Partners in Education
Chamber Award of Excellence Program

Outline of School Schedule in Contest

Submissions are due by the 3rd Friday of each month. Winners will be chosen the last business day of the month & awarded during the first Board of Education meeting the following month.

September

Middle: Pleasant Valley – grades 5th-8th, Saks, Wellborn – grades 5th-8th, White Plains
High: Pleasant Valley – grades 9th-12th, Saks, Wellborn – grades 9th-12th, White Plains

October

Elementary: Kitty Stone - grades Pre-K to 4th
Middle: Kitty Stone - grades 5th-6th & Jacksonville grades 7th-8th
High: Jacksonville - grades 9th-12th

November

Elementary: Piedmont
Middle: Piedmont
High: Piedmont

January

Elementary: Alexandria, Ohatchee – grades Pre-K-4th, Weaver – grades Pre-K-4th
Middle: Alexandria, Ohatchee - grades 5th-8th, Weaver – grades 5th-8th
High: Alexandria, Ohatchee – grades 9th-12th, Weaver – grades 9th-12th

February

Elementary: DeArmanville, Coldwater, Oxford, C.E. Hanna
Middle: Oxford
High: Oxford
**March**
Elementary: Cobb Pre-K, Golden Springs, Tenth Street, Randolph Park
Middle: Anniston
High: Anniston

**April**
Elementary: Donoho, Faith Christian, Trinity Christian, JCA, Sacred Heart, IMSA (Pre-K-4th)
Middle: Donoho, Faith Christian, Trinity Christian, JCA, Sacred Heart, IMSA (grades 5th-8th)
High: Donoho, Faith Christian, Trinity Christian, JCA, Sacred Heart, IMSA (grades 9th-12th)

**Outline of Monthly Contests**

**September**
Elementary- Draw your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County.
Middle- What is your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County? Why?
High- Select a business in Calhoun County and explain their business plan.

**October**
Elementary- Draw a historic building in Calhoun County.
Middle- What do you love most about where you live? Why?
High- Design your own business with a business proposal.

**November**
Elementary- Draw your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County.
Middle- If you were mayor for the day, what would you do?
High- Select a business in Calhoun County and explain their business plan.

**January**
Elementary- Draw a historic building in Calhoun County.
Middle- What do you love most about where you live? Why?
High- Design your own business with a business proposal.

**February**
Elementary- Draw your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County.
Middle- What is your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County? Why?
High- Select a business in Calhoun County and explain their business plan.
March

Elementary- Draw your favorite thing in the Anniston Museum of Natural History.
Middle- What do you love most about where you live? Why?
High- Design your own business with a business proposal.

April

Elementary- Draw a historic home in Calhoun County.
Middle- If you could work anywhere in Calhoun County, where would you work and why?
High- Select a business in Calhoun County and explain their business plan.

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Contest Descriptions

Drawing Contests (Elementary): Drawings must be done by the child participating. Use one white 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper for your drawing. Color pencils, crayons, markers, and paint are accepted.

Short Essays (Middle):

• What is your favorite place to visit in Calhoun County? Why?
  o Anywhere that you like to spend time whether it be at the mall, a JSU football game, a concert at the Oxford Performing Art Center, or your favorite restaurant. Any place in Calhoun County is fair game! Tell us what it is, what you do at this place, and why it is your favorite. Five paragraphs.
• What do you love most about where you live? Why?
  o Write a five paragraph short essay about why you love living where you do. Whether it be because of your neighborhood friends, or because there are a lot of fun things to do in town, tell us why you love living in Calhoun County!
• If you could work anywhere in Calhoun County, where would you work and why?
  o Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Could you do that job in Calhoun County? Maybe you want to be a veterinarian at the Anniston Veterinary Hospital, a nurse at RMC, a baker at Mad Hatter Cupcake Shop, or a teacher at JSU. Whatever it is, find a place in Calhoun County and tell us why you want to work there when you are older. Five paragraphs.
• If you were the mayor for the day, what would you do?
  o The mayor of each town in Calhoun County is always working hard to make his or her town bigger and better. If you could be the mayor for just one day, what would you do to make your town bigger and better? Five paragraphs.

Business Plan (High School):

• Select a business in Calhoun County and explain their business model.
  o Write a business model of the selected business as if you were the owner. You should explain the following dimensions:
    ▪ Key Partners (who helps you)
    ▪ Key Activities (what do you do)
    ▪ Key Resources (Who you are and what you have)
    ▪ Value Provided (what problems does your products/services solve, and how your products/services help)
Design your own business with a business proposal.

You are opening up a new business in Calhoun County. It can be a variation of an existing business such as a new grocery store, or a brand new business such as the first puppy playtime café in Calhoun County. Explain your business proposal stating the following. Every item needs a detailed description.

- Name of your business
- Hours you will be open
- What do you do? (Fix, sell, build, feed, serve, help, etc.)
- Location of the business. Is it in a small, rural community, or a large, urban community? Where in the town will you be located? Explain why that location will be good for your business.
- Identify any competition in your business area.
- How many employees will you need? What specific positions will these employees hold?
- Why do you think your business will succeed?
- Graphics to help convey your ideas such as photos, organization charts, map, etc.
- Bonus: Design a logo and slogan for your business.