

KETTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY

2022-2023 NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 5/19

All books due!



FRIDAY 5/19

Family Fun Night 5:30-8:00
(more details to come)



FRIDAY 5/26

Field Day and Picnic

MAY 12, 2023

Hello Kettle Lake Elementary Families,

We are so excited for the PTO Family Fun Night on Friday 5/19 from 5:30-8:00. The classroom Raffle Baskets are being delivered and they are INCREDIBLE! We look forward to an evening of fun with you and your family.

Students will be continuing benchmark assessments and celebrating growth!


Have a wonderful weekend!

"READ A SHIRT" DAY EVERY THURSDAY



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING - MAY

**Family SEL
Connection
May 2023**



This month

As we near the end of this school year, our students will continue to work on developing important relationship skills. Throughout this last unit, lessons focus on attitudes and behaviors that are critical for maintaining positive and supportive relationships.

Caring for others, being inclusive and making amends and forgiveness are important relationship skills that are vital to positive peer relationships. Students will practice acts of kindness and share expressions of gratitude. Feeling valued, responded to, and cared for helps children develop a caring attitude and empathy for others. When children feel connected to others, included and accepted they develop a positive sense of self and social responsibility.

An important part of our SEL program is for students to continue discussing and practicing the skills both inside and outside of the classroom. We're hoping you will reinforce these concepts at home as well. Ask your child about these concepts!

Thank you for your involvement.

-The CCS Student Support Team

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORTS (MTSS) AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

Our *Multi-Tiered System of Supports* (MTSS) is a framework that support academic and social behaviors. As a *Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports* (PBIS) school, we have consistent school expectations explicitly taught, practiced, reinforced, and posted around our school.

Students will be positively acknowledged as they demonstrate the expected behaviors. Our [Kettle Lake Matrix](#) paired with the *Cougar Promise*, outlines our expectations at Kettle Lake Elementary. Please talk to your children about these expectations throughout the school year.

COUGAR OF THE MONTH - MAY TBA

COUGAR PROMISE

I know the way and I can show the way.

I am safe

I am responsible.

I am kind.

I am Cougar Cool!

BIRTHDAY TREATS!

We encourage families to do store bought, individually packaged, or restaurant/bakery purchased due to potential food allergies. Thank you in advance!

*****KETTLE LAKE PTO WEBSITE (LINK)*****

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURE (LINK)

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL ETIQUETTE (LINK)

"KEY COMMUNICATOR" PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Please reach out to a Key Communicator if you have any questions or concerns regarding district-wide issues, challenges, and successes.

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KETTLE LAKE & YMCA TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

Kettle Lake and the YMCA partner together for the *Trex Plastic Recycle Program*. There are many changes to the program this year, so please click on the link below so see what's new. Remember, all bags MUST be clean.



TERRACYCLE PROGRAM CONTINUES

TerraCycle is a company that aims to "eliminate the idea of waste" by offering recycling solutions for items you can't typically recycle. In exchange for the materials we send in, they pay cash which goes directly to our PTO. Please take a look at the items we collect on the flyer below or on our website and drop off to the bins in our main entry. There are minimum weight requirements we need to meet in order to send items in, so every little bit helps! It's TOGETHER that we truly make a difference!

HELP WANTED - If you'd like to get involved with this program at Kettle Lake, I'm looking for an individual or group that would like to learn the ropes and take over next year. If interested or you have any questions about the TerraCycle program, please reach out to Jamie Ryder (jamiespica@yahoo.com). <http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/terracycle.html>

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE SPRING 2023

Dear Caledonia Community Schools families,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to encourage you to update your transportation preferences for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. This will allow our Transportation Department to create the most efficient routes and reduce student ride times on the bus.

Even if your child will not be riding the bus next year, we ask that you complete at least the first 5 questions on the [Transportation Preference Form](#) found on our [website](#). This will provide us with accurate counts and a better understanding of who will be using district transportation next fall.

The online preference form is currently available on our [website](#) and will close on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Families who choose to register for busing will be prompted to fill out

additional questions on the online registration form with your child's information, including their name, grade, and pick-up/drop-off location.

Please note that if you do not register by the deadline of May 31, 2023, it will be difficult to guarantee a spot on the bus for your child by the first day of school. Bus routes are anticipated to be mailed out in August to all families riding the bus. Any changes made after May 31 will take a minimum of 5-7 business days to process and make the necessary routing adjustments. Please do not sign up for busing unless your student will regularly ride the bus. Should your transportation needs change at any time during the school year, simply use the form to submit any changes or call our Transportation Department at (616) 891-0224. If you have any questions or concerns about bus transportation, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to assist you in any way we can. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and we look forward to a successful and safe school year.

Sincerely,
Michaelita Fortier
Director of Transportation
[Attachment](#)



Community Events/Flyers

www.calschools.org

The Caledonia Chamber of Commerce has created a Community Events Calendar that is a great resource for our families. If you are looking for events going on in Caledonia, check out their website to find events going on in Caledonia! The community of Caledonia offers many opportunities for students to grow and flourish throughout their school careers and beyond.



District Calendar

www.calschools.org

Website for Caledonia Community Schools

2022/23 CCS School Calendar			
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WELCOME TO KETTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

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