Emmons Lake Elementary School . . .

Educational Excellence…Every Child…Everyday!

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October 20, 2016

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

Welcome back! It sounds as if students and staff enjoyed the time away from school during our fall intersession. Prior to break the 2nd -5th grade students went downtown to experience ArtPrize. From all reports, they had a great time and were able to view many different types of art. For the 2nd graders, the trip served a dual purpose. They have been studying communities in their social studies curriculum and were able to experience an urban community. Thanks to Mrs. Price for organizing this wonderful trip.

S.O.A.R. ticket winners, whose names were drawn at the last assembly, will be having lunch with me on Monday, October 24. At that time we'll eat lunch together, students will get a special snack, play some games and receive a small prize for exhibiting positive student behaviors in school.

Professor Square Root paid a visit to Emmons Lake students on Monday to introduce this year's Math Enrichment Program (MEP). Professor Square Root explained to students the importance of math and how it affects their daily life now and in the future! He also talked about ways to complete math logs at home and defeat the Pac-Man Math eating computer virus attempting to gobble up last year's math minutes. There is more information about this fun, educational PTO sponsored program below.

Next week Wednesday, October 26 will be a half-day for students while staff attend professional development on the new science kits. Teachers will be meeting with their elementary grade level peers from across the district to learn more about the new National Science Curriculum Standards. It will be a great opportunity for them to work closely together.

Our Halloween parade and parties will be Monday, October 31. The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. with classroom parties following. Just a reminder, Halloween costumes may not depict violent characters or include weapons/fake weapons or fake blood. Students should bring their costume to school to change into before the parade.

Have a great weekend!

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 26	Staff Professional Development - Half-Day, students dismissed at 12:15
October 31	Halloween Parade/Parties 1:30-2:45
October 31	No Bible Club due to Halloween
November 4	Records Day – Half-Day, students dismissed at 12:15
November 9	K-2 Loved Ones Lunch
November 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 11	Veterans Day Celebration
November 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 18	K-5 Movie Night

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up November 10 and November 15. Conference request forms were sent home with students via backpack mail this week. Please use one form per family and select your top three conference times. If you do not need a specific time, you do not need to complete the form. We will honor specific time requests to the best of our ability. All forms are due to the office on Wednesday, October 26.

MATH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

On Monday, October 17th, Professor Square Root made a special visit to Emmons Lake Elementary requesting your child's help collecting Math minutes to help stop the Pac-Man Math eating computer virus. The only way to stop the computer virus from eating all of their minutes from last year is to do more minutes this year! This visit kicked off the PTO three (3) week Math Enrichment Program (MEP) that challenges our students to practice problem solving skills at home. This is a voluntary participation program, but parent/student participation is encouraged.

As reward for their hard work, weekly prizes will be given to students in each grade recording the most minutes that week, a Pizza party or Math game party will be provided to each grade (one winning class per grade) that has the highest MEP participation score, and each student will earn 1 ticket for every 225 minutes logged that will be entered into a drawing for a special prize. At least 10 different drawings will be completed and students can earn more than 1 ticket based on their level of involvement. ***New this year will be two (2) traveling Math Enrichment Program trophies that will be awarded to the grades (K-2nd & 3rd-5th) that complete the most Math minutes during the 3 week program.***

Please help your child fill out and return their weekly log form via backpack each Monday. It is important that we have their minutes populated by mid-day Tuesday at the latest so that we can figure out the weekly prize winners and coordinate the giveaways. Even if they miss the Tuesday morning deadline, please encourage your child to turn in their log to help count toward the classroom party prize and the grade trophy prize. **Let's build and flex those Math muscles!**

If there are any questions or comments regarding this program, please contact Jennifer Miles at jenniferqueenmiles@yahoo.com or (205)394-9891.

EMMONS LAKE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday, November 11, Emmons Lake will be hosting its annual Veterans Day Celebration at 2:15 in the gym. This year the celebration features the CHS Marching Band, The Color Guard from the Caledonia Branch of the American Legion, a video montage featuring pictures of Veterans sent in by students of Emmons Lake, Patriotic songs, a student feature, and much more. We are asking that every student of Emmons Lake wear red, white or blue on Friday, November 11 to show their support of our Veterans. Please make sure to invite every Veteran that you know to this great event and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, November 11!

PICTURES NEEDED FOR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY VIDEO MONTAGE

We are looking for pictures you might have of a Veteran you know and love! We will soon begin the process of putting together a video montage to be shown at our Veterans Day Assembly highlighting Veterans connected with the families of Emmons Lake. In order to have your picture included, please scan and send it to Mr. Geerdes (geerdesj@calschools.org). Please make sure to include the name of the Emmons Lake student or students, whose class they are in this year, the name of the Veteran, and how your family knows the Veteran. Here is an example of what we are looking for. *Ben Geerdes, Mrs. Hollern's class, Maddie Geerdes, Ms. Mulherin's Class, Veteran-Howard Huyser, Ben & Maddie's great grandpa.* If you can't scan your picture, you may send it into the office or Mr. Geerdes by Tuesday, November 2. We will scan your picture and return it back to you shortly thereafter. Thank you in advance for taking part in this great Veterans Day activity and please direct all questions to Mrs. DeJong and Mr. G.!

FOODSERVICE REMINDER

Just a reminder that all free & reduced applications from the 2015-2016 school year have expired. If you have not already submitted an application for the 2016-2017 school year, please do so by picking up a paper copy in any school office or going online to www.lunchapp.com. Any questions, please call 616-891- 0227.

CCS SUB BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Caledonia Community Schools is seeking substitute bus drivers. Earn $17.26 per hour. Interested persons can find more information at http://www.calschools.org/employment/

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. It's a great way to conserve our resources and earn extra money for our school.

FROM YOUR P.T.O.

K-5 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date! Students will be voting to pick a movie soon. Please join us in the cafeteria for a fun-filled night; just bring your drink, pillows, and blankets and you can even wear your PJs. We will provide the show and popcorn.

SCRIP

Do you use Allied Waste or Rebublic Services for your residential family's trash and recycling service? If you answered "YES" to that question, there is a $20 or $100 cash voucher you could purchase and earn a 10% rebate for paying a bill you have to pay for anyway. I do it every quarter! Last year 16 Emmons Lake families helped earn $1,200 for the Emmons Lake PTO and $1,200 for their own families.

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. 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 Rep./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%

Please see the flyer at the end of the Eagle News for more information and how to get started. If you have any questions at all, please contact Jennifer Miles at emmonslakeeagles@gmail.com.

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

SUBMISSION TIME - It's Box Tops submission time! Turn in your Box Tops before 10/26/16 so they can be included in our school's December check. Thanks for helping! 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

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS 'JUNIE B. JONES THE MUSICAL'

She's spunky, she's sassy, and she's one-of-a-kind! Come enjoy this fun musical on Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center. All tickets are general admission - $6. For tickets or more information call 891-8117.

'TRICK OR TREAT' AT DAVENPORT UNVERSITY'S FOOTBALL GAME!

You are invited to the Davenport University football game on Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. All kids wearing any Caledonia jersey or Halloween costume will be admitted for free (and one parent per child). Trick or Treating will be held during the 2nd quarter in the stadium. Free parking on campus with shuttle service to the stadium will be provided. Limited parking at the stadium for $10.

CALEDONIA YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB 2016-2017

Middle school and elementary wrestling club registration will be held November 1st- 3rd at Duncan Lake Middle School from 6:00-7:00 p.m. For complete details, please see the attached flyer.

CALEDONIA RESOURCE CENTER ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The Caledonia Resource Center will once again be hosting their annual Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Duncan Lake Middle School. Admission is free. Concessions will be available. For more information, please call the Caledonia Resource Center at 891-8117.

CALEDONIA RESOURCE CENTER CHICAGO SHOPPING TRIP

The annual Chicago shopping trip will be on Saturday, November 12. Invite your friend and family for this amazing day out! Travel is on deluxe motor coach leaving at 7:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. The Magnificent Mile hosts 900 shops to wander through to find that perfect Christmas gift. For more information you can go to www.caledoniaresourcecenter.org and click on the blue register now button and go to travel. You can also contact the Caledonia Resource Center at 891-8117.

5TH/6TH GRADE CALEDONIA BOYS YOUTH BASKETBALL

For details on the 5th/6th grade boys Caledonia youth basketball program, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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 p.m.. 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. Please note - there will be no Bible Club on October 31 due to Halloween. We took a survey from the kids and most will be leaving school following their class party.

Caledonia Community Players

Saturday, October 22 @ 7:00 pm

Day performances for elementary schools will be October 19 and 20.

Performance at the Duncan Lake Performing Arts Center

9757 Duncan Lake Ave Caledonia MI 49316

Books and Lyrics by Marcy Heilser
Music by Zina Goldrich
Adapted from the Junie B Jones Series of books by Barbara Park
Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

All Tickets: $6 General admission only.

Call 891-8117 for tickets or more information.

2016-17 Caledonia Boys Youth Basketball 5th & 6th Grades

Location: The league takes place at CHS
Cost: $75.00 (includes league fee and reversible jersey)
Register: Sign up online at
www.caledoniaresourcecenter.org
Introduction: This year's youth basketball teams will be determined based upon a coaches' draft.

- Prior to the draft, there will be two Player's Showcases held on Saturday, November 5th at Kraft Meadows Middle School, and Saturday, November 12th at Caledonia High School.
- 5th graders showcase times are 8:30-9:30am
- 6th graders showcase time are 9:45-10:45am
- **It is highly recommended that you attend BOTH WEEKS (showcases) for your grade**

Season Begins:
Practices will begin during the week of November 21st.

- **Practice times and dates will be assigned at the coaches' draft**.
- Games will take place on **Saturday mornings at Caledonia High School** beginning on January 7th, 2017. Game times will be 9:00 am, 10:00 am, or 11:00 am.
- Each team will play up to (12) games over a six-week session which will end with a double elimination tournament on February 18, 2017.

Players will be contacted by their assigned coach no later than November 18th.
Times and Dates of Practices will be provided at this time.

Reminder: Key Dates

November 5	1st Player's Showcase (high school, see times above)
November 12	2ndPlayer's Showcase (high school, see times above)
November 18	Coaches contact players
November 21	Practices begin
January 7, 2017	Games begin

Coaches needed for the 2016-17 Season:
Are you interested in coaching youth basketball? We are currently looking for volunteers to serve as coaches for our CYB teams. In past years we have fielded between 8 and 10 teams. Coaches will be able to draft their own team based upon the coaches' forums. We are looking for both Head and Assistant Coaches depending on your level of interest. Please note, depending on the level of response, there is no guarantee that every volunteer will be able to be assigned to a team. If you are interested, email the league director **Eric Tuori** at calyouthbball@gmail.com.

Varsity Players will officiate and mentor for the games.

THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE CALEDONIA BOYS PROGRAM

Caledonia Youth Wrestling Club 2016-2017

K-5th Grade Wrestling Clinic & Club Sign-Ups

Where: Duncan Lake Middle School Wrestling Room

When: November 1st, 2nd & 3rd 6:00-7:00

Clinic Registration Fee: $20

$10.00 of clinic registration will be applied towards 2016-2017 club registration fees if registered by the end of the 11/3 clinic session

- **RSVP to Reserve Clinic Spot:** calwrestlingclub@gmail.com

Highlights

- Meet the youth program wrestling coaches
- Meet and learn from the High School & Middle School Wrestlers
- All experience levels welcome
  - Beginners will learn about wrestling
  - Great opportunity try it out prior to making the full club commitment
  - Experienced wrestlers will get a jump start on the season

Benefits of Wrestling

- Develop self-confidence, discipline, and sportsmanship
- Build a foundation for other sports
- Develop life skills and good work habits

Club Fee 2016-2017: $100.00 First Wrestler $75.00 each additional

Season Runs December – March

Club Fee Includes:

2 practices per week - Monday Meat Grinder Duals - Myway Membership

Follow us on Facebook at Cal Wrestling

Additional Questions can be sent to: calwrestlingclub@gmail.com

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THRILLED to be a Panther

Fall Clinic 2016

SATURDAY 10/29/2016

Where: Davenport University Student Center
When: October 29th 3pm-7pm
Ages: Kdg – 12th grade
Includes: Teaching of proper Pom Technique, Special choreographed Thriller Pom Routine, t-shirt, dinner, and a set of pompons.

Parents will be required to pick up their child on the concourse of the football stadium at 7pm and bring them back to the concourse prior to halftime for their performance.

DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY PANTHERS

4 Hours of FUN!
3-5:30 Practice
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30-7:00 Shuttle to the Game

Registration Fee
10/17-28 $25.00
10/29 $30.00

Parents and Kids get Free Admission to the Football Game

Kids will perform at halftime with the DU Pom Team & Trick or Treating during 2nd Quarter of the Game

Register online at http://www.dupanthers.com/index.aspx?path=pompon Click on Clinic Registration link in top right corner.

Questions? Contact Head Coach Kelly Reed at kreed26@davenport.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

You're invited to

TRICK OR TREAT

at Davenport University's South Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 2PM–4PM

W.A. LETTINGA CAMPUS
6191 Kraft Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Guests will be able to trick or treat door-to-door, play games, and interact with students.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Donate hygiene or non-perishable food items to support Davenport students in need.

For more information, contact the Center for Campus Life at studentlife@davenport.edu or call (616)554-5095

Chicago Shopping Trip

Date: Saturday, 11/12/2016

Time: 7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Hi everyone

Our Chicago Shopping trip will be November 12. Invite your friends and family for this amazing day out!

We will be traveling on a deluxe motor coach that will be picking up at the football field parking lot at the end of Main street at 7:00 am and returning approx.11:00 pm. Leave maps, traffic congestion and the parking to them and don't forget about the comfort. If you're traveling longer distances, motor coaches provide more leg room, bigger seats, and more space than some airlines. We will also be watching movies and provide you with coffee and a sweet rolls on the way there. Luxury, safety and convenience doesn't have to come at a high price. This trip is only $59 per person.

Let's not forget about the SHOPPING.
The Magnificent Mile hosts 900 shops to wander through, so you can find that perfect Christmas gift.

Not a fan of Shopping? No Problem!
There are Museums and sightseeing galore. Some of the finest theater and live shows anywhere to be found are in Chicago. Check out the Hancock building for breathtaking views of the city and an amazing history exhibit about Chicago. There are also some great tours too! I found a couple of really interesting walking tours on the day we will be there at http://www.architecture.org/
Check it out!

Contact the Resource Center @ 891-8117 to register or go online to www.caledoniaresourcecenter.org.
Click on the Blue Register now button and go to travel!