

Emmons Lake Elementary School

Educational Excellence...Every Child...Everyday!

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January 11, 2019

An Eagle's eye view from the Principal...

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fun and relaxing break! It's been a great first week back at school for students and staff. Students have quickly adjusted to the school routine these first few days.

January will be a busy time for students and staff! We will be working on mid-year assessments throughout the month. We will be kicking off our Read and Soar program (formerly the Camp Read A Lot Reading Program) this coming Monday, January 14. PTO will have their movie night next Friday, January 18th here at Emmons in the cafeteria. This is a great way for the whole family to have fun and be together! Wednesday, January 23, is a half day, so school will be dismissed at noon.

I wish you all the best in 2019! Let's hope it's a great year for us all! Have a great weekend!

FROM EMMONS LAKE

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 11	SOAR assembly
January 14	PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
January 14	Read and Soar reading program begins
January 15	T-Shirt day
January 17	Popcorn Day
January 18	PTO Family Movie Night ~ 7-9 pm
January 23	½ Day – Students dismissed at noon

Please take note of all of the flyers at the end of this newsletter! There's a lot going on, so read all the way through and check out the flyers for all of the activities in our school, the PTO and in the Community!

YOUNG 5/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Caledonia Community School district is accepting enrollment for **in-district** families for the Fall 2019 Young 5 and Kindergarten classes. Children who will be five years old on or before **September 1, 2019** are age eligible for enrollment. If you currently have elementary children in the district, please contact the elementary building secretary where your older child(ren) attend for a registration packet. If your family is new to the district, please contact Cheryl at Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center 616-891-6220 for a registration packet, or email: pintoc@calschools.org or kdgenroll@calschools.org.

KINDERGARTEN FOR SCHOOL OF CHOICE

If you are currently school of choice and have an incoming kindergartener, enrollment is handled by the Administration office. Forms will be available online after April 8, 2019.



WINTER IS HERE – PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Temperatures continue to drop, so please be sure your child is wearing weather-appropriate clothing to school. Students are expected to go outside and they can get really cold without the proper clothing. This includes having a coat, snow pants, hat, gloves and boots to wear at recess. It is easier to remove a coat, than to be without one and get cold. **Shorts are no longer appropriate at this time of year since students are expected to go outside to get fresh air.** In case of lost items, **please label all clothing.** This makes it easier to return items to the rightful owner. Thank you!

END OF DAY PLANS – A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Unfortunately, we have been getting an abundance of end of day changes via phone calls and emails **AFTER** 3:00 pm recently, along with parents coming in and asking for their student right before the day is officially over. We understand that sometimes unexpected things happen and we are always happy to accommodate when we are able, however, the end of the day is rather chaotic just by nature, so we ask that you really try to call us **BEFORE** 3:00 pm for any end of day changes. Since the school day doesn't end until 3:40 pm, teachers are teaching all the way up to 3:35 pm and multiple calls to the classrooms are very disruptive. We strive to make one call to the classrooms at 3:00 pm and with your help, we can do this most of the time!

When there is a change in your child's end of day routine that you are aware of before school starts, please send in a handwritten note or an email to their teacher and the secretaries. Teachers post these notes by the door as a reminder of the change. Again, any requests after 3PM may not be able to be executed, due to the end of day "hubbub". Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP EXPECTATIONS – LET'S S.O.A.R.!

Student safety is our top priority at Emmons Lake. We have developed procedures for the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up with student safety in mind. These procedures apply to everyone and we ask that you be a good example for our students by following them. **Students should not be dropped off before 8:30 a.m.** and should go directly to the cafeteria until the first bell rings. When picking up students at the end of the day, please be sure to sign your child out on the clipboard on the table outside the cafeteria. End of day dismissal is at 3:40p.m... **Students should be picked up promptly if they are not riding the bus or attending Y-care.**

PAPERGATOR RECYCLING REMINDER

Just a reminder that our PaperGator is located in the back parking lot. We use it to recycle our school paper and we would love to recycle your paper, too! Items to recycle: newsprint, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper and hard or soft cover books.

FROM FOOD SERVICES

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SAY THANKS!

Caledonia Community Schools and Aramark Food Service would like to thank parents for participating in our electronic deposit system, www.sendmoneytoschool.com, and maintaining their students account with

positive balances. As a means of saying thanks, Caledonia Community Schools is going to absorb the bank administrative fee of your transaction for the month of January 2019. This is also an effort to save our families a little bit of money, especially after the holidays. As always, our electronic deposit has alleviated the amount of cash the students have to carry internally to pay for their food. The program also allows parents to see what their student is purchasing and eating on a daily basis. If you do not have an account, you can create it in a few minutes by going to the web page listed above. Questions on opening your account can be directed to the Food Service Office at (616)891-0227. We try to do our best to promote healthy eating and provide quality meals which include fresh fruit and fresh vegetables daily. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your students' life.

SACK LUNCHES AVAILABLE ON HALF DAYS

On half days, such as the one we'll have **January 23**, the cafeteria offers a sack lunch for students. The lunches are delivered to the classroom before the dismissal time. The lunch includes a meat and cheese wrap, juice, chips /veggies and fruit. The cost is the same as a regular lunch and it will be charged to your child's account.

If you would like to take advantage of this service in the future, please send a note to your child's teacher requesting the sack lunch for the half day. If you have already notified the kitchen that you would like your child to get a sack lunch on half days, there's no need to contact the kitchen again. Thank you!

FREE AND REDUCED SCHOOL MEALS

Children need healthy meals to learn. Caledonia Community Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.35 and elementary lunch costs \$2.30. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. **If your children have qualified in the past, please remember you must complete a new form each school year for them to continue receiving free/reduced meals.** Free and reduced lunch forms are located in the literature case outside the school office or you can apply online at: <http://caledonia.healtheliving.net/> Look for the blue link in the middle of the page. If you have any questions, please call Caledonia Food Service at 891-0227.

CALEDONIA FOOD SERVICE – My School Menus Mobile App is Now Available

For more information please click on the following: <http://caledonia.healtheliving.net/our-mobile-app/>



FROM YOUR PTO

PTO MEETING

The PTO meeting for January will be on the 14th, this coming Monday! We hope many of you come to share your ideas and input! The meeting begins at 6:30 pm and free child care is available. Happy New Year to all Emmons Lake families!!!

READ AND SOAR PROGRAM

On January 14, we will be starting the PTO sponsored Read and Soar reading program. This program encourages reading and students will need to complete reading logs, so that they qualify to participate in the Read and Soar activities planned for March. We cannot stress enough how important reading with or to your child(ren) is. Just 20 minutes per day makes a huge difference. Why read at home? Studies show that a student who reads 20 minutes per day will likely score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. A student who reads 5 minutes per day will likely score in the 50th percentile and a student who reads only 1 minute a day will likely score in the 10th percentile on standardized tests. Not only will this benefit your child academically, but it is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your son or daughter.

PTO FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us at the Emmons Lake cafeteria for the K-5 Movie Night on Friday, January 18th from 7-9 pm! This is a FREE event!!! We will be showing the movie Small Foot and it's rated PG. Wear your PJs, bring pillows, blankets and drinks. We'll provide the popcorn. This is a family event, so all children must be chaperoned by their parent, in other words, please do not drop off your children. ☺

SCRIP PROGRAM

The Scrip program provides another great way to earn extra cash for our school, AND extra cash for your family! You simply purchase the Scrip gift cards at face value and use them toward purchases at stores where you normally shop. The retailers donate a portion of that money back to our school. 50% of the profit goes to the PTO and the other 50% is given to you quarterly by check or you can donate back to the school. Scrip can be ordered online at www.shopwithscrip.com; gift cards can be printed from your home printer, and you can reload gift cards instantly, also. The Emmons Lake enrollment code is: **FF864CE71895**. Orders with payment can also be sent to the office by Monday at 2:30 and cards will be delivered on Thursday. Please take a few minutes to learn more about the SCRIP program at their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ShopWithScrip/?fref=ts> and go to the following link to watch a short video explaining the Scrip program: https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FShopWithScrip%2Fvideos%2F1471379062935851%2F&show_text=0&width=560 If you have any questions, please contact Anne Calhoun at Annepearln@gmail.com

DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS/SpartanNash Receipts-Save those receipts!!!!

Emmons Lake has the opportunity to earn another \$1000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at any local company-owned store, including Family Fare Supermarkets, D&W Fresh Markets and Hardings Grocery and sending the receipt to school! Through the "Direct Your Dollars" program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash for our school! **We're collecting the store receipts in our "Direct Your Dollars" box located at the entrance to our building by the PTO bulletin board, or just send them to school with your child to give to his/her teacher.** For every \$150,000 in receipts we collect, we will earn a \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash. **We are working on our goal of getting a SECOND check before the end of the school year!!!!** We do need original receipts, so no photocopies. Start sending in those receipts!! We'll collect them throughout the year. With your support – and your receipts – we'll be raising money for our school. It's easy to do.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

CCS SUB BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

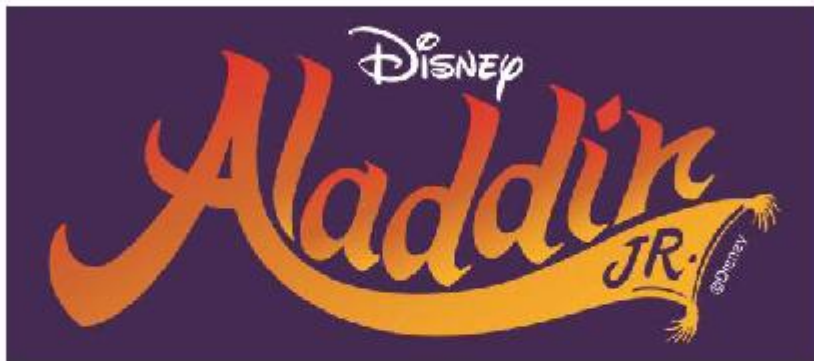
Caledonia Community Schools is in need of substitute bus drivers! Earn \$17.26 per hour. Interested persons can find more information at <http://www.calschools.org/employment/>.

KIDS LIFE BIBLE CLUB

Kids Life Bible Club would like to invite all students to join us for Bible stories, snack, a puppet show and fun times with friends on Mondays immediately after school until 4:30 p.m. Bible Club is held in the Life Skills room at Emmons Lake. A Kids Life Bible Club registration form must be completed prior to attending Bible Club. Registration forms are located outside the school office in the information rack. If you have any questions, please call Amy Waldmiller at 698-2608.

There are a number of community activities going on in January and you don't want to miss out so, please scroll down to see all of the flyers with more information!

Caledonia Kids Theatre
Presents



Friday, January 25, 2019
7:00pm

Saturday, January 26, 2019
noon

Saturday, January 26, 2019
4:00pm

Duncan Lake Middle School
Performing Arts Center



Caledonia Youth Lacrosse Club

Visit our website at: www.caledoniayouthlacrosse.com

"Like" our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/caledoniayouthlacrosseclub/

Early bird rates apply for registrations received before January 12, 2019. Registrations received after February 8th, 2019 will be subject to a late fee of \$25 (\$10 for 1/2 Divisions).

Registration CLOSES March 1, 2019

GIRLS - Teams Available:

Girls 1 st /2 nd grade	\$75
Girls 3 rd /4 th grade	\$130
Girls 5 th /6 th grade	\$205
Girls 7 th /8 th grade	\$255

BOYS – Conference Teams

The Conference Teams will be our "house" teams. All boys will play on one of the Conference Teams. The 3/4 and 5/6 teams will be evenly split whereas our goal for the 7/8 grade teams is to have an "A" team and "B" team. Playing time will be equalized as much as possible.

BOYS - Tournament Teams

The Tournament Teams will be our travel teams. These teams are in addition to the Conference Teams.

Boys who are interested in playing on a Tournament Team will have tryouts in the spring. The Tournament Teams will play in 2-3 additional tournaments through the season in addition to the local tournament with their Conference Team. They will also have one more practice per week.

The Tournament Teams will have an added fee above the regular season fees. It will be also be a requirement that boys on the Tournament Team register with US Lacrosse since many tournaments now mandate this. The fee for registering with US Lacrosse is not included in the registration cost for the team. Tournament games will be very competitive and playing time is NOT equal or guaranteed. It should be expected in close games that not all players will be given playing time. For other games that are not close, every attempt will be made to allow playing time for the more novice players. Expect travel with these teams as well as weekend stays.

BOYS – Conference Teams:

Boys 1 st /2 nd grade	\$80
Boys 3 rd /4 th grade	\$130
Boys 5 th /6 th grade	\$205
Boys 7 th /8 th grade	\$225

BOYS – Tournament Teams:

Boys 1 st /2 nd grade	No team
Boys 3 rd /4 th grade	\$75
Boys 5 th /6 th grade	\$100
Boys 7 th /8 th grade	\$100

Uniform Sizing Night:

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: Duncan Lake Middle School
Commons Area

Who: Boys/Girls – grades 3rd thru 8th grade

*The 1st/2nd grade teams will wear t-shirts and pinnies – they do not need to attend.

Register: www.caledoniayouthlacrosse.com



LUNCH AND LEARN



Please join us for a wonderful series of presentations on topics of interest to all seniors! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Please RSVP soon! Seating is limited.
616-891-8117



Grand Rapids Lady Legends

Thursday, January 17
12pm \$13 includes lunch
Pre-registration required

Dementia and the Law

Thursday, February 7
11:30am Free
includes lunch
Pre-registration required

Estate Planning Basics

Thursday, March 7
11:30am Free
includes lunch
Pre-registration required



9757 Duncan Lake Ave
Caledonia, Mi



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Do you know someone seeking part-time, evening work? Our District has multiple 2nd shift openings for Custodial Aides! Pay starts at \$12.04/hour.

This position works 5.75 hours per evening, 28.75 hours per week, and a total of 200 days per year.

Our Custodial Aides are responsible for general cleaning and care of buildings, snow removal when necessary, painting, minor repairs and other related duties.

While we desire previous cleaning experience, we are willing to train any person with a good work record! To apply, please visit our website: <http://www.calschools.org> and click on the employment tab.

**KEEP GOING!!!! MORE FLYERS
BELOW!!!!**



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Caledonia Community Schools NOW HIRING!

We are looking for outstanding individuals

That would like a rewarding career

Transporting our finest Caledonia students!

Don't have a CDL? We will train you!

Paid Training, Flexible hours, Regular route & Sub Drivers Needed.

Apply on line at:

www.calschools.org

One more page to go !!!!!



Save your D&W, Family Fare or any Spartan Nash store receipts! We're raising money for Emmons Lake through Direct Your Dollars

Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local **D&W, Family Fare or any Spartan Nash store**, save your receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected **\$150,000** in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a **\$1,000** check for Emmons Lake!

To reach our goal of **\$150,000** in receipts, we'll be collecting eligible receipts in our Direct Your Dollars box. The box has the DYD logo on it, and it's located at the entrance to our building. Please make sure you drop off the original receipt – that's how we earn our **\$1,000** check.

Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn **YOUR D&W, Family Fare or any Spartan Nash** receipts into cash for **OUR** school!