



CALEDONIA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

August 24th, 2023

Good Afternoon Caledonia Elementary Families,

It has been a great first week at Caledonia Elementary! I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms and reconnecting with students. Although summer is cherished time, I am so happy that our hallways are once again filled with smiles, laughter, and the sound of learning!

As you talk with your child about their first week, please let me know if there are any questions that I can answer. I am happy to assist with anything that comes up.

Thanks,
Brent

Supporting Miss Willyard

Our beloved music teacher, Miss Willyard, has recently been diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. She will begin treatments soon and the treatment plan may result in periodic absences. Miss Willyard has created a short video explaining this to students. Students will view the video early next week. Knowing that your child may come home and share this news, I wanted to provide you with this information prior to them watching the video. If you or your child has any questions, please let me know.

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Caledonia Elementary's Fall Fest is right around the corner.

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Saturday, September 9th from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, please see the attached flyer!

When?

Saturday, Sep 9, 2023, 03:00 PM

Where?

Caledonia Elementary Playground

[Open maps](#)

Fall Fest Information.pdf

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Event Information

Caledonia Elementary Picture Day

Fall picture day will be Friday, September 8th. Pictures will be taken during the school day. More information about online ordering will be shared with families soon.

When?

Friday, Sep 8, 2023, 09:00 AM

Food Service Update

During the week, we have received a few questions about the free breakfast and lunch program for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Below is some additional information that may be useful to families.

1. Breakfast happens in our cafeteria each morning between 8:30 - 8:50. All students are eligible for free breakfast, regardless of whether they are dropped off or take the bus to school. Breakfast options, including granola bars, protein bars, dry cereal, fruit, etc. are contained on the breakfast cart.
2. The cafeteria also has a "for purchase" snack cart. This cart, which is not out during breakfast time, has various options that can be purchased later in the morning. **Options from the snack cart are not free.**

3. Each day, food is available for a lunch option, a snack option, a sack lunch option, and a water option.



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Students will make their lunch selection in their classroom each morning.

4. Specific questions about food service can be directed to Jenny Graham, our lead food service employee. Her email address is grahamje@calschools.org.



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



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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

3

SUBSCRIBE

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




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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



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.

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