



The Emmons Lake Scots Spotlight

Emmons Lake Elementary

November 21, 2025

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK *at a glance*



MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
11/24  Giving Tree	11/25	11/26 No School	11/27  No School	11/28 No School
12/1 Holiday Gift Shop Starts	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5 Holiday Gift Shop Ends

A note from the Principal:

Emmons Lake Community,
I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break as we quickly approach this much-needed time of rest and connection. It is my hope that the break gives you all a chance to hit the pause button on life a bit and enjoy quality time with the people who matter most to you.

We have so much to be grateful for, and as a school community, we are incredibly blessed and thankful for the opportunity to be part of your child's and your family's stories.

When we return from break, we'll have a three-week sprint before our next holiday break. This time will include a great deal of midyear testing to help us gain a full picture of the growth that has occurred during the first half of the year. I'll share more updates about what to expect during testing season as we get closer.

Finally, I want to invite everyone to our next Coffee With the Principal meeting on December 8 at 9:30 AM. Please join us for some shared learning around the work happening here at school, along with collaborative dialogue on how we can continue making Emmons the best it can be.

Educationally yours,
Mr. Walters

Contact Us:



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Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

11/26 No School

11/27 No School

11/28 No School



12/1 Holiday Gift Shop Starts

12/5 Holiday Gift Shop Ends

12/8 Coffee With
The Principal

12/10 3rd & 4th Grade
Holiday Concert





It's never too early to start thinking about the holiday season! For years, Emmons Lake has sponsored many of their own families through the Giving Tree Program. The Giving Tree Program will continue its holiday traditions again this year. The online sign up will continue to be an easy way for families to browse wishes, sign up, donate gifts, and share with others you know who may also like to donate to our school families. If you are interested, here's how:

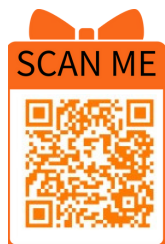
1. Browse the family wishes through the QR codes below. Then, select the item(s) you plan to shop for. Submit your entry after you sign up with the name EMMONS (first) and LAKE (last) to keep it anonymous.
2. Once the item is purchased, **tape a note to the unwrapped gift with the item code** (found on the sign up). You may also choose to send online orders directly to the school. Make note in the comments section when purchasing "Giving Tree: item code." Our school address is 8950 Kraft Ave SE, Caledonia MI, 49316.
3. Bring the **unwrapped** gift to school and drop it off under the decorated tree in the front lobby. Students may walk the unwrapped gift in from the front or bus riders and walkers may bring the unwrapped gift from the back of the building and bring it to the office in the morning before heading to class. Or, parents are welcome to drop the unwrapped gifts off during school hours. **Please drop gifts off no later than December 11!**

Emmons Lake has always been a place of generous and caring people! We look forward to making the holidays bright for all our giving tree families! If you have any questions, please contact Katie Closson (clossonk@calschools.org).

QR CODES HAVE BEEN REVISED



Red
Family



Orange
Family



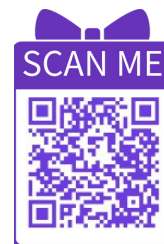
Yellow
Family



Green
Family



Blue
Family



Purple
Family

S.O.A.R.

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

Table Talk :

Ask your child how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school this week.



PANTS - PANTS - PANTS

Our "oops" closet is available for students when accidents occur at school, because spilt milk happens.



Right now we are in desperate need of boys athletic pants sizes 5-12.



If you have any extra gently used pair of athletic pants, please consider donating to our "oops" closet.



Helpful Links Below:

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

[Mobile App Support](#)
[PowerSchool](#)

[Breakfast Menu](#)
[Lunch Menu](#)

[School Breakfast & Lunch Program](#)

We Are a Hand2Hand School



Scan with your phone camera to sign up

[Volunteer - Get Involved - Info Here:](#)

THE PTO NEWS

Eagle Feathers Parent-Teacher Organization



emmonsPTO@calschools.org

The holidays are right around the corner, and we're getting excited—our annual Holiday Gift Shop is almost here! 🎁🌟 Students will be able to shop December 1st through 5th, and we can't wait to kick off one of our favorite traditions of the year.

Today was another Popcorn Day, and the building smelled AMAZING! 🍿
It's always a highlight for students and staff alike.

Wishing everyone a warm, joyful, and restful Thanksgiving Break! 🦃🍁

Josie Young, President
Amanda Jantz, Vice President
Candice Harig, Treasurer
Ashley Marchand, Secretary
Emily Murphy, Committee Chair

As always, reach out to the PTO with any questions!

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Just around the corner!

holidayTM treasures gift shop

Preview and Shopping
Dec. 1 - Dec. 5



Printing your Wish List from the Dashboard

Go to: www.holidaytreasures.com

School ID: **811600**

User Name: chairperson

Password: chairperson

Select: "Wish List" and select "Click to Print"



Recess Temperature Guidelines

All temps will include the windchill.

0° and below Indoor Recess

1° - 39°

Winter Gear*
(Winter Coats, Hats,
Gloves and Boots)

40° - 50°

Winter Coats

51° - 60°

Coat or
Sweatshirt

61° and Above

Best
Judgement

*Snow Pants recommended

Students who are not wearing boots will NOT be allowed to play in the snow.





NEED A HAND? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



We know that this is a difficult time for families, and you don't have to face it alone. Our website offers links to local resources to help. Please visit h2hkids.org to find support and connect with local organizations that care.



If you are looking for additional assistance, the United Way 2-1-1 service helps connect you to local organizations to find additional food, shelter, utility assistance, child care, transportation, and more. Get connected with 2-1-1 at mi211.org

Cal Community Flyers

[View Flyers Here](#)



Holy Family Food Pantry

Holy Family Food Pantry – Here to Help Local Families

Know a local family in need? The Holy Family Food Pantry is here to support neighbors facing food insecurity.

[View Flyer Here](#)



Caledonia Baseball Clothing Store

The Caledonia Baseball Pop-Up Shop is now open til 11/23!

[View Flyer Here](#)

SCOTS STORE Holiday Sale

Shop New Products

Store closes Monday, November 24 at 11:55 PM



Store Link:

[https://teamgazelle.chippily.com/store.aspx?
eid=450460&action=viewall](https://teamgazelle.chippily.com/store.aspx?eid=450460&action=viewall)



**All items will arrive in time for
the December Holiday Break!**