



Caledonia Elementary Newsletter

August 30, 2024

Good Morning Caledonia Elementary Families,

What a great first two weeks at Caledonia Elementary! It has been wonderful to reconnect with returning students and families while welcoming our new students and families to the building. With nearly 400 students at Cal E this year, the hallways and classrooms are constantly filled with smiles, laughter, and lots of learning. I wouldn't want it any other way!



Thank you for your patience as we settle into the new school year.

We continue to fine tune our drop off, pickup, and bus transportation procedures. I appreciate your understanding as these procedures took a little longer than normal during the first two weeks of school.

At any point during the school year, please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns. I can be contacted at huckb@calschools.org or by calling the main office at 616-891-8181.

Thanks,
Brent

Notes From the Office

1. If your emailing



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to both Mrs. Tape and Mrs. Nise. The office needs information about absences before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence.

2. If your afternoon dismissal plans change, please contact the main office before 3:00 p.m. This will ensure we have enough time to communicate the changes to all necessary individuals. Thank you for your assistance with this.

3. As a reminder, documentation is required for administering medication at school. If you have any questions about medication administration at school, please contact our elementary district nurse, Rachel Gallucci. Her email address is galluccir@calschools.org.

Smile! Picture Day is Coming Soon!

View more backgrounds, package options, and specialty items online at www.geskusphoto.com/fallorders
 *Please note: Online ordering is unavailable at this time

0-11330 1st Avenue Grand Rapids, MI 49534 www.geskusphoto.com/contact-us 88952

GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC.
 will be at
Caledonia Elementary School
 Friday, September 6, 2024

Geskus Photography Inc. will be at your school to photograph all students.

You do not need to bring payment at this time.
 Photos will be available for viewing and ordering within
 7 business days after picture day.
 Viewing and ordering information will be given to you
 on picture day.
 (see example above)

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR SMILES



★ **Caledonia Elementary** ★
Family Fun Fest
 ★ **Saturday 9/7 - 3-6pm**

Please join the Cal El PTO for an afternoon of fun!
 This FREE event is for all enrolled Caledonia Elementary students and their families

- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Games
- ★ Treats

1 FREE dinner per person from the Cheezy-Duz It food truck

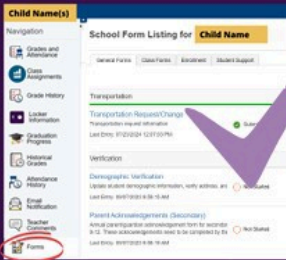


Questions? Please email calelpto@calschools.org

Scan the QR code for Facebook updates and info



Please complete the attached RSVP form by Thursday 8/29



Don't forget to fill out your forms online!

Visit our PowerSchool Support Page on our Website for assistance!

www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/

District Code: GHDL

DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

APP Tutorials

www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/



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

OUR PROCESS

- 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.
- 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
- 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





COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

Join us in shaping the future of Caledonia Community Schools. Whether your passion lies in education, community well-being, or how we sustain and organize our district's resources, your insights are invaluable. We invite you to participate in one or both of our Community Town Halls, where your voice will help guide our district's direction. **Your Voice Matters!**

Session #1	Session #2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday September 25, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 PM ● Focus: Teaching & Learning Whole Child / Whole Community ● Location: CHS South Learning Commons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday September 30, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 PM ● Focus: Fiscal Sustainability Organizational Coherence ● Location: CHS South Learning Commons
<p>Can't make both? No worries! Each session stands alone, so join us for the topics that matter most to you.</p>	
<p>RSVP and let us know you will be there!</p> <p>https://forms.gle/7M59cYERnhkXCEBq6</p>	

Strategic Plan Refresh Updates



Follow Our Website

To keep up with the latest developments, **please visit our website at www.calschools.org/strategic-plan-refresh**. There, you'll find updates on the progress, milestones achieved, and opportunities to engage with the plan.



Share Your Feedback:

Your feedback is important to us! We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas through the **feedback form available on our website**. Your insights will help shape the future of our schools and community.

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

Even though meals are free this year, it's crucial for our district to know which families qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. **Completing this form** helps in several ways:

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

7 Reasons to Complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application

- Increased funding to support your child's school
- Discounts for fees associated with college application process
- Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests along with scholarship opportunities
- Discounts on pay-to-participate fees for qualifying student athletes
- Additional funding for technology and internet access
- Receive discounts on fees associated with credit recovery
- Discounts on Chromebook Care Plans for qualifying families



A new application is **REQUIRED** each school year. So, even if you applied a year ago, a new application must be submitted for the 2024-25 school year.

<https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud>

Contact our food service department at 616-891-0227 for additional assistance.

What makes a meal...

Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:
Meat or Meal Alternative
Grain
Fruit, Vegetable
And of course, Milk!

Must pick at least 3!

Here's an example menu:
Cheeseburger on a Bun
1/2 cup Carrots
1/2 cup French Fries
1/2 cup Peaches
8 oz. of Milk

Lunch menus available online



www.calschools.org/departments/food-service/

Don't forget breakfast...

Join us each morning; breakfast is a great way to kick off your child's day!

**A note about breakfast:
Breakfast choices are a little different. Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.



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Helping students, parents & our community stay informed!

- School Calendars
- School Directories
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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/>

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

