



NEWS FROM THE NEST

Emmons Lake Elementary

Jan. 31, 2025

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK at a glance

MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
2/3 Love 4 Lips Begins 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7
2/10	2/11 <u>Parent Teacher Conf.</u>	2/12 Count Day	2/13 <u>Parent Teacher Conf.</u>	2/14 Popcorn Day Love 4 Lips Ends

A note from the Principal:

Emmons Lake Community,
It's hard to believe that we are already a month into this new calendar year! It has been a busy month filled with data meetings, new small groups, snow days, an assembly, and our entire school community coming together as we dive into curriculum and content. As always, we appreciate your continued support and partnership in making Emmons the best it can be!

I want to personally thank everyone who was able to attend Coffee With The Principal this week and encourage everyone to join us at our next meeting on February 24 at 9:30 AM. We were able to share in learning about academics, attendance, technology usage, school safety, and also began looking ahead to what next school year might look like.

As we start turning the page toward the 2025-2026 school year, we participated in an activity to simulate the process of creating class lists and highlighted the complexities and challenges that arise when parent requests are included. Our top priority is to place your child in a classroom where they will be successful!

If you have extenuating circumstances or a situation that you feel the school may not be aware of, particularly regarding student placement, I would love to sit down and talk with you—either in person or over the phone—to learn more and better understand your perspective. I ask that these conversations be directed to me, as teachers and office staff will not be accepting requests via email.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and relaxing weekend!
Educationally Yours,
Nathan Walters

Contact Us:

- Nancy Andreano
Angela Royce
- 616-528-8100

Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

- 2/3 Love 4 Lips Begins
100th Day
- 2/11 Parent Teacher Conf.
- 2/12 Count Day
- 2/13 Parent Teacher Conf.
- 2/14 Popcorn Day
Love 4 Lips Ends
- 2/17 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- 2/18 No School - Mid-Winter Break



Beginning & End:

Breakfast: 8:30 am EndTime : 3:45pm
Doors Open: 8:35 am Half Day: 12:00 pm

Students arriving after 8:50 am will need a hall pass.

Emmons Lake Talent Show Registration - Due by Friday, February 7, 2025

Please contact bernatchet@calschools.org to determine an audition and rehearsal schedule for acts with participants in a variety of grade levels. [CLICK HERE FOR SIGN UP FORM:](#)

EMMONS LAKE
ELEMENTARY

TALENT SHOW

SHINE LIKE A STAR!

PERFORMANCE
FEB 27 | 6 PM

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FOLLOW QR
CODE TO
REGISTER!



S.O.A.R.

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect



Table Talk :

Ask your student how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school.

Things to Know:

School Lunch UPDATE!!!!

If your child is coming in late and plans to have a school lunch that day, please be sure to let the office or their teacher know their lunch choice prior to coming in to school. All lunch orders must be placed before 9:30am so that our amazing cafeteria staff has time to prepare enough food. Thank You!!

Running Late/Absences

It is important to always communicate with the office and the teacher when your child will be late or absent. If you are sending an email or leaving a message, be sure to include the reason why they are absent so we are able to correctly mark their attendance. If your child is out due to an illness, we also ask that you include the symptoms so we can keep track of viruses circulating through our building.

Michigan Weather/Dress Appropriately

Please be sure your child comes prepared for outdoor recess, kids still go outside even when it is cold out.

Your child should also be dressed appropriately for the season. NO shorts, slides, tank tops, or warm weather clothing. If by chance we need to exit the building due to an emergency, your child will not have time to go back to their locker for their coat.

Please write your child's name in all their clothing. It helps us return those items that are misplaced back to your child. It also keeps the lost and found pile from growing! We appreciate your help.

Helpful Links Below:

[Morning and Afternoon Drop Info](#)

[Birthday Treats in the Classroom](#)

[School Health Program & Med Forms](#)

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Mobile App Support](#)

[PowerSchool](#)

[Volunteer Forms](#)

[Food Service Website](#)

[Printable Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)



Hi Emmons Lake Families!

Next week we kick off our annual Love For Lips Campaign. Please see the flyer for details. We had a great turnout at our last PTO Meeting! Looking ahead we will be providing teacher dinners during conference week, Literati Book Fair, and Read and SOAR is just around the corner! Any questions or comments? Feel free to reach out to the PTO by email anytime!

emmonspto@calschools.org

Upcoming PTO Events:

Feb 3rd-14th Love for Lips Campaign

Feb 14th Popcorn Day

Feb 17th-18th No School -
Mid-Winter Break

8TH ANNUAL EMMONS LAKE

FEB 3-14, 2025

LOVE FOR LIPS



DID YOU KNOW

Helen DeVos Children's Hospital goes through approximately 75 tubes of flavored lip balm daily for children undergoing procedures. Unfortunately, many children struggle with the smell of the meds used in their surgical masks. When lined with flavored lip balm, the scent of the medicine is camouflaged with the balm scent of the child's choice.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Ask friends & family to support Love for Lips with a donation of flavored lip balm (all flavors welcome!). Balm collection boxes can be found in the cafeteria.

PARTICIPATE FROM HOME

No time to shop? Make a donation via Venmo and we'll do the shopping for you. Please note student name and "love for lips" in your Venmo to @EmmonsLakePTO.

**4,000 LIP BALMS = SCHOOL-WIDE EXTRA RECESS!
EVERY DOLLAR, CHAPSTICK, AND BALM MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

THIS LIP BALM DRIVE, LET'S SHARE THE LOVE.

As always, reach out to the PTO with any questions!

Emmons PTO Board: Emily Murphy, President, Josie Young, Vice President, Candice Harig, Treasurer, Ashley Marchand, Secretary, Loreliss Williams, Committee Chair, Tarah Bernatche, Teacher Rep. <http://emmonslakepto.weebly.com>

From the Community . . .


Cal Slams Cancer Night


Cal Slams Cancer Night is Back! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 21st, as we celebrate the 10th Annual Cal Slams Cancer Game, proudly hosted by our incredible Student Council! Join us for an evening of basketball and community spirit, all in support of the American Cancer Society. Game times are 5:30 PM for Girls Basketball and 7:00 PM for Boys Basketball.

Healthy Kids Running Series

Join Us for 5 Weeks of Racing Fun This Spring!

Ready, set, go! Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS) is back this spring, offering an exciting 5-week series of age-appropriate races for children ages 2 through 8th grade. Distances range from 50 yards to 1 mile, making it perfect for kids of all abilities and experience levels.

 Race Dates: Sundays – September 8, 15, 29, October 6 & 13 (Rain Date: October 20)

 Time: Races begin at 4:00 PM, and the event wraps up in just over an hour

Spring Youth Lacrosse Registration

Spring Lacrosse Registration Now Open for Boys & Girls K-8!

Join the excitement of Caledonia Youth Lacrosse this spring! Registration is now open for boys and girls in grades K-8. Whether you're new to lacrosse or a returning player, this is a fantastic opportunity to build skills, have fun, and be part of an incredible team experience.

Mark your calendar for our Parent/Informational Meeting on February 10th at 6:30 PM, hosted at Journey Church (9185 Cherry Valley Ave. SE). Learn more about the program, meet the coaches, and get all your



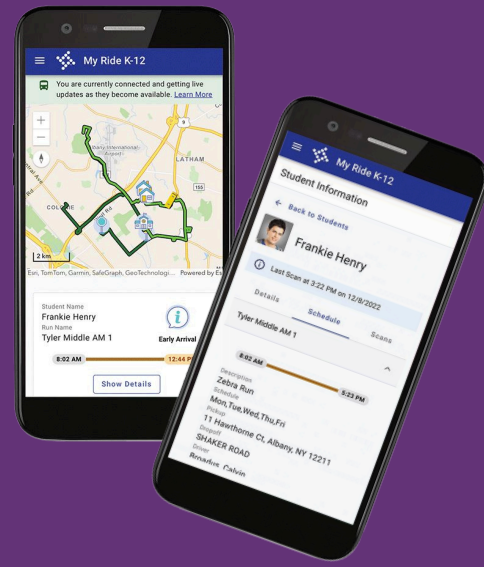
[Find more things going on in our community here . . .](#)

Introducing:

My Ride K-12 App



- Download the My Ride App
- Create an Account
- Select CCS
- Enter Your Student ID #
- Select Your Student's School
- Add Siblings the Same Way



Download today for bus routes and real-time tracking!



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

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.

We're Digital!



www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers

Community Flyers



Looking for ways to help students in need?

SHARE SOME LOVE TO MEET BASIC UNMET NEEDS



Caledonia Education Foundation ESSENTIALS FUND

The Essentials Fund is available for school staff to use when they hear of a student's need, eliminating the need to use their own money. Examples of student needs may include personal items, clothing, groceries, gas cards, car and/or home repairs.



GIVE TO BUILD THE FUND TODAY!

caledoniacef.org/essentials-fund.html

Did you know?

All CCS students receive free meals this school year, but **completing the Free & Reduced Lunch Application still unlocks additional benefits** for your family and our schools!

The Federal Free/Reduced Meal Application determines the amount of federal funding for the district, impacting **ALL students**.

\$ It's more than just free meals...

Why Apply?

- **Extra Funding:** Supports your child's school and programs.
- **Fee Discounts:** Save on college applications, tests (SAT/ACT/AP), credit recovery, and Chromebook Care Plans.
- **Athletics:** Reduced fees for pay-to-participate sports.
- **Tech Access:** Boosts funding for technology and internet access.



It's Easy to Apply!

Visit caledonia.familyportal.cloud or call our Food Service Department at 616-891-0227 for assistance.

Even though meals are free this year, submitting the application helps **ALL students** in our district.

Let's work together to make the most of this opportunity!

