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Caledonia Elementary Newsletter

September 22, 2023

Good Afternoon Caledonia Elementary Families,

Congratulations Caledonia Elementary Families on winning a 2023 National Blue Ribbon! Our whole Cal El community shares this award. Without the support of our amazing families, this success wouldn't be possible. Thank you for your continued support and your partnership! I say it quite often but Caledonia Elementary is truly a special place!



Some additional facts about the Blue Ribbon Award.

- This year, 353 schools in the US were honored with the award. With roughly 100,000 schools in the US, that puts Caledonia Elementary in the top .3% of all schools nationwide.
- We were recognized as an Exemplary High-Performing School which means we are among Michigan's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- Two representatives from Cal El will attend an award ceremony in Washington D.C. during the month of November.
- We are currently developing plans to celebrate this award with our staff, students, and families throughout the year.

Have a terrific weekend!

Brent

Event Information



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Mark Your Calendars - Walk For Funds

Our annual Fall fundraiser, Walk For Funds, will take place on Friday, October 6th in the morning. The event will happen at the High School track.

K-1 will walk from 9:15 - 10:15.

Grades 2-4 will walk from 10:30 - 11:30.

Rainout date will be Friday, October 13.

When?

Friday, Oct 6, 2023, 09:00 AM

Where?

High School Track

**Walk for FUNds**

Cal El PTO is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with a crucial aspect of our Walk for FUNds event: filling cups with water and distributing them to participants.

🔗 signupgenius.com



To benefit Caledonia Elementary PTO

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It provides funds for programs, equipment, enrichment, events, & more!

How it works:



1. Register your page online (group is your teacher) at <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/2023walkforfunds/addme> or scan the QR code
2. Invite family and friends to donate and support you!
3. Enjoy our walk for FUNds on October 6th at the track!



Individual Student Prizes:



\$50 to \$99– Rubber Ducky AND dump water on Principal Huck!

\$100 to \$199– Rubber Ducky, Cal Thunder sticks & dump water on Mr. Huck

\$200 or more– Rubber Ducky, Cal Stadium blanket & dump water on Mr. Huck

Class Prizes:

Top raising class K-1 & 2-4 get a donut party

Top participating class enjoys extra recess!

Reach \$1,000 and your teacher gets a prize!



Register your pledge page by 9/28 for a ticket into a drawing for pizza lunch with Mr. Huck!



Volunteer Management Program

This year, we will be utilizing a new volunteer management system called Raptor. This system will be utilized for any individual entering the building to work with students or volunteer in a classroom. Our building secretaries, Christy and Denise, will guide volunteers through the check-in process using a kiosk located in our main foyer. **A state ID or driver's license is needed to initiate the process.** We kindly ask that you bring a form of ID with you if planning to volunteer.

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CALEDONIA GAMEDAY

PRESENTED BY



FREE ADMISSION



GAMES & PRIZES



FRIDAY 9/22/23 · 11:30am – 7:00pm

Caledonia Football Stadium

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:30am	Event Opens
Noon-3:00pm	Kids Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
Noon-7:00pm	Food Trucks Open
3:00-6:15pm	Caledonia Gameday Broadcast
4:00-6:00pm	Live Band: Pretty Kool
5:00pm	Homecoming Parade
5:45pm	Honored Alumni Presentation
7:00pm	Homecoming Football Game Kickoff





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Helping students, parents & our community stay informed!

- School Calendars
- School Directories
- Parent Quick Links
- Communication
- Newsletters
- Athletic Information
- And more!

Caledonia Community Schools

iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:

Open your web browser. Type "calschools.appazur.com". Then tap the "App Store" or "Google Play" button.

OR:

Open the "App Store" app on your iPhone/iPad. Search for "Caledonia Community Schools". Tap "Get". It's free!

Windows, Mac, & ChromeOS:

Browse to: <https://calschools.appazur.com>.



GET STARTED!!

- Tap the menu button (at the top left).
- In the menu, tap "Sign In". Use your school account if you have one. Otherwise: If you have not signed in before, "Sign Up" for a new account.
- Tap "Schools" in the menu, then tap the gear to select your school.
- Tap the menu choice with the gear icon and your name, and pick how you want to receive notifications.

APP Tutorials

<https://www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/>



COMMUNITY EVENTS/FLYERS

We have an amazing community that provides a variety of opportunities for our students that extend beyond the walls of the classroom. If you are looking to find out more about events and opportunities in our community, follow our website or the Community Section of our app to stay updated.

WE'RE DIGITAL!

➡ WWW.CALSCHOOLS.ORG/COMMUNITY/COMMUNITY-EVENTS-FLYERS

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

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SUBSCRIBE

Follow the Community Section on our app, or subscribe to be notified by email on our website.






What is provided...

All students attending Caledonia Community Schools are eligible for free breakfast and lunch during the 2023-24 school year. This is due to the new "Free Meals for All" legislation passed by the State of Michigan this year.



Although regular meals are free for all students, a la carte selections will still carry a charge. Parents have online access to view student balances, histories, and make deposits at any time.

\$ It's more than just free meals...

Even though lunches are free, families are still highly encouraged to complete the free or reduced lunch application since other funding and grant eligibility for the district is tied to these applications. For qualifying families, this application also reduces pay-to-participate fees for student-athletes and provides the district with discounted rates on internet services and network equipment purchases.

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

APPLY ONLINE



A new application is **REQUIRED** each school year. So, even if you applied a year ago, a new application must be submitted for the 2023-24 school year. Applications are accepted after July 1 for the 2023-24 school year.

<https://caledonia.familyportal.cloud>

Contact our food service department at 616-891-0227 for additional assistance.

Brent Huck

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