

# Calusa Quarterly News

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## On Track Party!

News from our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Committee- On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Calusa will hold it's first On-Track party of the 2015-2016 school year for students who meet the district's criteria for attendance, academics and behavior. Students will receive an On-Track card and will get to participate in several fun activities during their Specials time. Each quarter, students have the opportunity to be on-track and earn the party.

## BEP Has Started!

If your child was invited to join BEP (Behavior Education Program) we MUST have a signed permission slip returned ASAP!!



## September Students of the Month!

All of the following students were recognized for their **respectfulness** and those pictured above attended a delicious breakfast ceremony on September 30th. A great big CONGRATULATIONS to the following students: Julius West, Celina Powell, Cheyann Cartwright, Nicolas Cruz, Trey Brinson, Dakota Havens, Dell Young, Darrion Rhone, Alexis Finkelstein, Austin Fornabio, Ryan Stull, Tyler White, Maggie Stirsman, Kaylie Barnes, Brandon Glogg, Kellyann Brooks, Joandry Gonzalez, Rylee Alland, Tonys Maldonado, Sarah Tomlinson, Lizneth Funez-Ponce, Alivia Alland, Vanessa Bandini, Tiffany Flores, Kiara King, Nathan Sensabaugh, Alexis Mizell, Mia Collins, Bella Storms, Sejla Kurpejovic, and Corin Ephraim.

A special great big thank you to Mrs. Marando, Mrs. Medina & Mrs. Marcel for their work with this program! Also, a HUGE thank you to our awesome cafeteria staff for preparing a great spread!



## Kinship Support Groups at Calusa!

***Are you a grandparent, aunt or uncle, cousin, adult sister or brother raising a relative's child?***

If so, come check out Kinship! This support group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 AM- 11:30 AM right here at Calusa Elementary School!

You will learn about valuable services to help keep your families strong and snacks will be provided.

Questions? Call Patrick Smith at the Children's Home, Inc. (813)716-8254

## Volunteer!

Don't forget to go to our district website and register to volunteer.

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/volunteer/>

## Out Of Field

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Danielle Hudnall, Michelle Lopez, Nancy Mikolasik, Brittany Stallwood, Amy Hall, Emily Wiggins, Meghan Chapin, Krista MacNeill, Jenna Blair-Simon and Elizabeth Hickey.

## Elementary Student Magnet Systems Survey - Fall 2015

Please go to the following address to complete this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QMJPHNP>.



Before and after school enrichment program  
conveniently located at your child's school.

For information, call:

**Amanda Buchs**  
**727-774-3792**



Calusa Elementary School uses this computer based program to assess, group and instruct our students in grades K-Fifth! Students are expected to spend at least 45 minutes per week in i-Ready in both math and reading. If you have internet access at home, ask your child's teacher how you can help increase your child's time on i-Ready at home. Check out the i-Ready incentive pyramid next time you're on campus or in your child's classroom! Also, be on the lookout for some information and invitations to our open Launch Pad time where students can come in



Calusa Elementary School has partnered with Astroskate as a fundraiser for our school. Each month the pink Astroskate buses will transport our students from Calusa's campus to Astroskate in Tarpon Springs. Students will get to skate, dance and laugh with Calusa staff for two hours before we head back to Calusa's campus for dismissal at 7:00pm. Check out our school website for Astroskate dates!

<http://caes.pasco.k12.fl.us>

## Hawks N.E.S.T

Hawks (Firehawks) Never Ever Stop Trying!

Have you asked your child what he/she does in the Hawks NEST? Our kids are creating, collaborating, critically thinking and communicating (and so are our teachers) under the careful coaching of Mrs. D'Avanzo! Check out the awesome work below from Mrs. Ellis and her class!

