Cal El News

School Hours: 8:45-3:43

Week of Oct. 2

Welcome to the Cal El Newsletter! The following news briefs are intended to provide you with information divided into three areas - School News, PTO News, and Community News. Some briefs will include a link to more information about that particular event or story. The bolded words of the brief will give you an idea of what the brief is about.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8:35 AM AS WE DO NOT HAVE COVERAGE PRIOR TO THAT TIME. THANK YOU!

School News

Upcoming events:

Oct. 6 - Walk for FUNds
- K-2 Walk - 12:30-1:15
- 3-5 Walk - 1:35-2:20

Oct. 13 - 5th Annual Fall Fest
Oct. 25 - 3rd Grd to GR Public Museum
Oct. 31 - Half Day (students dismissed at 12 pm)
Oct. 31 - Halloween Parade/Parties - Doors will open at 10:30 am, parade will start at 10:45 am, and parties to begin after the parade ends.

A big thank you to **Mrs. Kathy Whittemore**! Mrs. Whittemore has been a long-term sub in Mrs. Becca Tape's 2nd grade classroom and has done a great job in helping the students begin to understand second grade concepts. Mrs. Tape is due back on Monday, October 9, which means that Mrs. Whittemore will be stepping away. Thank you, Mrs. Whittemore, for your time and energy over the past several weeks!

During the year, **Cal Schools will have six half days.** On those days, Cal El will start school at 8:45 am and dismiss at 12:00 pm. For a complete calendar, see this link.

Student attendance is critical to their overall success. Read details as to why through this linked article from information compiled from all 21 county superintendents.

From Food Service: A reminder that all free & reduced applications from the 2016-2017 school year will expire on October 10, 2017. If you have not already submitted an application this school year, please do so by picking up a paper copy in any school office or going online to www.lunchapp.com. If the application from last year expires without a new application processed, your children will have to pay full price for their food.. Any questions, please call 616-891-0227.

PTO News

Our **Walk for Funds** event is scheduled for Oct. 6. Information about Walk for Funds has been sent home.. This year, we're offering a new way to donate, **Pay Pal**! If you (or a relative) would like to use this feature to donate funds, simply click here.

Our school is collecting **Box Tops** again this year.

The PTO is a great place to find community and search for ways to volunteer. There are a **number of meetings scheduled** for the year. The complete calendar is linked here.

The Cal El PTO is putting together a student directory. This is an opt-in only directory. If you would like your student(s) name in the directory, please fill out this form by Sept. 29, 2017 If you have a business you'd like to promote, we have an advertising opportunity available in the directory.

The fall fest is coming! Each year, the PTO offers community building events, and this is one of the best. For more information see this flyer linked here.

Attention Parents!

We want you to know that you are able to donate for our **Walk for FUNds** fundraiser through a PayPal link! You can find the link on our Caledonia Elementary website. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click the DONATE button. Or, you can find the link on the Caledonia Elementary PTO Facebook group page.

***We now accept donations via PayPal! To use this service, simply click here.**

Thank you for helping us raise money for Cal El!

Community News

Annual Caledonia Harvest Festival: Join the Caledonia Area Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Caledonia Harvest Festival, Saturday, Sept. 30th, 10am to 2pm. Fun for the entire family including hayrides, free pumpkins, free dance classes, corn maze, vendor booths, kids games, coloring contest, bounce house and more. Located at 92nd and Dobber-Wenger (in front of the library). Bring the linked coloring sheet to the Chamber booth for a chance to win a gift certificate to Celebration Cinema. Rain or shine come join the fun! _

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. OotM proves that students can have fun while they learn. For more information, see this flyer. If you're not able to attend the meeting, but are interested in learning more, contact Kathy Sebel or Christine Flodin at caledoniaom@gmail.com.

Davenport Athletics is proud to announce **Pounce's Kids Club** for kids up to 8th grade! The program is free to join and membership benefits include:

- Membership ID card
- T-shirt for the first 100 members to join
- Free admission to select games
- Monthly emails from Pounce with the latest Panther news
- Birthday card from Pounce

For more information and to register go to
http://www.dupanthers.com/sports/2017/8/24/pounces-kids-club.aspx

If your daughter is interested in trying **hockey**, please see this flyer.