



SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

PARIS RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Paris Ridge Families,

We had another wonderful week at Paris Ridge! Students continued to practice routines and expectations, and we were able to complete a few safety drills to make sure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. In classrooms, students worked together to build their social contracts—agreements about how each member of the class will treat one another. This is a key part of our **Capturing Kids' Hearts** philosophy, which emphasizes building trust, respect, and strong relationships as the foundation for learning. To celebrate our school family, we also gathered together for our annual flag raising ceremony, a tradition that reminds us of the pride we share in being part of Paris Ridge.

We also kicked off our **Walk the Ridge** fundraiser! This is our one and only school fundraiser, and it makes a huge difference in providing opportunities and resources for our students. This year, we are excited to use **99 Pledges** to make donating easier—no need to send in cash or checks! You'll receive another email today with step-by-step directions. You may have already noticed an email from 99 Pledges or viewed the information sheet that came home last week in students' backpacks. We really want to make sure everyone understands this new process. Please take a few minutes to read through the information, set up your child's pledge page, and share it with friends and family through text, email, or social media. Your support helps our school in so many ways, and we are grateful for your partnership!

Thank you for helping us make this year such a strong start!

Lance Jones
Principal

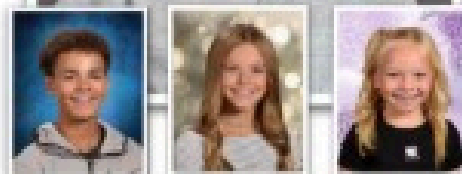
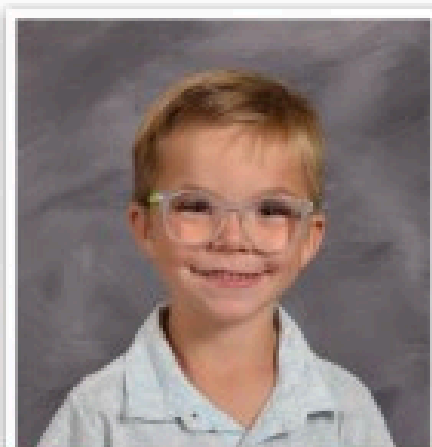
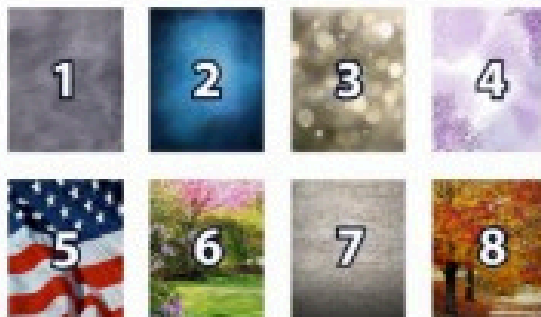
Smile! Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Digital Download

A high resolution image of your child will be available to you for downloading to your device. For future printing, we include a print release form.

Deluxe Digital Download

High resolution images of your child on 25 backgrounds with a print release form, so you can print and share your pictures with friends and family.



View more backgrounds, package options, and specialty items online at

*Please note: Online ordering is unavailable at this time



611309 1st Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49514 www.geskusphoto.com/contact-us



GESKUS PHOTOGRAPHY INC.
will be at

Paris Ridge Elementary School
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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.

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR SMILES

We Are a Hand2Hand School



A free weekend food opportunity for kids!

Hand2Hand Permission Slip
2025-2026 school year



Scan with your phone
camera to sign up

From The PTO

Walk the Ridge Info!

Walk the Ridge is our annual walk-a-thon that raises money to fund the entire PTO budget for the year! This allows the PTO to pay for all field trips, support teachers and staff in a variety of ways, put on assemblies for our students, and provide funds for activities and incentives that benefit our students throughout the school year!

This year, we are moving to an online fundraising platform called 99 Pledges. You should have received an email with your child's personalized fundraising link (make sure to check your spam folder if you don't see it in your inbox!). If you did not receive the email, please reach out to the PTO! Much more info will be coming out over the coming weeks and if you have any questions, please reach out to us at parisridgePTO@calschools.org.

Walk the Ridge will take place on Friday, October 3rd, so make sure to put that date on your calendar!

PTO Email List and Classroom Directories

If you haven't already done so, please complete the [PTO Google Form](#) for the 2025-2026 email list (yes, it's a new list each year!). This year, you can also opt in to receive a classroom directory (only families who opt in will be listed)!

Join Paris Ridge Families on Facebook!

Please join [our community facebook group](#) for discussion about school events and activities, questions with answers, and photo sharing, as well as PTO updates!

Save the Date!

Our Fall Community Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 18th from 7:00-8:00pm! Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Box Tops for Education App

Please take a minute to download the Box Tops for Education App and select Paris Ridge as your school! This is an easy way for our school to earn extra money throughout the year! Just scan your receipt (paper or digital) each time you shop and any eligible Box Top items will be automatically counted!

If you have not yet downloaded the app, remember to use the referral code DSFK1ZVD...using this code instantly earns our school \$5!

It's Popcorn Friday!

Today, all Paris Ridge students and staff received a bag of popcorn, gifted from the PTO! Thank you to our "popcorn moms" who help us out with this monthly treat for students!

School Meals Update



As of now, the State of Michigan has not finalized its budget, and discussions continue in Lansing. **At this time, we can confirm that breakfast and lunch will be free for all students through September 30, 2025.**

Once the state budget is approved, we will share updates with families. If the statewide "Free for All" program does not continue, schools will return to the Free and Reduced Meal Program that was in place prior to 2023. To qualify for those benefits, families must complete the Free and Reduced Meal Application.

The Federal Free/Reduced Meal Application determines the amount of federal funding for the district, impacting **ALL students**.

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

Why Apply?

- **Extra Funding:** Supports your child's school and programs.
- **Fee Discounts:** Save on college applications, tests (SAT/ACT/AP), credit recovery, and Chromebook Care Plans.
- **Athletics:** Reduced fees for pay-to-participate sports.
- **Tech Access:** Boosts funding for technology and internet access.



It's Easy to Apply!

Visit caledonia.familyportal.cloud or call our Food Service Department at 616-891-0227 for assistance.

Even if meals are free, submitting the application helps **ALL students** in our district.

Let's work together to make the most of this opportunity!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Meal Prices

Breakfast will be free for all students through September 30, 2025

Serving Times

High School North/South - 7:00 AM

Duncan Lake MS - 7:00 AM

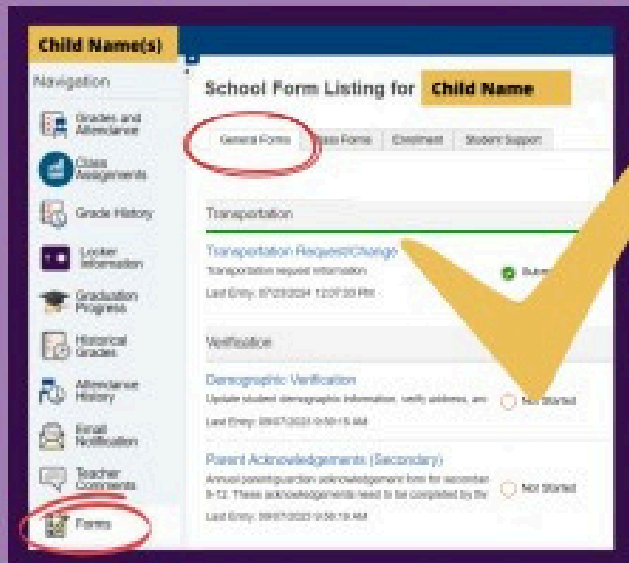
Kraft Intermediate - 7:00 AM

All Elementary Schools - 8:30 AM

Location: Breakfast is served in all cafeterias

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT
The Student Breakfast Program is available to all students every weekday morning. School breakfast makes good sense - it provides 25% of your child's daily nutritional needs and meets dietary guidelines and recommendations. This year, we are also switching back to real Uncrustables (rather than the soy-butter sandwiches), giving students a familiar and well-loved option to start their day.

PowerSchool Forms



Be sure to complete your forms online today.

As we begin the new school year, we ask all families to go into PowerSchool to update their forms. These include parent acknowledgements, student demographic information, photo releases, and more. Keeping this information current helps us serve your student and stay connected throughout the year.

Buildings can help reset passwords if needed.

District Code: GHDL
Deadline: September 30

Need Help?
www.calschools.org/resources/powerschool-support/

Chromebook Coverage

Caledonia Community Schools is offering the optional but highly recommended ChromeCare Plan for all district-issued Chromebooks for the 2025–26 school year. **The purchase window is open now through September 20.**

Families who do not opt in will be responsible for all repair or replacement costs. For payment directions, repair cost details, and information about the Student Chromebook Initiative, go to our [website](#) for more information.



ChromeCare Insurance for district provided devices is **\$20***

*Discounted pricing is available for families who qualify for free or reduced meals, as well as a family maximum rate for larger families.

Questions? Contact the Tech Office at helpdesk@calschools.org

www.calschools.org/departments/technology/student-chromebook-initiative/

Apps to Keep You Connected

MyRide App!

- Download the My Ride App
- Create an Account, Select CCS, and add your student(s)
- View bus stop locations, routes, and pickup times
- Receive real-time updates on bus arrivals

🔗 www.calschools.org/resources/my-ride-support/

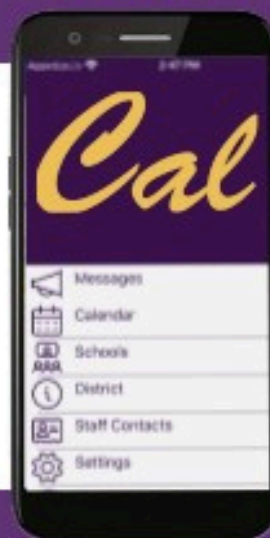


Download the
APP today!

CCS App!

- Access school news, calendars, and extracurricular updates
- Receive notifications from district or school(s) you follow
- Works on iPhone, iPad, Android, Chromebook, or web
- Subscribe for text/email updates if you don't have a smartphone

🔗 www.calschools.org/resources/app-support/



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Community Events & Flyers

Visit the [Community Events & Flyers page](#) to stay connected with happenings in Caledonia and view community flyers!

- **Community Flyers** are submitted by local non-profits and youth organizations, and are published by CCS after review
- **Submit a flyer** via the district's Google Form (allow at least 5 business days)
- **Subscribe to notifications** via the CCS app (follow "Community") or the website RSS feed

Our amazing community provides opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Stay connected through our apps and website to ensure your family never misses an update.

