



SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

PARIS RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Paris Ridge Families,

We have officially completed our first full five-day week of school, and what a great week it has been! Each month we work on a special character trait. We are calling this Paris Ridge Has Heart! Our September focus trait is on kindness. Students are learning what kindness looks like, sounds like, and feels like in action. Along with this, all elementary schools across Caledonia are uniting under our shared Scots mascot. At Paris Ridge, we are excited to transition to Scots Tickets—these will be given to students who go above and beyond in showing kindness, helping others, and modeling positive behaviors. At the end of each week, students can turn their tickets in for prizes and a chance to be recognized in a special drawing. At the end of September, we will also honor one student from each class as our Super Scot, celebrating them with a treat and award.

Another exciting development is the launch of our very first Student Leadership Team! This team, made up of 4th grade students, will help bring our monthly themes to life, support our school community, and share ideas from a student perspective. We are so proud of the leadership and kindness already shining through in these first few weeks, and we look forward to continuing to grow together as a Paris Ridge family.

Thank you for making the start of this year such a positive one!

Lance Jones
Principal

From The PTO

Walk the Ridge Info!

We are a little over ½ way to our fundraising goal! THANK YOU! We appreciate your support! Let's keep that momentum going!

For our new PR families, 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 have moved 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 let the PTO know! 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!

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

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

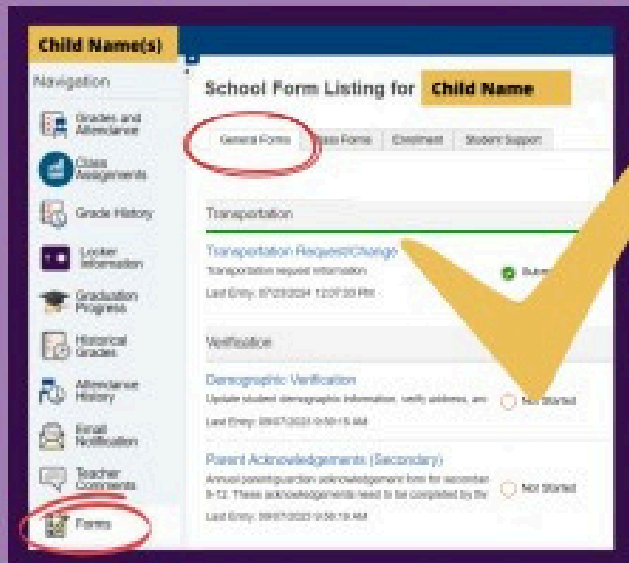
Kraft Intermediate - 7:00 AM

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/

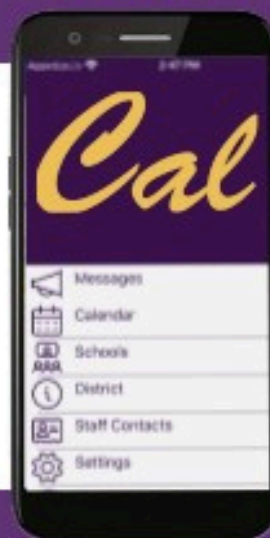


Download the
APP today!

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.

