



# Caledonia Elementary Newsletter

April 12th

## Good Afternoon Caledonia Elementary Families,



I hope everyone had a terrific week.

Today, we hosted an assembly to wrap up our March is Reading Month celebration. Collectively, our students raised over \$6400 and read over 138,000 minutes! Amazing job to all of our students! During the assembly, we started by recognizing all students for their contributions. Then, we recognized the student in each classroom with the highest number of minutes read, the student in each classroom that raised the most money, and the classrooms that read the most and raised the most money. Additionally, we had a live drawing for 13 signed copies of Aaron Zenz's book, *The Runaway Mitten, A Michigan Adventure Story*. It was a great way to celebrate our students and their accomplishments!

A huge thank you to our Cal El community for supporting our Read-A-Thon fundraiser! We are excited to use these funds to celebrate our students, support field trips, fund our annual Fall Fest, and much more. Thank you for supporting our students and helping to enhance their educational experience at Cal El!

Have a terrific weekend!

Brent

## 5th Grade



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At its April meeting, the Caledonia Board of Education approved changes to the 5th grade Willing to Wait curriculum for reproductive health. At this time, the district utilizes Willing to Wait at the intermediate and middle school levels. Willing to Wait has adopted several changes to the 5th grade curriculum starting with the 2024-2025 school year. At its May 20, 2024 meeting, the Caledonia Board of Education will be making a decision to accept or reject changes to the 5th grade Willing to Wait curriculum. From April 15 - May 20, 2024, the recommended curriculum will be available for review by our community. Interested individuals may view the text by coming to the CCS Administration Building during business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday or at other times by appointment. For requests outside of business hours or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Christie Russell at (616) 891-8185.

### **Project Best Life / Willing to Wait Curriculum**

Health Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy Me

Upper Elementary - 5th Grade Introduction to Puberty, Part 2 - 7th Edition

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## **Home Internet Information**

Do you have a poor internet connection at home? There may be hope on the horizon!

We know that depending on where our families live, not all of our students have access to reliable, high-speed internet at home. To help address this issue, Michigan has received more than \$1.5 billion in federal infrastructure funding for improved internet access.

CCS encourages our families in underserved areas to make sure your household is represented! Through Tuesday, April 23, residents can review the information about their home internet service that decision-makers are using when allocating these resources. In some cases, that information may not be accurate, so until April 23 residents can verify their address and report any discrepancies as part of the State of Michigan's Broadband Mapping Challenge

To participate, visit the State of Michigan's Broadband Map ([www.michiganbroadbandmap.com](http://www.michiganbroadbandmap.com)) and identify if your property is listed as SERVED, UNDERSERVED, or UNSERVED by broadband service.

If your property is accurately listed as UNDERSERVED or UNSERVED, you do not need to take action. If the map lists your property as SERVED, but you are not receiving the broadband service or speeds that the map lists, you have an opportunity to challenge this and correct your listing by completing the Mapping Challenge at: <https://challenge.merit.edu>.

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Website: <https://challenge.merit.edu/>

FAQ: <https://challenge.merit.edu/faq-state-mapping-challenge>

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Event Information

### **Caledonia Elementary Family Cookout**

Prior to our Field Day event (starting at 1:00), families are invited to join us for a cookout during their child's normal lunch time. More information will be shared as the event gets closer.

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Grades 1/4: 12:05 - 12:25

Grades 2/3: 12:35 - 12:55

When?

**Thursday, May 23, 2024, 11:30 AM**

Event Information

### **Caledonia Elementary Field Day**

Our Caledonia Elementary Field Day will take place on Thursday, May 23rd from 1:00 - 3:30 on our Cal El playground. Families are invited to join us for this fun-filled event.

When?

**Thursday, May 23, 2024, 01:00 PM**

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## **Volunteer Management Program**

This year, we will be utilizing a new volunteer management system called Raptor. This system will be utilized for any individual entering the building to work with students or volunteer in a classroom. Our building secretaries, Christy and Denise, will guide volunteers through the check-in process using a kiosk located in our main foyer. **A state ID or driver's license is needed to initiate the process.** We kindly ask that you bring a form of ID with you if planning to volunteer.

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## Download our Mobile App!

Helping students, parents & our community stay informed!

- School Calendars
- School Directories
- Parent Quick Links
- Communication
- Newsletters
- Athletic Information
- And more!

### Caledonia Community Schools

**iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:**  
Open your web browser. Type "calschools.appazur.com". Then tap the "App Store" or "Google Play" button.

**OR:**  
Open the "App Store" app on your iPhone/iPad. Search for "Caledonia Community Schools". Tap "Get". It's free!

**Windows, Mac, & ChromeOS:**  
Browse to: <https://calschools.appazur.com>.

**GET STARTED!!**

- Tap the menu button (at the top left).
- In the menu, tap "Sign In". Use your school account if you have one. Otherwise: If you have not signed in before, "Sign Up" for a new account.
- Tap "Schools" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your school.
- Tap the menu choice with the gear icon and your name, and pick how you want to receive notifications.





 **APP Tutorials**

<https://www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/>



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS/FLYERS

We have an amazing community that provides a variety of opportunities for our students that extend beyond the walls of the classroom. If you are looking to find out more about events and opportunities in our community, follow our website or the Community Section of our app to stay updated.

## WE'RE DIGITAL!

[WWW.CALSCHOOLS.ORG/COMMUNITY/COMMUNITY-EVENTS-FLYERS](http://WWW.CALSCHOOLS.ORG/COMMUNITY/COMMUNITY-EVENTS-FLYERS)

## OUR PROCESS

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### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Community flyers will be posted on our website and pushed out to our app for families to view upcoming events and community information.

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### SUBMIT A FLYER

The district accepts submissions from non-profit organizations of non-curricular flyers that have a social, recreational, or educational value for students

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### SUBSCRIBE

Follow the Community Section on our app, or subscribe to be notified by email on our website.



## Brent Huck

Brent is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

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Communicate quickly and effectively with interactive newsletters.

Smore empowers educators to connect with their community, streamline school communications, and increase engagement.

Create a newsletter

