, there are 12 students in grades 4-6, 40 students in grades 7-12, for a total of 52 qualifying Gifted and Talented students district wide. We are currently in the process of testing the 4th grade students for qualifying identification.

K-3rd Grade students receive 30 minutes per week within the regular classroom.

Classroom teachers are certified to meet the needs according to the state guidelines.

4th-6th Grade GT students receive the state minimum required 150 minutes of services each week.

7th-12th Grade GT students receive the state minimum required 30 minutes of services each month.

The GT coordinator is available to the GT students above the required state minimum service minutes.

**Family and Community Engagement Facilitator Report for Annual Public
Meeting
10-23-2023
Susan Cowgill**

The Parent Center is located in the elementary school. The center has multiple games to build math, literacy, science, and social study skills for multiple grade levels. The center also has books, pamphlets, videos, and DVDs. The parent center also offers computer and internet access for parents. Information and activities for families and communities can be found on the Calico Rock School District Facebook Page and The Pirate Nation Parent Group Facebook Page.

The Pirate Nation Parent Group had their first meeting on October 9th where they talked about the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe which will take place in December. We will be utilizing the Parent Center space for this fundraiser.

The Pirate Nation Parent Group also provided the funds for the Grandparent's to eat with their Grandchildren on Grandparent's Day. The Pirate Nation Parent Group also provided snacks for all the teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

The Calico Rock employees and Mayor Greg Hamby continue to support the elementary school in the car line every morning and afternoon.

Technology/Federal Funds 2023-2024
Mike Mason

TECHNOLOGY

All elementary students were given a Chromebook to take home to use.

High school has assigned a Chromebook to each student in grades 7-12 that they carry with them.

Future Plans

Upgrade the wireless network and the networking cables on both campuses.

We will continue to replace teacher workstations, Chromebooks and other technology as needed.

The district has been replacing projectors with interactive display boards in the classrooms.

We have installed Vape Detectors at the high school.

Will be upgrading the outdoor cameras and adding some additional cameras.

The school will continue to use OpenDNS (now called Cisco Umbrella) web filter which is a cloud based Cisco filtering system for the network while on campus. The district will also use GoGuardian which will filter the Chromebooks that are on campus and off campus.

In an effort to keep the community informed of school activities, the district will use:

- The district will use the school's website (pirates.k12.ar.us) which is hosted by Brooks Jeffery Marketing in Mountain Home to send out mass text alerts and emails. Those who would like to sign up for these alerts can click on the sign up logo in the top right corner and sign up for text or email alerts.
- The digital sign will also be used to keep the community up to date on events
- Both campuses will also continue to use Facebook which is now just one Facebook page for the district. There is now Facebook page for just elementary or just high school

FEDERAL/STATE FUNDING

Federal and State funding is down about \$3,000 from last year largely in part because of a decrease in Title I Funding for the 23-24 school year.

It is crucial for small schools like us to have those free and reduced forms turned in each year because there is a big difference between 70% of the population being free and reduced meals and us falling below the 70% threshold. We are now a P2 school which means since we hit 70.38% last year, students eat free. We will be at that funding level for three years and this is year two. So in year 26-27, we will have to send out meal applications again that year. Funding drastically decreases when we fall below the 70%.

State Funding

ESA (Enhanced Student Achievement Funding) was \$291,596

PD was \$14,580

Title VI was \$26,900 and will be used to update teacher and student computers for the district. Chromebook's must be replaced every 5 years because they will stop receiving updates and therefore will not work with a lot of our online programs but we will not have to replace those until the 25-26 school year unless we have a lot damaged or an influx of new students.

Federal Funding:

Title I was \$155,508

Title II was \$18,621 which will be transferred into our Title I.

Title IV funding was \$12,170 and was used to install Vape Detectors at the high school this year.

Total of \$519,376 from these federal and state funds to be used for salaries, technology and supplemental programs for the district.

**School Resource Officer
Criminal Justice Program
Safety Report
2023/24**

As the School Resource Officer I am on duty at the school for all school activities on campus. I am also a Captain of the Calico Rock Fire Department and High School Criminal Justice Program Instructor.

I have completed all of the School Resource Officer certifications needed to be in compliance with state law.

I am a certified instructor in the American Heart Association CPR/AED/Basic Life Support. As an instructor I am able to teach CPR to teachers, staff and students. Senior students receive CPR training prior to graduation. Administrators and Coaches maintain current CPR/AED certifications and the training is available for all school district Employees.

I inspect and service all school district AEDs yearly to ensure they are in good working order.

I conduct Fire drills, Tornado drills, Active Shooter/Killer drills, Lockdown drills and Earthquake Drills. We also implement a student Fire Marshal Program for the High School and Elementary School.

Numerous times throughout the school year we will bring Calico Rock Fire Departments equipment and firetrucks to each of the campuses to educate the students in fire safety.

We have also reviewed and updated the Calico Rock School District Crisis Plan as well as implemented "Go Bags" in every classroom and cafeteria on all campuses. These "Go Bags" include the crisis plan manual, portable first aid kit and a portable bleed control kit for each bag. They shall also include an updated classroom roster for each class and will be taken with the teacher in the event of an emergency or any safety drill that is being conducted.

This year we have made significant improvements on school safety thanks to the Arkansas Safe Schools Grant. First and foremost we were able to hire a second SRO for the district, Deputy Shawn Hellums, who will be on the elementary campus full time. We were also able to get security film on the main entrances of both campuses as well as number the exterior windows which correspond with the classroom for any responding agencies. The intercom system at the elementary school has been updated and vape detectors have been installed at the high school. We also installed door prop alarms on the exterior doors to help ensure the doors remain shut throughout the school day.

We are constantly working with outside agencies for crisis response for all emergencies and safety education: - Iazard County Sheriff's Dept - Calico Rock Fire Dept - Pineville Fire Department - Arkansas State Police - Arkansas Game and Fish - Calico Rock Medical Center - Arkansas Forestry Commission - Arkansas Dept of Health - Iazard County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Deputy Jaden Whitfield IC-25

CRES

CALICO ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Calico Rock Board of Education Public Meeting: October 23, 2023

Calico Rock Elementary Report:

The school year is off to an excellent start. The faculty and staff of Calico Rock Elementary, with the support of parents and community, believe that all students can and will learn. We truly believe in these kids.

First, I would like to thank all of our patrons, parents, guardians and teachers. Without each one of you our school would not be as successful as it is. Our students at Calico Rock Elementary receive instruction in the core academic subjects of literacy, math, science, and social studies. They also receive instruction in physical education, health, art, music, enrichment, research and media skills, as well as social emotional, conflict resolution, character education and anti-bullying. Students come to school to learn, but I can assure you that while they are here, they are also loved and cared for.

- Curriculum
 - The Arkansas Standards, which we follow at CRES, are designed to prepare students to succeed in education. The standards are evidence and research-based. The Science Standards promote a three-dimensional approach to classroom instruction that is student-centered and progresses coherently from grades K-12. With students, parents and teachers all working together for shared goals, we can help ensure students make progress each year to build a strong future for themselves.
 - The school board graciously allowed us to purchase highly qualified instructional materials as our curriculums in Reading and Math. The Reading curriculum used K-5 is Benchmark Education. MyPerspectives is the Reading curriculum that starts in 6th Grade and continues into Jr. High. The Mathematics curriculum purchased for grades K-6 is EnVision Math, which is a curriculum that is also utilized at the High School. Our RTI program, i-Ready, was renewed. iReady Math and Literacy are used to assess and monitor student growth and as an RTI resource to ensure that all students are learning to their fullest potential. The program also helps pinpoint lost learning and allows opportunity for an individualized plan of growth for each student. We have an RTI time built into our school day from 9:35-10:05, called Pirate Success Time. During Pirate Success Time, students receive the intervention, or enrichment they need. iReady is used as our state assessment for K-2. We have a new state assessment 3-6, which is the ATLAS assessment.
- Academics:
 - We celebrated last years fourth graders on the first day of school and presented them all with a t-shirt for their accomplishments on ACT Aspire.
 - #1 in the co-op for Reading, Science, and ELA
 - #2 in the state for Reading.
 - They scored 70 % Reading proficiency.
- Extracurricular:
 - After school activities include; Intramural basketball, Little Dribblers, Peewee basketball, and tutoring. The intramural basketball games are always a huge hit with the kids. This year we are excited to add a Little Dribblers program to our after school activities.
 - We will continue activities such as Elementary Beta, Quiz Bowl, and Spelling Bee.
- CRES Faculty & Staff:
 - I principal, 1 counselor, 16 certified teachers, 4 interventionists in the regular classroom, 1 interventionist in computer lab/library, 1 ALE paraprofessional, 3 special education paraprofessionals, 1 SRO, and 2 custodians. . We share 2 teachers, 1 coach, and a nurse with the HS.
 - The elementary houses grade K-6. We have by far the greatest staff anywhere!! Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to make sure our students have everything they need not just academically, but physically and emotionally as well. We have some new faces here at the elementary that I would like to mention. Officer Shawn Hellums is our elementary SRO and we are so thankful to have him on our campus. Ariel Fountain and Aurora Cobb are new to the 5/6 hallway. Ariel teaches math and Aurora teaches reading and writing strategies. Brooklyn Wood is our new nurse and the kids absolutely love her! Coach Tanner Hoskinds is our new Peewee Basketball Coach. Amber Harness was hired as an interventionist.
- Community Outreach:
 - The school continues to support the Bridges program. We currently have 60 students who receive food bags each week.
- What is new?
 - We now have an ALE (Alternative Learning Environment) class with Jessica Teague as the teacher and Amber Harness as the interventionist.
 - Our PLC team attended our first two meetings for Leading PLC's Districtwide with Dr. Janel Keating at Cabot Freshman Academy last week. We have learned a lot on the implementation of PLC and how it can contribute to the success of our school. The PLC team includes me, Anita Nordrum, Ashley Coley, Amy Cowgill, and Carson Gibson.
- Preschool:
 - The CRSD Little Pirates Preschool currently has 20 students enrolled. There are three full time employees. Abbey Orf is the lead teacher and director, Cindy Whitfield and Crystal Hays are the paraprofessionals. The program is ABC sponsored. Abbey will now inform you with more information regarding the preschool.

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October 23rd, 2023
High School Principal Report

We have had a good start to the school year. I feel like I have a lot of good things to tell you.

We have 20 faculty at this time, 5 paraprofessionals, a special ed coordinator and a counselor plus one part time vision teacher. This means our students get a great deal of individual attention.

We have a new distance learning facilitator, Robin Harris. Students come to the distance learning lab to take college classes or high school classes through Virtual AR that aren't offered on campus or don't fit in their schedule. They can take the classes virtually.

Mrs. Brenda Pittman is our new 10th through 12th grade English Teacher and Oral Communication Teacher. She also volunteered to be our Bowling Coach. She is the sponsor for the National English Honor Society.

Coach Tanner Hoskinds is now our Boys Basketball, PeeWee Basketball and Cross Country Coach. He also teaches Health PE and Civics.

We have Mr. John Duffie in a new position this year. For the last 8 years Mr. Duffie has been our Distance Learning Facilitator. He is now teaching 7th and 8th grade History. He is still our Quiz Bowl coach and our Golf Coach. He also has 2 periods of In School Suspension.

Jaden Whitfield, our SRO, isn't new to us but we are happy to be able to have him at the high school full time this year. His presence makes a big impact on our kids.

We share Nurse B. , Brooklyn Wood, our school nurse. Her goal is to spend half of her day at each campus. This depends on sickness and such at each campus.

We have a tutoring program at our school that is offered after school. Students who need extra help are encouraged to stay and get individualized help with their studies. We have many students who take advantage of the after school tutoring. We started a program we

call “Anchor Time”. It is a 38 minute remediation or enrichment program in the middle of the day. Students who have areas of weakness will be in remediation classes where they will get extra help to build skills to fill in those gaps. Students who aren’t in need of the remediation are given enrichment classes. They are doing extensions of learning or projects that extend their thinking and group working skills. We use My Perspectives curriculum in our English Dept and Savvas in our Math Dept. which is approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

We are an ACT Testing facility. We feel like having that test on our campus helps our students feel comfortable in a familiar environment, which in turn will make them feel more comfortable taking the test. In order to be able to give the test here 35 students must sign up.

I believe it is very important for students to be involved in some kind of activity at school. We offer a variety of clubs and sports, so there is something for everyone. Many of our clubs participate in competitions on the District and State and even National level.

This year we had 3 girls in FCCLA who went to Nationals a few months ago in the summer to compete in Denver, Colorado. This group placed 1st at the state level in Food Innovations. They recieved a Silver Medal at Nationals for their project and presentation. Thank you Mindy Woods for all the work you have done with these students.

We offer a number of college classes through our distance learning lab and through local colleges. Students are able to earn college and high college credit concurrently. This allows students to get college credit for free or at a greatly discounted rate. We have many students taking advantage of this and can have the majority if not all of their freshman year completed when they leave high school. We have Ashton Lester, a Calico Rock entrepreneur and an Ozarka Math Teacher coming to our campus to teach college Algebra. Our kids like having the college experience while staying on our campus.

We offer our Career and Technical bound students many opportunities also. Each area of our CTE programs offer certificates that can be earned to help get jobs while they are going through their trade school or while attending college, or at a beginner’s level in the workforce. We have applied for a grant and feel confident we will receive it for a new program of study in our Business Dept. By moving in this new direction, our students

will learn how to make business plans, run a small business on our campus and make marketing plans. This will give our students real world experience should they want to open their own business. Many of our students do have their own businesses, babysitting, lawn care and such.

Last year I applied for a grant with a company called Project Lead The Way. We acquired the grant and are now able to offer two classes that we previously had not been able to offer. We had 2 teachers, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Hiers, go through 40 hours of training. Each class was able to order approximately \$15,000 worth of supplies. We have a Medical Detectives Class in the fall and a Robotics and Automation class in the spring that we are offering to the 7th and 8th graders. These are classes that are STEM oriented and student driven with the teacher being the facilitator. Students are telling us they love hands-on learning. Just last week, students were learning how to take vital signs. They said they had always seen those items in doctors' offices but were never able to touch them. Now they are learning to use them. This gives them early awareness of possible career paths.

Cheerleading is a new sport for Calico Rock! Our school has never had cheerleading. They have already made a big impact on our pep rally and our state send off for our Golf Qualifier. They went to Cheerleading camp, again for the first time, this summer at Fort Smith. I want to take the time to tell you how they did. I think it tells alot about how much work the team and Mrs. Kirsten and Mrs. Kish has put in.

Team Awards:

Technical Excellence in the Jam Dance for our spirit

Most Improved

Technical Excellence in showmanship

A bid to the National Championship Competition

Herkie Team Award **The Herkie Team Award is voted on by other teams at the camp and awarded to the team that shows excellent sportsmanship and leadership during camp**

Superior Ribbons in Game Day Cheer and Jam Dance

Individual Awards:

Addison Clinkingbeard- All American Nominee

Sydney Stanley- All American Nominee

Addisyn Lemon- All American Nominee

Kenya Speirs- All American Nominee

All American Nominees are voted on by the staff. It is given to the athlete that shows superior attitude and excellence through the camp!

Kenya Speirs- Top Gun Tumbler and Top Gun Jumps

****Top Gun awards are competed individually and given to the athlete that shows the best tumbling and jumping skills throughout the whole camp. It is only given to one athlete per camp!****

SR Beta The National Beta Club awarded Calico Rock Senior Beta the 2023 All Star School Award. Out of all the clubs across the nation, only 300 were awarded this distinction. This was based on the amount of service hours the clubs have done in the last year. Each club member was awarded with a pin that was given to them at the beginning of the year assembly. Thank you to Mrs. Brannon for being a great leader for this club.

Our E.A.S.T. program had a compliance visit from the headquarters from Little Rock this year. They were very impressed with our program. Mr. Mason and Mrs. Linker have done a fabulous job. We have been designated a "Program of Influence". This is something new that EAST in Little Rock has started and want to be a part of it.

We have combined our school's facebook pages and made one Calico Rock School District Account. If you have not gone and "liked" the District page please do so. This will help you keep up with everything that is going on at our school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sending us the best kids we could hope for. I am looking forward to the remainder of the year.

Preschool Information for Board Meeting

Improvements made to preschool:

- New windows
- New baseboards
- Replaced tiles
 - Painted
- New fence with adjustments to meet requirements
 - New concrete bike path
 - New door
- Removed old leaky door and closed it off to prevent water entering
- Remodeled bathrooms- floors, walls, toilets and lowered sinks to meet requirements
 - Painted outside of building
 - New mulch
 - Pergola with shade
 - Gardening/Water play tubs
 - New playground equipment

Activities since preschool has started:

- Apple theme with apple activities
- Learning our ABC's and practicing sounds
 - Counting
 - Nursery Rhymes
- Practicing buttoning, snapping, zipping
- LOTS of fine motor practice with play dough, legos, therapy putty, stringing beads, ripping paper
- Sensory play with water beads
 - Lots of painting
 - Sitting at the carpet quietly
 - How do we line up
- Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence everyday- discuss who's missing, shapes, colors, letters, counting
 - Fire safety week

Upcoming Activities:

Explorers curriculum study- Community helpers
Inviting community members to visit the preschool
and discuss what their jobs are and what they do to
help the community