



# NEWS FROM THE NEST


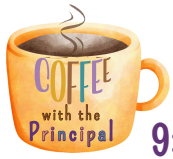
Emmons Lake Elementary

Feb. 14, 2025

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK at a glance





MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
2/17 No School - Mid-Winter Break	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21 PTO Popcorn Day 
2/24  9:30am	2/25	2/26	2/27 Talent Show 6:00pm	2/28 SOAR T-Shirt

## A note from the Principal:

Emmons Lake Community,  
Thank you for your support during conferences this week! This year, our word as a staff has been “together,” and weeks like this, where all of our stakeholders have the opportunity to connect, are incredibly meaningful. We truly appreciate the role each of you plays in this process!  
We hope you all enjoy the gift of time that mid-winter break offers this coming week and are excited to see everyone back on the 19th.  
I also want to remind everyone that our next Coffee with the Principal event will be held on Monday, February 24 at 9:30 AM.  
I look forward to connecting with everyone then!  
Educationally Yours, Mr. Walters

## Contact Us:

 Nancy Andreano  
Angela Royce

 616-528-8100 

## Upcoming Events:

### Emmons Lake Calendar

- 2/17 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- 2/18 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- 2/28 SOAR T-Shirt
- 3/3 Read and SOAR Starts
- 3/14 No School - PD Day
- 3/20 Spring Concert 1st & 2nd
- 3/25 Kinder Connect Night
- 3/28 Read and SOAR Ends



## 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.

# 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:



### Illness:

If your child is out due a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, they must be symptom free for at least 24 hours, without the aid of any medication, before they can return back to school.

### 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](#)



## Important

### Parent Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders:

For the safety of our students, it is important that everyone follows guidelines below for parent drop off and pick up.

#### Parent Drop Off/Pick Up Guidelines

- \* Continue to move towards the front of the line (by the dumpsters) until your child(ren) come out.
- \* For Safety Reasons all students need to exit and enter the vehicle on the PASSENGER SIDE ONLY
- \* If you need to assist your student with their seatbelt/car seat, please move into a parking space before doing so.
- \* Do not leave your car unattended in the pick up line.
- \* Please be courteous and respectful of other drivers.



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!



Thank you 

Thank you to our amazing PTO for providing our staff dinner during Parent Teacher Conferences. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

[Volunteer - Get Involved - Info Here:](#)

# THE PTO NEWS

Eagle Feathers Parent-Teacher Organization

[Shop our SpiritWear Gear & Apparel Store](#)  
[emmonsPTO@calschools.org](mailto:emmonsPTO@calschools.org)

Happy Valentine's Day! PTO has been busy this week with Literati Book Fair and Teacher Conference Dinners! The students have also done a fantastic job collecting flavored Chapsticks for our Love for Lips Campaign! Because of the short week next week, the Kindness Club will be tallying chapsticks through next Friday to try and reach our school wide goal of 4,000. Feel free to send in next week if you shop over the weekend. Thanks so much for your generosity!! We also made a decision to postpone popcorn this week. Not to worry, hallways will be filled with that delicious buttery scent next Friday for the kids to enjoy! Have a wonderful 4 day weekend, Everyone!

## Upcoming PTO Events:

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

Feb 21st - Popcorn Day

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.



## Bricks4Kidz

[calschools.org/resourcecenter](http://calschools.org/resourcecenter).

PDF File Bricks4Kidz Flyer

# Community 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.



[www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers](http://www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers)

## We're Digital!



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

Caledonia Community Schools  
**ENROLL NOW!**

*Cal*

**Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is open for all new school-age students entering Young 5's through grade 12.**

To complete a pre-registration request to enroll, please go to the School Age Enrollment tab [HERE](#).

**New for the 2025-2026 school year:**

**Approved pre-registration applications will need to have the enrollment process completed within 21 calendar days from the date of request. Please be sure to read the enrollment completion instructions carefully in order to meet this timeline.**

**KINDER/Y5**

**03.25.25**

*Connect* **NIGHT**



**5:00 - 6:00 PM for Kindergarten**  
**At Your Zoned\* Elementary Building**

**More Info Here:**

Caledonia, Dutton, Emmons Lake, Kettle Lake and Paris Ridge

**5:30 - 6:30 PM for Young Fives ONLY**  
at Caledonia Elementary

**KNOW YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE FOR KINDERGARTEN NIGHT!**

Planning to attend Kindergarten Night? To help new parents determine which elementary school their child will attend, we have a map on our website showing our elementary school zones. This map is based on the geographical location of your home address and will guide you to the right school for your visit.

To find the map and learn which school you should visit, go to [www.calschools.org/enrollment/](http://www.calschools.org/enrollment/) and look for "Elementary School Zones." Click on the map for a larger, detailed view.

If you have any questions about school zones or enrollment, please reach out to our Enrollment Department at [washburng@calschools.org](mailto:washburng@calschools.org). We can't wait to welcome you and your future kindergartner!



**\*Elementary School Zones**

Visit our website to view Elementary Boundary Lines  
[calschools.org/enrollment/elementary-zones](http://calschools.org/enrollment/elementary-zones)



**Questions?**

Contact our Enrollment Department at 616-891-8185



# 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

the CCS Mobile App!

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

Download today for bus routes and real-time tracking!

[www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/)

[www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/)



## 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](http://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](http://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!

