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"A Community of Learner's…Where Learning is for Everyone"
November 5, 2014 www.calschools.org
School Starts @ 8:43 am, Dismisses @ 3:35 pm

Wednesday Word

P/T Conferences & Book Fair, November 6th & 10th, 4:30—8

LET'S MAKE A DATE!

November 6th
November 10th
P/T Conferences 4:30-8 pm

November 11th
Veteran's Day Activities

November 13th
Cougar Kids Care Club moved date due to P/T Conf.

November 21st
Heritage Day Kindergarten-2nd AM only, ends with Luncheon

Nov. 26-28
NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

Backdoor School Phone Number 891-6200

REMINDER:
Articles for Wed. Word, Deadline Mon. by 4 pm

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Enter the Kingdom of Books while you are here for conferences. We will be open Thursday Nov. 6 and Monday Nov. 10 from 4:30-8:00 in the library. Books make great presents and buying books helps us purchase books for the library. If you cannot make it during conferences, you can order books online through November 13 at **http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/klcougars**.
Thanks for your support!

TUESDAY, NOV. 11TH: VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY & ACTIVITIES

We will have a special All School Veteran's Day Assembly at 9 am, November 11th in our cafeteria. In honor of our Veteran's, everyone is encouraged to wear patriotic clothing of Red, White & Blue.

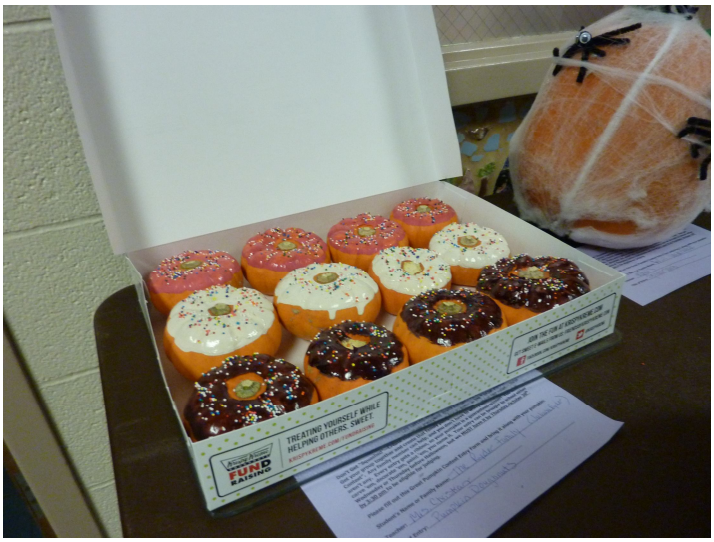
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 6TH & 10TH

Conferences are Thurs., November 6th & Mon., November 10th from 4:30—8 pm.
Be sure and stop at the Lost & Found bin outside of the Staff Lounge while you're in for conferences. We have many "treasures" to look at. Thank you.

Itinerant Staff:
Mr. Broekhuizen (Social Worker) — Thursday, November 6th
Mr. DeRuyter (PE) —Both nights
Mrs. Dixon (Spanish)—Thursday, November 6th
Mrs. Torres (Speech) - Monday, November 10th
Mrs. Trent/Mrs. Price (Art) - Thursday, November 6th
Mrs. Witvoet (Music) - Monday, November 10th

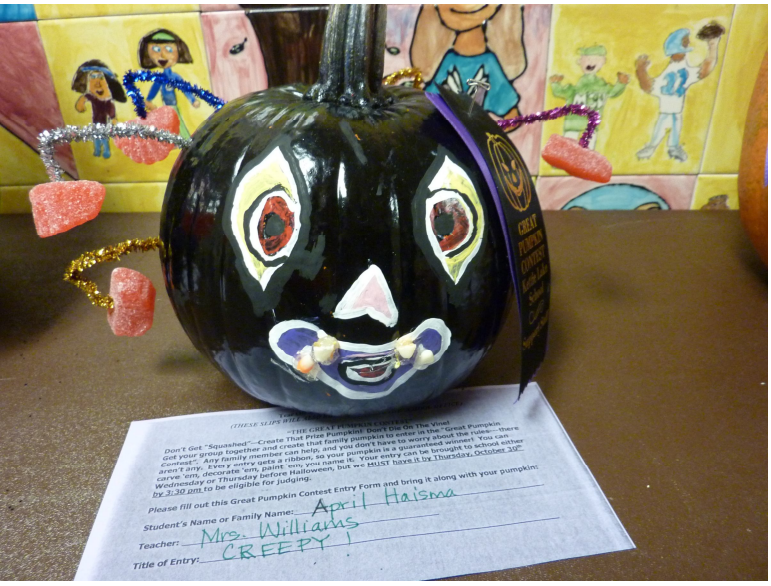
COUGAR KIDS CARE CLUB NEWS: NOTE DATE CHANGE

Please NOTE: Our November 6th meeting for Cougar Kids Care Club has been **changed to November 13th** due to Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 6th. We will still meet in the library from 3:35—4:30 pm. Make sure you send a "Note for the Teacher" for your student to be able to stay. Thank you.

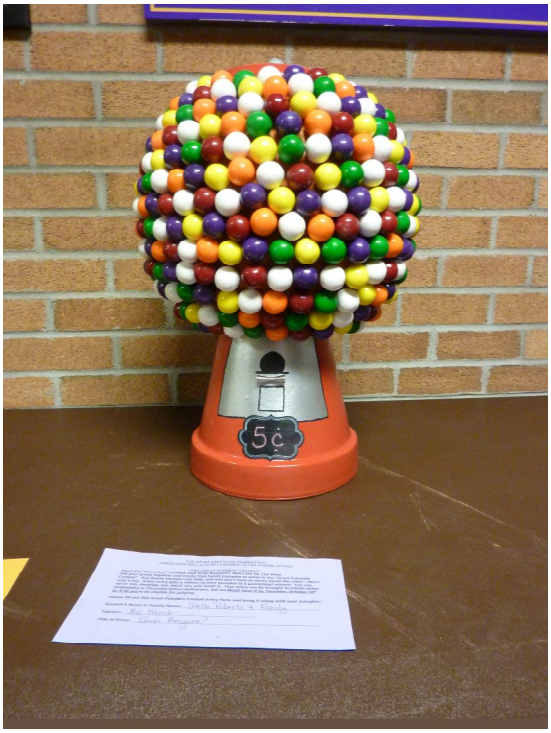


Teacher's Award:
Awarded to "Pumpkin Doughnuts"
submitted by the Ryder Family

Principal's Award:
Awarded to "Let's Go Drilling"
submitted by the Barthel Family



Support Staff Award:
"Creepy" submitted by April Haisma & her family



Grand Prize Award:
Awarded to "Gum Anyone?"
submitted by Stella Roberts & her family

HERITAGE DAY NOVEMBER 21st FOR K, 1ST & 2ND GRADERS - RSVP Required!

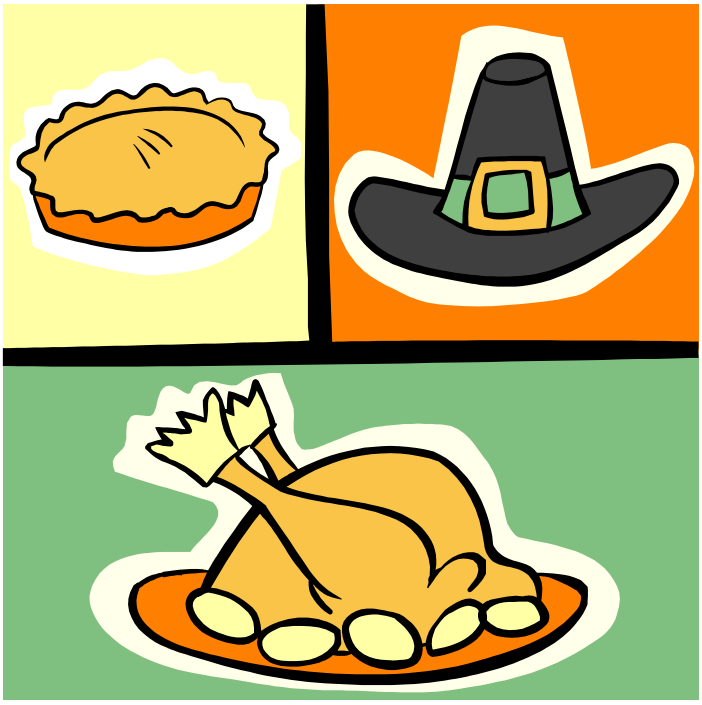
Heritage Day is coming for K-2 on Friday, November 21st. It is a very special day for our lower elementary students to spend the morning and lunch with their loved ones - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special person, etc, learning about our heritage. We begin the day at 10:00 AM and end with a fabulous Thanksgiving lunch with your student(s) (Adults ($5.00) and preschoolers ($2.20). Kindergartners will be going on a hayride, so dress appropriately if you plan to ride with them!

You pay for lunch on Heritage Day near the office - PLEASE do not send money in advance for your tickets and PLEASE remember to bring cash or a check with you! If your student is having the Thanksgiving lunch, payment will come out of his/her lunch account, but we can't pay for family members out of their account. Once lunch is done, all students return to their classroom for their regularly scheduled activities.

Please plan on spending time with your child for this wonderful tradition we call Heritage Day!

Please RSVP to bellgraphc@calschools.org if you plan on attending. We want to make sure we have enough turkey & all the trimmings.

ADULT LUNCH $5.00, PRESCHOOLER LUNCH $2.20
Specify the number of extra adults & preschoolers that will be coming.
(Please: DO NOT count your Kettle Lake student in your count.)



JUICE LIDS NEEDED

Second grade teachers are in need of juice lids from frozen juice or lemonade for Heritage Day. Please send any donations you might have to school with your child. There is a collection container in the office. Thank you so much!!

Lobby artists

We would like to acknowledge that our school lobby is currently displaying the art work of the following Kettle Lake students, Peyton Bierens, Jack Mulder, and Ty Rodgers.

LUNCHTIME RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM 12-1 PM ESPECIALLY ON MONDAY'S

We are still in need of one or two parent helpers daily, ESPECIALLY ON MONDAY'S to help supervise the playground during the lunch times. If you could help from 12-1 pm, please call the office @ 868-6113 or email Crystal @ bellgraphc@calschools.org

LUNCHTIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN CAFETERIA:

We are in need of parent volunteers to help out in the cafeteria Monday through Friday from 11:15—12:45 pm. Volunteers are needed to help students use the microwaves, open some of their lunch items, maintain the salad bar and be table washers. Even if you could volunteer for one day a week, that would be great. If this is something you could help with, please give the school office a call at 868-6113 and ask for Mrs. Rider.

NOTE: Please do NOT send food items that need to be prepared (i.e.: Mac 'n' Cheese) or canned goods (i.e.: soups, ravioli, etc.). Unfortunately, we DO NOT have the personnel to help the students, plus it ties up the microwave for 3-5 minutes. Thank you.

Square One is here!

Square One is a wonderful fundraiser that celebrates your child's artwork along with benefiting our school's art program. This week you should receive a package that includes a page of free stickers for your child and a custom catalog of products. We hope you take a moment to look at all the products that can be personalized with your child's artwork and purchase gifts perhaps for the upcoming holidays. .All online and paper orders are due by November 13th, 2014. No late orders will be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Price or Mrs. Trent

AFTER SCHOOL BIBLE CLUB AT KETTLE LAKE:

The "After School Bible Club: **meets every TUESDAY from 3:35—4:30 pm in the Sensory Room**. It will run from September 23rd until December 9th, and then pick up again after our Christmas vacation. It's a FREE Bible Club after school sponsored by Kids Life Bible Clubs. If you're interested, "sign-up" brochures are available in the lobby by the office. Students should bring the "filled out" brochure with them to the 1st meeting.
Reminder: Make sure you send a note to the teacher each week if your student is staying after school.

WATCH D.O.G.S. PROGRAM BACK AGAIN!!!

(Dads of Great Students)
Our WATCH D.O.G. program is well underway for this year. You can call the office 868-6113 anytime or stop by and sign up for a day.

For those of you who are new dads, the Watch D.O.G.S. Program allows you to help out in your child's classroom, on the playground, in the lunchroom, gym, art class, etc. for the day. You may choose any day that works with your schedule, but we can only have one Watch DOG per day, so it's first come, first serve.

Just a Reminder of the Rules:

---**NOTE CHANGE THIS YEAR: One Watch Dog PER FAMILY.**

We appreciate all the Watch Dogs that we've had in the past but in order to have enough space for every family to have a date, we are limiting it to one Watch DOG dad per family.

---Only one (1) Watchdog per day.
---Please follow the schedule you are given.
---When signing up, we need to know at least 2 days in advance to be a Watch D.O.G.

---Sign up calendar will be kept in the office. You may call to sign up @ 868-6113 or email (Crystal) bellgraphc@calschools.org or (Karen) bradleyk@calschools.org Thank you!

Kettle Lake Collects PopTabs

Kettle Lake has begun collecting tabs from metal cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. Can tab collections have raised up to $30,000 for some Ronald McDonald Houses. The money is used to allow families to stay at the house while a loved one is in the hospital close by. Please break off your tabs and send them in to KL with your child. There is a large plastic container in the office to collect all of our tabs. Thank you for helping us help others.

Report to PARENTS

Fight Flu and Germs

You've probably already heard it: the telltale sniffles of flu season, which peaks in January and February. Navigate flu and germ season with these tactics for prevention and care.

About the Vaccine

Though it's best to get vaccinated in the fall, it's not too late to get a flu shot at the start of winter. Everyone age six months and older can receive the vaccine, which is available as a shot or nasal spray. Children are at a higher risk for the flu, since their immune systems are developing. It's especially important to vaccinate children younger than 5 and those with chronic health conditions. Don't forget to get vaccinated yourself!

If you're not sure where to get a flu shot, ask your principal or school nurse for information on clinics or community agencies that may be providing flu shots.

If Your Child Is Sick

Children who can't keep their eyes open, even after having a normal night's sleep, may be coming down with something. Add an "achy" feeling and loss of appetite, and it's likely that the flu is on the way. If, before school, you think your child may be starting to get sick, alert the teacher and make sure an adult is available for pick-up in case your child needs to come home.

Children who are feverish, nauseated, or bone-tired can't learn well, and can spread their illness to others. So, keep them home. Before returning to school, your child needs to have gone without a fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

Talk to your child's teacher to find out the best way to make up missed work. Often, a child not quite well enough to return to class can complete assignments at home, making the workload easier to manage once he or she is back in school. Have your child make up the work as soon as possible.

Preventing the Spread of Germs

Keep your family healthy all winter long by practicing everyday disease prevention tactics.

Stress the importance of handwashing. Because germs are invisible, it's difficult for children to understand how dangerous a cough or sneeze can be. Be sure to stress the importance of washing hands, using lots of soap and water, and scrubbing until there are bubbles—before meals and snacks, and after coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue. Many brands of liquid hand soap come in fun designs, scents, or colors, and letting children pick their own can be a fun way to encourage hand washing.

Use the "birthday song" method. Teach your child to wash his or her hands for as long as it takes to sing the entire "Happy Birthday" song.

Cough like Dracula. Children need to learn to always cover their mouths when they cough. Have your child cough into his or her sleeves, not hands, to prevent the spread of germs.

Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth. Children sometimes absentmindedly put their fingers in their mouth or nose, or rub their eyes. Help your child keep his or her hands away from "germy" areas—eyes, nose, and mouth.

Trash the tissues. Used tissues are full of germs. Teach your child to immediately put used tissues in the trash, and then wash his or her hands.

Set a healthy example. Model all these healthy behaviors—sneezing into your elbow, washing your hands frequently—and your child will follow suit.

Web Resources

Visit **Flu.gov** for the latest updates on this flu season.

For a round-up of germ prevention techniques, visit this **Centers for Disease Control** page.
www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm

This "Too Sick for School?" quiz from ***Parents* magazine** will help you decide whether your child should stay home.
www.parents.com/kids/too-sick-for-school/

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Cub Scout News

New to Pack 3201….. SPACE DERBY!
Friday, Nov. 21st 6:30pm
RSVP by Nov. 6th on TroopTrack

Stay up to date with all things cub scouts on Troop Track!
http://Pack3201.trooptrack.com

Kettle Lake Girls on the Run

We are currently seeking assistant coaches for the Kettle Lake Girls on the Run Spring 2015 season. GOTR is open to girls grades 3rd through 5th. Beginning in March, the teams will practice twice a week, preparing for their 5K Run in May. This year, our goal is to host three teams in order to accommodate all of the interested girls. In order to achieve our goal, we need additional assistant coaches. If you are interested in coaching, or need additional information, please contact Kelly Lloyd @ 616.427.6879 or email kkbklloyd@aol.com

PTO CORNER

Check out the new Kettle Lake PTO Website at http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/.
If you missed our PTO meeting, you can find the minutes online at:
http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/meetings-and-minutes.html.

Our next PTO meeting will be on Monday, January 12th, at 7 PM. (NOTE: No meeting in December)

Parents Night Out (PNO) -

Ever want to get Christmas shopping done early? Have a date with a loved one? Completely clean your house for the upcoming holidays without children under foot? Take an uninterrupted bubble bath? Well we have something for you? Parents Night Out! Save the Date, December 5th from 6:00-10:00. The cost will be $10.00 per child with a household cap of $30.00. More to come in next week's Wednesday Word. Anyone who volunteers for this event (we need 25 volunteers) will be able to have their child attend at a discounted rate. If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Elisabeth Reus at 1xx4xy@charter.net.

Enjoy the City coupon book sale has ended!

The Enjoy the City coupon book sale has ended! Thank you for your support in helping this program run smooth. There are many money saving coupons in these books and we are happy to make them so easily available to our Kettle Lake families. However, there are still several books that have not been turned in. Please check your child's backpack to make sure your book was turned in. Letters will be sent home this week with students if they have not been turned in yet. If you would like to purchase the book the cost is $20, please make checks payable to Kettle Lake PTO. We would like to close this sale out soon and award our student with the top sales their $100 gift card to Celebration Cinema!! In order to do this, each book needs to be accounted for.

Please contact Allison Pitsch apitsch@charter.net with any questions.

Did you know that there are multiple ways you can help raise money for Kettle Lake without spending any of your hard earned $$? There are many companies and programs out there that you take part in that will give back to Kettle Lake. We are looking into others like AmazonSmile, but for now here are some we already participate in!

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Pay using cash, PIN-based debit card, or linked Meijer credit card and Meijer will donate up to 1% of the purchase to our school, through the Meijer 1 Rewards Program. To enroll for the program, click here. The Kettle Lake PTO code is 210955. If you already have a Meijer 1 card, call 800-962-7011 to designate Kettle Lake as your cause of choice.

TARGET REDCARD - TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Have a Target REDcard? Be sure to designate Kettle Lake as your school of choice! Target donates up to 1% of your REDcard purchases made at Target and Target.com. The Kettle Lake school ID is 60906. To enroll with your Redcard, click here.

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Now more than ever, smart shoppers are looking for ways to stretch every dollar. In these uncertain economic times, we all face hard choices as we plan for special occasions, holiday gifts, and charitable giving. With iGive.com, you don't have to choose between buying something or sending a donation to Kettle Lake Elementary. Now you can buy the things you need, save money with exclusive iGive coupons and deals, and feel good knowing that a portion of each purchase benefits our school. To join iGive.com, click here, be sure to designate Kettle Lake as your cause.

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SHOPAROO

Shoparoo is a free iPhone and Android app that turns pictures of your shopping receipts into donations to the school or charity of your choice. Just take a quick moment to snap a quick picture of your receipt and voila, you've made an instant cash donation to the school or of your choice. Be sure to designate Kettle Lake!

Downloads are available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store

NEWLY Added!!!

AMAZONSMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Kettle Lake every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion (.5% of all eligible purchases) of the purchase price to Kettle Lake! That doesn't seem like much, but it will add up quickly! Visit http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3744324 to start shopping and supporting your PTO!

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When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Kettle Lake Pto. Support us every time you shop.
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Box Top & Labels for Education contest ended on Oct. 22nd.

The total raised with box tops during this contest period was $958.

Congratulations to Mrs. French's classroom for winning this contest.

Please continue to save all of your box tops and labels for education, especially during the upcoming holiday season ! We will have another contest in early 2015 !
Both of the websites have valuable information on how to get bonus certificates and when there are contests. It's amazing to see how all of these little box tops and labels add up to help our school !

Thank you, Sue VanEss

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kent District Library, Grand Rapids Ballet and Schuler Books & Music will host an author appearance and book release for two-time Caldecott Medal-winning children's book author and illustrator **Chris Van Allsburg**. An East Grand Rapids native, Van Allsburg is releasing a new book, *The Misadventures of Sweetie Pie*, in early November. Van Allsburg will be at KDL's East Grand Rapids Branch on Monday, November 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM for a community celebration the whole family will enjoy!

The event is FREE and open to the public; the book signing will be ticketed.

To pre-purchase books and get a book-signing ticket online, go to http://www.schulerbooks.com/product/chris-vanallsburg-sweetie-pie or visit Schuler Books & Music at their Grand Rapids location (2660 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids). Visit www.kdl.org for updated details.

Kids love the Grand Rapids Symphony!

Each year the GR Symphony presents a variety of concerts geared just for kids and families. With low prices and programming that is a feast for eyes and ears, there is something to excite everyone about great music played by our Grammy-Nominated orchestra! **HOT OFF THE PRESSES!** We are thrilled to announce that we have just added the amazing performers from Cirque de la Symphonie to our fall Family Series Concert on November 22. These gifted acrobatic artists will be paired with student artwork to tell the story of Stravinsky's *Firebird*!

For more information on this and all of the kid-friendly programs that the GR Symphony offers, be sure to check out our *14-15 Symphony Kids* brochure!

On-line Symphony Kids brochure http://grsymphony.org/education/kids-families

Caledonia Girls Youth Lacrosse Informational Meeting- New Player Information

When: Thursday Nov 13th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30

Where: Emmons Lake Elementary cafeteria

Who: Parents and Girls 3rd grade and up

Hello! We are excited to start registration again and we will host sign up's in early December. This evening will be for any Caledonia Girls and their parents who would like to learn about the sport and see if this is a great option for you. Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and has become an outstanding sport at our Varsity level. We would like to introduce this to our youth and get you involved now.

Varsity assistant coach Ryan Crete and I will speak on the sport, equipment used, Spring schedules, winter club play options, and answer any questions that you may have. I hope you will join us for this quick meeting and see if this exciting sport is right for you!

Thank you,

Jim Rapa

Cal Youth Lacrosse Girls Director

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

SCROOGE AND MARLEY

WRITTEN BY

ISRAEL HOROVITZ

ADAPTED FROM

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Presented at Caledonia High School
Fine Arts Center

- Thursday, Nov 13 at 7:00 pm
- Friday, Nov 14 at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Nov 15 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

TICKETS:

$8 at the door

$6 online or in advance

CHS PLAYERS

FOR ONLINE TICKETS GO TO:

chsplayers.org

OR CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE AT:

boxoffice@chsplayers.org

(616) 891-6207

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WHERE: EMMONS LAKE ELEMENTARY

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