



What's great about the Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools

To foster, inspire, and champion learning for all

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Message from the Superintendent

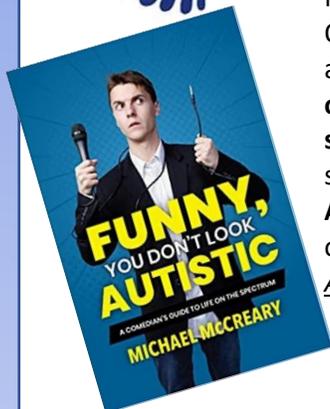
Thanks to our dedicated staff and supportive community members, there are so many exciting activities and events happening in all our schools. I want to take a moment and highlight some of the wonderful experiences that our students participated in so far this school year. In this fall newsletter, I have included just a few of these positive, student-centered events from each school over the past few months. I look forward to a great school year and many more exciting community and school events to celebrate. Let's all continue to foster, inspire, and champion learning for all.

Sincerely,
Christopher Conklin
Superintendent Caldwell-West Caldwell School District



James Caldwell High School

Michael McCreary, the author of this year's One Book, One School summer reading, spoke to the students and faculty of JCHS via Zoom. **McCreary is a 25-year-old, autistic comedian, actor, author, and TEDX speaker** who's been performing stand-up comedy since age 13. He is currently acting in the new series **Astrid & Lilly Save the World** for the SYFY Network. All of our students read his memoir, *Funny, You Don't Look Autistic* this summer.



Grover Cleveland Middle School

At Grover Cleveland Middle School, we held our Halloween Spirit Week. Each day had its unique theme and it provided GCMS administration the opportunity to see the individuality of each student that participated. Monday featured Orange/Black Day. This was a good preview for Halloween and afforded me an opportunity to wear one of my favorite suits. Tuesday was Twin Day. I enjoyed seeing the many students who coordinated with their friends to dress up the same way. Wednesday was Pink Day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Thursday was Jersey Day, which was nice to see each student's favorite team (this included a very wide variety of football, baseball, basketball, hockey, soccer, local, rec, and other teams). And of course, we culminated the week with a Halloween Celebration on Friday. Again, this was a great opportunity to see the individuality of our students who wore a unique variety of costumes.





Harrison School

October is filled with many new and exciting learning opportunities for our preschoolers. The preschoolers are learning all about the letter B. They used their cutting, pasting, and tracing skills to make bear faces and learned all about hibernation. Halloween is an exciting time for all and there were lots of busy bees at Harrison School on October 29th. The staff and students all enjoyed the annual Halloween Parade. Parents and several grandparents enjoyed sharing the event. A good time was had by all!



Lincoln Elementary School

On October 9th, the Lincoln School HSA hosted our Fall Festival. Families enjoyed live music, food trucks, raffles, arts and crafts, an obstacle course, a dunk tank, and more. Money raised will help support playground enhancements. 1st-grade students recently had a visit from the Caldwell Fire Department. They loved seeing the fire truck and learning about fire safety. Our Halloween parade took place on October 28th. Thank you to the Caldwell Police Department for keeping our students safe as they marched up and down Crane Street in their costumes.



Washington Elementary School



The students and staff at Washington School are taking advantage of beautiful weather days to enjoy outside activities. Our PE teacher, Mrs. Zeman, organized Project ACES "All Children Exercising Simultaneously". Students in all grade levels learned dances such as the Cha-Cha Slide, Macarena, and Cotton Eye Joe. We met out on the blacktop and danced together for 30 minutes. The students in grades 4 and 5 took turns leading the dances and demonstrating each move for the younger students. We had such fun exercising, dancing and laughing together. Even the teachers learned the dances and jumped right in! Washington School students understand the importance of participating in physical fitness activities to develop healthy bodies and minds.





Jefferson Elementary School

October is filled with various activities for Jefferson's students. Working with our HSA, Jefferson's students can donate their leftover candy to Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude collects candy, makes care packages, and then sends them to our military troops and first responders around the world.

Halloween is a fun time of year for all our students; especially Kindergarten. During the weeks leading up to Halloween, families work together to create a look-alike pumpkin that represents a character from their favorite books.

Another long-standing tradition is that our Kindergartners get to "pick" their very own pumpkin in our in-house version of the great pumpkin patch.

The festivities culminate with our traditional Halloween Parade.



Wilson Elementary School

The Wilson School HSA worked with our neighborhood Stop and Shop to donate over 30 pumpkins for our 5th graders to decorate. The fifth graders did a Spooktacular job decorating. All the students at Wilson voted for the scariest, funniest, most creative, and most realistic pumpkin. Olivia Amador won "Most Creative Pumpkin," Ana Emilia Delgado won "Funniest Pumpkin," Andrew Favata won "Scariest Pumpkin," and Matthew Venancio won "Most Realistic Pumpkin." All the fifth-grade pumpkins were displayed during Wilson School Pumpkin Night for everyone to admire!

On Monday, November 1st, Wilson School celebrated Halloween with class parties. The class parent volunteers and staff did a great job with fun activities for students to participate in. At 2:30 pm, the school had a fantastic outdoor Halloween Parade! The teachers looked "sharp" dressed up as crayons and the student costumes were creative and spooky!

After our parade, Wilson School and the HSA hosted our Wilson School Pumpkin Night. The fifth graders designed the haunted Bat Cave for students in grades K-4 to walk through. Fifth graders were telling scary jokes, reading fortunes, leading students and families through the Bat Cave, and ghosting people throughout. Many students and families danced to the DJ and decorated pumpkins at the pumpkin decorating area. It was a wonderful family-fun event!

