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CALEDONIA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

August 31, 2023

Good Afternoon Caledonia Elementary Families,

It was an exciting week at Caledonia Elementary! On Monday, thanks to the 2020 bond, we were able to replace all student chairs in the building! It was so nice to replace our outdated, mismatched chairs with a uniform, sleeker model that is lighter and easier to stack. Student desks/tables will be replaced in the near future!



Additionally, we received word that construction on our new playground structure will start next week! The playground structure closest to the woods will be replaced. This project was also made possible through the 2020 bond. The project will include installation of a new structure, a new bank of swings, and rubberized safety surfacing eliminating wood chips in this area of the playground. Furthermore, the safety surfacing will be flush with our walking path resulting in increased accessibility. During construction, students will still have access to the other playground structure, swings, athletic fields, and basketball courts. I will share progress updates throughout the project!

In the classroom, students built community, practiced routines and procedures, and started Fall benchmarking assessments.

I hope everyone has a terrific Labor Day weekend! As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Brent

**New Playground Design****New Playground Design****New Playground Design**

Caledonia Elementary Fall Fest

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.

Volunteers Needed!

If you are able to help us with Fall Fest, please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A4A62EA3FEC07-family#/>

Fall Fest Information.pdf

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Event Information

Caledonia Elementary Picture Day





Fall picture day will be next Friday, September 8th. Pictures will be taken during the school day. Following picture day, families will receive ordering information that will allow them to preview the pictures and order online.

When?

Friday, Sep 8, 2023, 09:00 AM

Picture Day is Coming Soon!!

View more backgrounds, package options, and specialty items online at www.geskusphoto.com/fallorders
 *Please note: Online ordering is unavailable at this time

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GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC.
 will be at
Caledonia Elementary School
Friday, September 8, 2023

Geskus Photography Inc. will be at your school to photograph all students.

You do not need to bring payment at this time.
Photos will be available for viewing and ordering within
7 business days after picture day.
Viewing and ordering information will be given to you
on picture day.
 (see example above)

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR SMILES



Download our Mobile App!

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

Brent is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

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Smore empowers educators to connect with their community, streamline school communications, and increase engagement.

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