



# Caledonia Elementary Newsletter

February 2nd

## Good Afternoon Caledonia Elementary Families,

Next week, we will have parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday and Thursday evening. We look forward to meeting with families to celebrate growth and set goals for the remainder of the year. **During conferences, we invite all families to celebrate our National Blue Ribbon award with us by enjoying a piece of cake and punch in the cafeteria.** Cake and punch will be available from 4:00 - 7:30 each evening! Stop on down before or after your conference time to enjoy a tasty treat! The Book Fair will also be open both evening.



**Our Cal El National Blue Ribbon recognition night at the CHS basketball games has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 13th.** Students and staff will be recognized during halftime of both games (approximately 6:45 and 8:45). Any Cal El student wearing their PTO-sponsored t-shirt will be admitted for free.

Thank you,  
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## Mrs. DeJong's Art Classes

Parents, if your child has Mrs. DeJong for art class, I would love to meet you during your conferences! It has been my pleasure to work with these impressive youngsters at Cal El and

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**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**  
Coming Soon!

Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way, YAY! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. As a bonus - every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Feb 6 & 8 in the Library! The Book Fair will be open during conferences Feb 6 & 8 from 4-8. This is when your child may come and shop. The Book Fair will only be open during your child's library time for them to pick out a book that you have agreed to, or if you have missed it during conference time. **PLEASE** account for sales tax if you are giving your child money! If your child is shopping during class time, **PLEASE** give them an envelope with their name, and the amount of money in the envelope. This is important so we know whose \$ it is and so we don't have to recount it. This is timesaving when the whole class is waiting in line. 😊

You may also say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet - your child's digital payment account. Before the fair, please set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. Please note that I cannot give you change if a child does not use all the money. However, it can be used in future scholastic orders or book fairs. **Reminder, NO CASH BACK.**

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/caledoniaelemschool>

The countdown to more Book Joy is on! Catch you at the Fair!


Happy Reading,

Peggy Dion  
Librarian  
Caledonia Elementary  
[dionp@calschools.org](mailto:dionp@calschools.org)

**Yearbook orders will be accepted until March 29th.**

**Don't  
Miss out....  
Order your yearbook today!**

**Caledonia Elementary School**  
GO TO:  
**store.geskusphoto.com**  
Use Code: **YB6685**



**And order your yearbook for only \$10**

Geskus Photography, Inc., 0-11310 1st Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49534

*Cal Elementary PTOs present*  
**Ladies and Loved Ones Dance**  
**FIRE & ICE**

*Saturday, February 3rd, 2024*  
 5:30-7:30pm

**Kraft Meadows Intermediate School**  
 9320 Kraft Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Young 5s-4th grade girls attending Cal Schools are invited to a fun night with their father or loved one.

The event includes a DJ, sweet treat, refreshments, photo booth, small activities, and a gift for your student!

*Maximum of ONE loved-one per lady is requested*



*Discounted Online Tickets!*  
 \$6 per person

- Tickets required for each girl and their loved one. Scan QR code or visit website below.
- Include the name of your student, teacher, and school when purchasing online.
- Online tickets available until January 27th

*Full Price Tickets available at the Door*  
 \$10 per person

- Cash, credit and debit accepted beginning at 5:30pm day of the event

<https://ladies-and-loved-ones-dance.square.site/>

### 3rd / 4th Grade Tennis Camp

Scott Bont and Marcy Torres, Cal El staff members and CCS tennis coaches, will be hosting a tennis camp in the gym after school on Mondays, starting January 29th. This opportunity is for 3rd or 4th grade boys and girls. For more information, access the following link:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/Programming/USTAWesternMichiganDistrict/Coaching/Course/ad3fca10-ef5a-453c-b08e-f37a60270cbd>



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# Save The Date

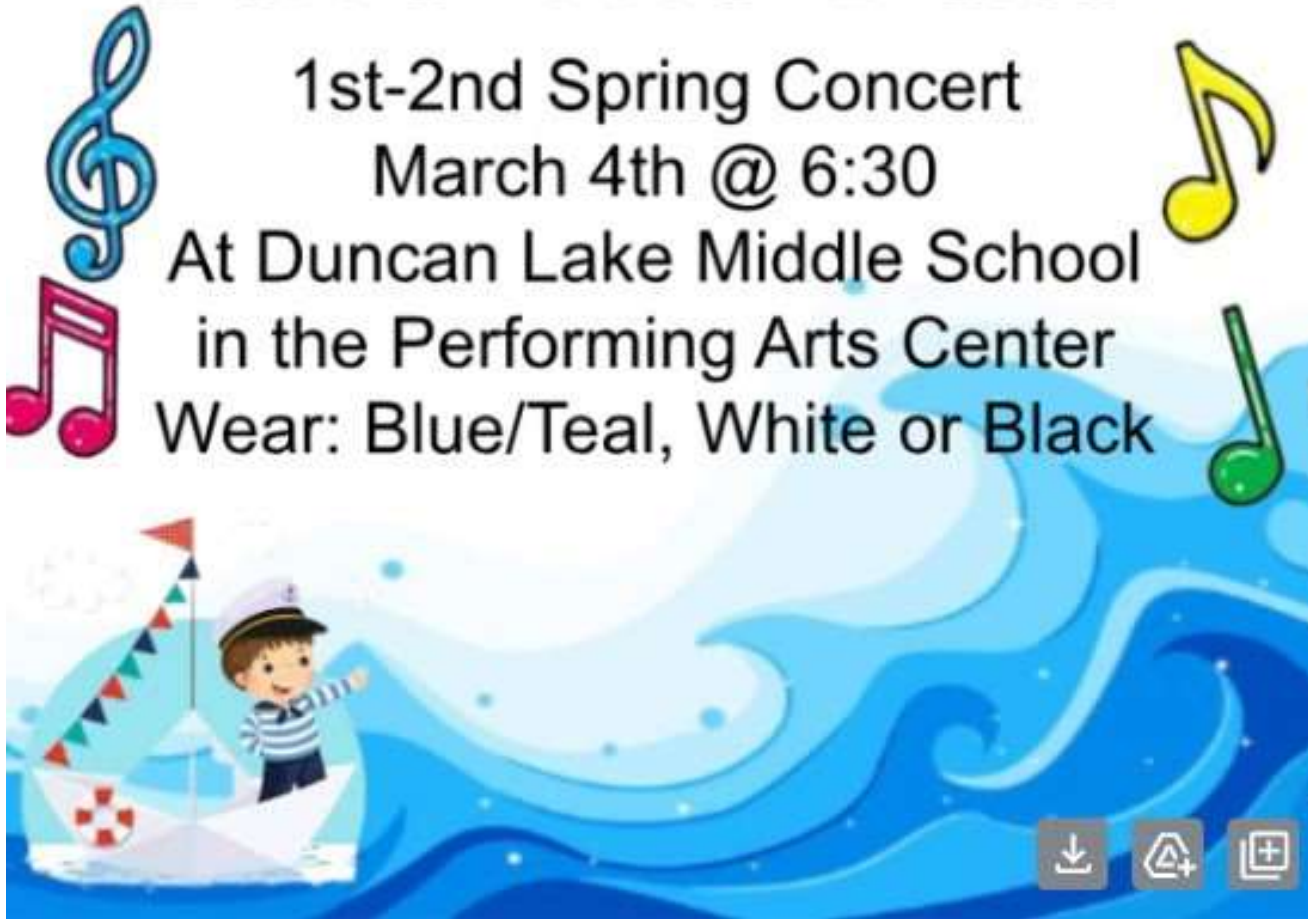
1st-2nd Spring Concert

March 4th @ 6:30

At Duncan Lake Middle School

in the Performing Arts Center

Wear: Blue/Teal, White or Black



## 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.



# CALEDONIA SCHOOL TAKEOVER!



Saturday, Mar. 16, 2024 | 12 PM  
Van Andel Arena



Come support the Caledonia Middle School Choir as they perform National Anthem!

**TICKETS: \$12**



Scan the QR Code or click the link below to purchase tickets  
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Caledoniapublic>

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For more information contact Hayden Johnson at [hjohnson@nbagranderapids.com](mailto:hjohnson@nbagranderapids.com)



## 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

- 1 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.
- 2 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
- 3 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

Created with smore

Communicate quickly and effectively with interactive newsletters.

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

Create a newsletter