Emmons Lake Elementary School . . .

Educational Excellence…Every Child…Everyday!

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September 8, 2016

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

I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather and spend some time with family and friends last weekend! We will be back to a full week schedule beginning the week of September 12 now that the rest of the district schools are in session.

We thank you for your patience as the afternoon bus runs have taken a few days to get rolling smoothly. With the rest of the district in session we are working diligently to ensure every student is on the right bus with the new deck runs. Thank you to our dedicated staff who have been riding the buses or driving to KMMS each afternoon to help students with the transfer process.

Prior to Labor Day our fourth grade students traveled to Lansing to visit the State Capital. While there students learned about the capital building, the differences in powers of the state and federal government as well as how government affects their daily lives. Students were able to tour the capital building and visit the Michigan Historical Museum. During this trip they also got to go onto the Senate floor, view the House of Representatives and see where bills are discussed in committee.

The Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) will be hosting their annual 'Foundation Fest' tailgater on September 30th prior to the Homecoming Game vs. Grand Haven. This is a fun family event with lots of delicious food! The CEF exists to strengthen our community by supporting the students and educators of Caledonia Community Schools. The Foundation manages an endowment to support the funding of educational opportunities through grants and scholarships. Emmons Lake Elementary was very fortunate to receive some of that grant money this month, which along with monies from the Emmons Lake PTO, allowed us to purchase a 'GoNoodle' site license for our school. GoNoodle is an online tool which allows our students to use physical movement while engaging in core curriculum activities. This physical movement helps kids achieve more by keeping them engaged and motivated throughout the day.

Have a great weekend! Go Scots!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20	PTO Meeting – 6:30, free childcare provided
September 23	Harvest Hustle/Fall Festival
September 28	Half-day; students dismissed at 12:15
September 30	CHS Homecoming
October 7	Picture Retakes

END OF DAY PLANS

If there is a change in your child's end of day plans, please send a handwritten note to the teacher so that he/she is aware of the change in routine. Written notes are better than emails since the teacher may not have the opportunity to check email until after school or there could be a sub in the classroom. If a change occurs during the day, please call the school office before 3:00 p.m. so we have time to notify the teacher about the change of plans.

JR FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you have a current 2nd or 3rd grader that is a Lego lover? The Jr FLL program incorporates research, critical thinking, Lego building and teamwork and is launching to all elementary schools in

the district this year. If your child is interested, please join us on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 PM at the Emmons Lake Elementary cafeteria for our district-wide Jr First Lego League (FLL) Information Night. There, you and your child will learn what Jr FLL is and how to register for the upcoming season. Can't make the meeting? Contact Wendy Cammet at caljrfll@gmail.com for more information.

CEF FOUNDATION FEST - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Come join us at the Duncan Lake Middle School cafeteria for family fun and a delicious tailgate buffet featuring pulled pork sandwiches, chili, nachos, caramel apples and more! Pre-buy tickets are available at a discounted price from each school office. Come support the future of Caledonia Education programs while cheering on the Fighting Scots! Complete details are available on the attached flyer.

ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA

Mr. Jesse Liker, Caledonia High School Orchestra Director, is very excited for elementary orchestra to begin again this year! Mr. Liker plans to visit Emmons Lake next week and meet with the 4th and 5th grade students about the orchestra program. Intermediate Orchestra will begin on Tuesday, September 20 and beginning Orchestra will start on Friday, September 23. The Orchestra Parent Open House will be on Thursday, September 22 from 4:00-8:00 at the high school.

FROM YOUR P.T.O.

SAVEAROUND 2017 FUNDRAISER

The Grand Rapids 2017 SaveAround book sale has ended. Please return all books or payment to school as soon as possible so we can close the sale. Checks should be made payable to: Emmons Lake Elementary PTO. Please return books to school in the envelope it was sent home in so we can verify your book has been returned.

HARVEST HUSTLE

The 2016 Harvest Hustle packets went home with your children last week. We are looking forward to another successful Walk-A-Thon this year! Your child will be receiving donation receipts this week. The new T-shirt/Hoodie and stocking hat designs will be on display next week in the lobby. Don't forget that 100% of the profits from the walk go directly back to Emmons Lake! Checks should be made payable to: Emmons Lake PTO. Packets need to be turned in by the day of the walk.

All parents and family members are welcome to come watch your child or walk with them. It makes that 30 minutes of walking much more enjoyable for the children to have a loved one there cheering them on! The celebration assembly time will be posted soon and family members are welcome to attend that as well! It is great fun to watch! Please call Kelly Herbert 616-558-1543 or Kylee Muller 616-889-9126 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

HARVEST HUSTLE WALKING SCHEDULE

9:30 – 10:00	5th Grade
10:10 – 10:40	1st Grade
10:50 – 11:20	2nd Grade
11:30 – 12:00	3rd Grade
12:15 – 12:40	Kindergarten
12:50 – 1:20	4th Grade

EMMONS LAKE ELEMENTARY FALL CARNIVAL

The Emmons Lake Fall Carnival will be held Friday, September 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The school will be transformed into a carnival complete with games, prizes, bounce house, cake walk, cotton candy and dinner. Pre-sale wristbands are now available at a reduced rate. Parent volunteers are also needed for a few positions and "cakes/sweet treat" donations for the cake walk. Please use the following link to sign up for Carnival needs: http://signup.com/go/7RAbUA . Complete details on this fun family event are available on the flyer attached to this newletter.

SCRIP

Did you know that when you purchase gift cards using our SCRIP system at Emmons Lake 50% of the profit can help pay for your child's field trip, hot lunches or receive Eagle cash back while the other 50% helps our PTO? Last year 16 Emmons Lake families helped earn $1,200 for the Emmons Lake PTO and $1,200 for their own families. If you're interested in learning how you can use the SCRIP gift cards for your family expenses, attend the August PTO meeting where I will share how I used SCRIP for one year and earned $400 for the Emmons Lake PTO and $400 for my family.

If you are in a rush and don't have time to order online and wait for your order to arrive, stop by the office to pick up one of your favorite gift cards. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Miles at emmonslakeeagles@gmail.com. Below is a list of the current inventory we have available in the office for immediate purchase.

Gift Card	Rebate	Gift Card	Rebate
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, $25	14.0%	iTunes, $15	5.0%
Macy's, $25	10.0%	Walmart/Sam's Club, $25	2.5%
Barnes & Noble, $10	9.0%	Panera Bread, $10	9.0%
Celebration Cinema, $10	4.0%	Domino's Pizza, $10	8.0%
PetSmart $25	4.0%	Starbucks, $10	7.0%
Speedway, $25	4.0%	Subway, $10	6.0%
Meijer, $100	3.0%	Taco Bell, $10	5.0%
Target, $10, $25	2.5%	Wendy's, $10	4.0%

SPARTAN-NASH DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM

Emmons Lake has the opportunity to earn $1000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at any local company-owned store, including Hardings, Family Fare Supermarkets and D&W Fresh Markets. Through the "Direct Your Dollars" program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash for our school!

It's easy to help us "Direct Your Dollars." Every time you shop at any Family Fare or D&W Fresh Market, save your receipts. We'll be collecting them in our "Direct Your Dollars" box, located at the entrance to our building. 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. With your support – and your receipts – we'll be raising money for our school. We do need original receipts, so no photocopies. Start saving those receipts!! We'll collect them throughout the year.

BOXTOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION, SPARTAN UPCs

Please continue to save the Labels for Education from participating Campbell's products to help our school obtain free merchandise. The Boxtops for Education program helps to earn money for our school. The Spartan UPCs are collected and counted by Miss Brown's 3rd grade class to earn extra money. We appreciate your help saving these UPCs to help our school earn free merchandise and money.

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

There will be a free community tailgater on September 16 from 5:00-6:45 p.m. at Duncan Lake Middle School. For complete details on this fun event, please see the attached flyer.

CAL KICKS CANCER - PINK OUT NIGHT

Join the Caledonia High School Varsity, JV and Freshman soccer teams as they take on South Christian on Monday, September 19 at Scotland Yard. There will be fabulous soccer as well as a 50/50 raffle and face painting. All proceeds will go to the 2017 Caledonia Relay for Life. Game times and complete details are available on the attached flyer.

CALEDONIA BANDS SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Help support the band program, benefit the environment and get some clutter off your hands. The Caledonia Bands will be hosting a Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00-6:00 and Sunday, September 25 from 12:00-5:00 at the football stadium parking lot at 330 Johnson Street. For complete information and a list of items accepted, please see the attached flyer.

KID 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 pm. Bible Club is held in the Life Skills room at Emmons and will begin this Monday, September 12. 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.

Emmons Lake Elementary School

Friday, September 23, 2016 6pm-8pm

The Scoop: The Emmons Lake Fall Carnival is back and hosted by the PTO to celebrate the kids' hard work for the Harvest Hustle. The school will be transformed into a carnival complete with games, prizes, bounce house, cake walk, cotton candy and dinner. So bring the whole family, join your Emmons Lake friends and have some fun!

You can help: Fun Services will be running all the games and prizes but we need parent volunteers for a few positions. If you can assist with check in/wristbands, supervising the cake walk or serving dinner please sign up at http://signup.com/go/7RAbUA . Even if it's just 30 minutes your help is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions please email Marci Geerdes at Marci.Geerdes@Kentwoodps.org or Emily Blaser at emilyjoyblaser@gmail.com or Melissa Seif at mseif7611@gmail.com .

Purchase wristbands/meal tickets now and SAVE:

ONLY CHILDREN are in need of wristbands and each wristband includes a meal deal. Carnival wristbands can be pre-purchased to help save time and money by using the form below and sending it into school with your child. **Wristbands will also be available at the door the evening of the carnival but will be $15 each!** Ticket sales will end at 7:00 and the grill shuts down at 7:30. The meal includes a hot dog, bag of chips and bottle of water. If an adult would like to order a meal they may do so by pre-purchasing a meal ticket. The cost of a meal is $2.00.

To purchase pre-sale wristbands and meal tickets please fill out the attached form with payment by Friday, September 16th. No late pre-sales will be allowed! Wristbands (Include 1 meal deal): $10 (1st child), $8 (2nd child), $7 (3rd child), $30 for families of 4+.

Pre-Sale Order Form: *One family per order form please (Oldest Child)

Oldest Child 1st and Last Name:_____

Teacher: _____

Number of Child Wristbands _____ **Number of Adult Meal Deals ($2)** _____

Extras: _____ **Hot Dogs($.50)** _____ **Chips($.50)** _____ **Water($1.00)**

Payment Amount: _____ ***Payment can be cash or a check made out to Eagle FEATHERS PTO**

FIRST LEGO League Jr Informational Meeting!

When: Monday, Sept 12 at 6:30 pm

Where: Emmons Lake Elementary Cafeteria

Who: Current 2nd & 3rd graders and their parents who love LEGOs, team building and fun!

Why: To learn more about First Lego League Jr and registration for the Fall 2016 season!

Creature Craze℠

In the 2016–2017 *FIRST*® LEGO® League Jr. Challenge teams will:

- Choose an animal that lives within the same habitat as a honey bee.
- Learn about the animal and its habitat.
- Show what you learn through a LEGO® model and *Show Me* poster.

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Caledonia Education Foundation

Foundation Fest

Friday, September 30

PREBUY TICKETS

Come join us at the Duncan Lake Middle School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:00 pm for family fun, and a delicious tailgate buffet featuring pulled pork sandwiches, chili, nachos, caramel apples and much more.

Help support the future of Caledonia Education Programs while cheering on the Fighting Scots!!!

Pre-Buy: Adults $10, Children 12 and under $6, or $35 for a family of 5

Event Day: $15 for adults, $8 for students, or $40 for a family of 5

Under age 4 free

Fill out ticket reservation form and return to school office

CHILD'S NAME_____PARENT NAME_____

SCHOOL_____

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TEACHER_____

Tickets (wristbands) requested: Adults_____ @$10.00 = _____ Students _____ @$6.00 =_____

Family of 5_____@ $35.00=_____

Total enclosed =_____

Make checks payable to Caledonia Education Foundation. Questions?
Call Denise Blunk at 891-0732 or e-mail: info@caledoniacef.org

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Pink Out Night

Coaches vs. Cancer

South Christian vs. Caledonia

Scotland Yard

Monday, September 19th

Freshman – 4:00 p.m.

JV - 5:25 p.m.

Varsity - 7:00 p.m.

- 50/50 Raffle
- Face Painting (Suggested Donation $1.00)

(Activities Kick-Off @ 5:30 p.m.)

Any AYSO Player Wearing Their Jersey Gets In **FREE** With A Paid Adult Admission!

All Proceeds Go To

2017 Caledonia Relay For Life.

Come Out and Cheer on the **SCOTS** and Help Celebrate More Birthdays!

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CALEDONIA BANDS

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Saturday, **September 24** 9am–6pm
Sunday, **September 25** 12pm–5pm

Football Stadium Parking Lot | 330 Johnson Street, Caledonia MI

ITEMS WE ACCEPT

Aluminum
Copper
Cast Iron Sheet Iron
Screws & Nails
Unprepared Iron Brass
Vehicle Parts
Stainless Steel Car
Batteries Electric
Motors
Catalytic Converters
Appliances
Christmas Lights

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

Lawnmowers
Snowblowers
Weedwackers
Leafblowers
Items with Gasoline or Oil

We also accept these E-Scrap items ONLY

CPU's/Computer Towers, Laptop Computers, Cell Phones & Circuit Boards

We cannot accept monitors, TVs, speakers, keyboards or other E-Scrap items.

Help out the band program, benefit the environment & get some scrap off your hands.

PADNOS

Contact us with any questions!

Laura Niemann (616/891-2592) or Val Gootjes (616/570-8339)

Visit ***www.padnos.com*** to view the full list of accepted items!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

A FREE COMMUNITY TAILGATER

SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 5:00-6:45 PM

DUNCAN LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WALKING TACOS, NACHOS, COOKIES, JUICE & WATER

BEING HOSTED BY: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CALEDONIA & PEACE CHURCH IN MIDDLEVILLE