



# PANTHERS

PARIS RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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## BACK TO SCHOOL INFO

### PARIS RIDGE CONTACT INFO

**PARIS RIDGE  
PHONE**  
616.891.7330

**PARIS RIDGE FAX**  
616.891.8639

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 AM**

**For Breakfast Students**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:35 AM**

**For All Other Students**

**SCHOOL ENDS AT 3:40 PM**

MARK YOUR *Cal* ENDARS

\*8/23 Friday - No School

\*8/30 Friday - No School

\*9/02 Monday - No School - Labor Day

\*9/10 Tuesday - Picture Day

**Paris Ridge Families,**

**It has been another successful week starting off the year! Students are doing so well with getting into routines, learning expectations, and helping one another! I continue to be impressed with their enthusiasm and ability to focus during these first two weeks.**

**This week we started our fall diagnostic tests: Acadience and iReady. We use the Acadience test to determine student reading skills in the areas of Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Accuracy, Fluency, and Comprehension. Additionally, the iReady Assessment covers both reading and math. Teachers use these assessments to help determine small groups based around similar student needs along with monitoring growth over larger periods of time. Will take these assessments again in December and late spring.**

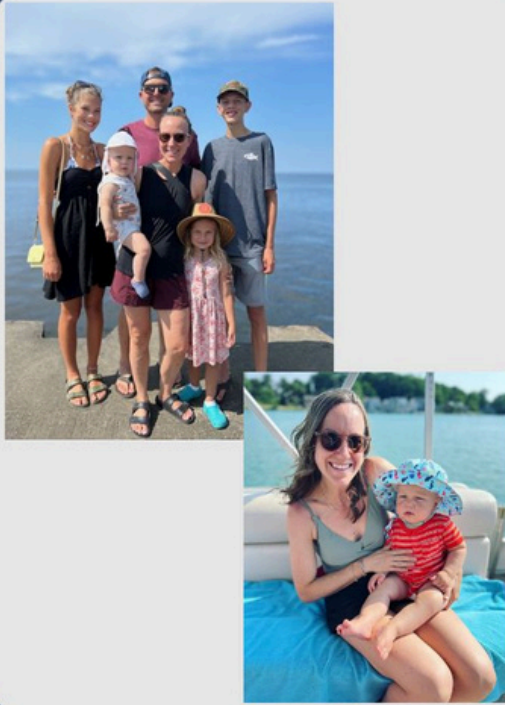
**Each month this year we will focus on a different theme. During September our school-wide conversation will be on empathy. We will talk about what it means to be empathetic, challenge students to showcase empathy, and discuss how it fits in with who we strive to be everyday as Paris Ridge Panthers!**

**It has been an amazing couple of weeks. I hope you have a nice Labor Day weekend and a chance to spend time as a family!**

**Lance Jones  
Principal**

# meet the COUNSELOR

## About Me



Hello! My name is Margaret Ustishen (Mrs. U) and I will be the Student Support Specialist at Paris Ridge. We live right in the neighborhood and have four kids; Keaton (16), Rhegan (14), Lowen (5), and Leo (1). I went to the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) and then GVSU for my masters in school counseling. I've worked in Denver, CO, Jenison, and am now happily rooted in Caledonia. I am so looking forward to working with your kids and helping us all feel happy, calm, loved, and safe.

## Contact

**Mrs. U**

[ustishenm@calschools.org](mailto:ustishenm@calschools.org)

616-891-7033 Ext 5706

## Favorites

Color: blue

Food: pizza

Drink: coffee

Animal: dog

Sport: tennis

Team: Michigan  
Wolverines

Place: Ludington

Book: Grumpy Monkey

Game: Old Maid

Candy: Sour Patch Kids

Feeling: joy

Movie character: Olaf  
(Frozen)

## FROM THE PTO

### **Join Paris Ridge Families on Facebook!**

Please join our community facebook group for discussion, questions with answers, and photo sharing, as well as PTO updates!

### **Save the Date!**

Our Fall community meeting will take place on Thursday, September 19th from 7:00-8:00pm! Childcare will be provided :)

### **Walk The Ridge Info!**


Walk The Ridge packets should have come home with your student(s) this week! Make sure to check their folders! Walk The Ridge is our annual walk-a-thon that raises money to fund the entire PTO budget for the year! This allows the PTO to pay for all field trips, support teachers and staff in a variety of ways, put on assemblies for our students, and provide funds for activities and incentives that benefit our students throughout the school year!


Walk The Ridge will take place on Friday, September 27th, so make sure to put the date on your calendar!



# Smile! Picture Day is Coming Soon!

(Student's Name) had a great picture day with Gpi

 Your picture proofs will be available for viewing within 7 business days.

Scan to view your students pictures!  OR Use the URL: [geskusphoto.com/fallorders](http://geskusphoto.com/fallorders) and enter the following code: XXXXXXXXXX

This form is specific to Student's Name

After viewing your photo, if you wish to have retakes, please have your student bring this card on picture day.  
Retake Date: 00/00/00

PLEASE KEEP THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.  
To receive the number of photos for this year, you will need to call or email us after photography.  
Questions? Visit [geskusphoto.com/contact-us](http://geskusphoto.com/contact-us)  
(School Name) #1234



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

0-11310 1st Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49534 [www.geskusphoto.com/contact-us](http://www.geskusphoto.com/contact-us)

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**GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC.**  
will be at

**Paris Ridge Elementary School**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

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

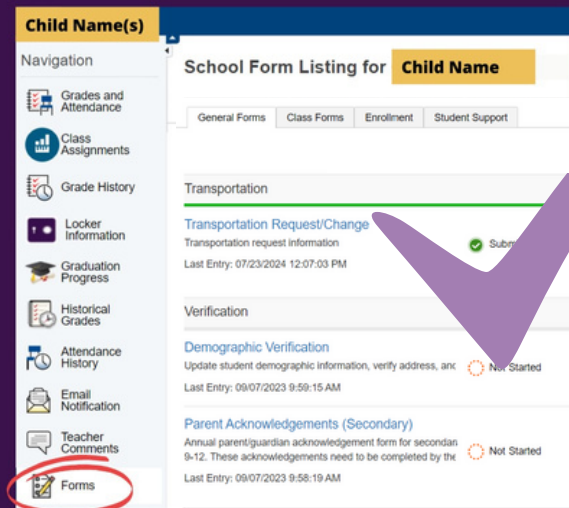
You do not need to bring payment at this time.  
Photos will be available for viewing and ordering within  
7 business days after picture day.

Viewing and ordering information will be given to you  
on picture day.  
(see example above)

**REMEMBER: BRING YOUR SMILES**



# PowerSchool Forms



**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/](http://www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/)



**District Code: GHDL**

## DOWNLOAD the CCS Mobile App!

**APP Tutorials**

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



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



# Community Flyers





# FREE meals for all enrolled CCS students

for the 2024 - 2025 School Year










## 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/](http://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.



# Strategic Plan Refresh 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

- **Wednesday**  
September 25, 2024  
6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Focus:**  
Teaching & Learning  
Whole Child / Whole Community
- **Location:**  
CHS South Learning Commons

**Can't make both? No worries!**  
Each session stands alone, so join us for the topics that matter most to you.

## Session #2

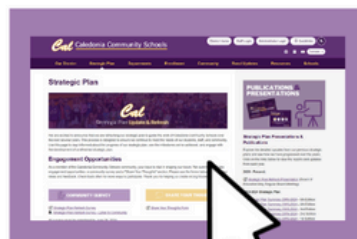
- **Monday**  
September 30, 2024  
6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Focus:**  
Fiscal Sustainability  
Organizational Coherence
- **Location:**  
CHS South Learning Commons

**RSVP and let us  
know you will be  
there!**



<https://forms.gle/7M59cYERnhkXCEBq6>

## 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](http://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  
THOUGHTS**

### 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.