



Caledonia Park School

'Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow'
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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year in Mr. May's classroom– (Ms. McMann teaches my class Social Studies and I teach her class Science) ! This year we have twenty one students (6M) enrolled as of today – with two other grade 6 classes, Ms. McMann's and Ms. Jenkins' in charge of them. Below is an outline of important information to start off the year.

Agendas

Each student will have an agenda that they will be responsible for bringing into the classroom every morning and home each night. We will use the agenda to communicate pertinent information about events happening in the school, daily homework reminders for students, and any specific information regarding your child. We give 5-10 minutes at the end of each day to copy the information off the front board. **It is each student's responsibility** to write it all down and make sure everything is completed and returned on time. * For direct communication to me please send us an email.

(I may send home the agenda items via email as well – depends on how busy it is at the end of the day, but this is not to be relied upon by the students and parents – and can be a way for you to double check they are writing all the information in it as well)

Absences

The doors open at 8:15 am each morning, which is when the students should be entering the building as classes actually begin at 8:23 am. I am hoping not to burden the office staff – as attending to late students takes them away from the duties they would normally be doing to start their work day, so please, as a courtesy have your children to school for the 8:15 bell. It would be greatly appreciated by all.

If your child is to be absent you can simply call the office at 780-986-7888 to leave a message. Some parents also email me to let me know, but I am occasionally not in the building due to illness, coaching field trips, etc., so the best thing to do is call in. If it is an advance notice, emailing me is a good idea.

Students are responsible for learning any material covered when they are absent. I will spend time with any students who have been ill at a convenient lunchtime to go over any concepts they are wanting me to explain. The same may not be said for extended vacations. I do not require students to complete / hand in all the assignments that they missed while they are away, but they do need to make sure they understand the concepts that we introduced.

Homework

Time is given in class to start all assignments. Anything that is not completed during the allotted class time will be sent home to finish. In the event that there is no homework, students are encouraged to have a regular homework routine that may include 15-30 minutes of reading or nightly review of class notes – hence, there is always homework.

Tests: – all quizzes and tests will be sent home and require a parent/guardian signature.



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Newsletters

All school newsletters will be uploaded to our school website and can be viewed at:
cps.blackgold.ca (school website)
www.blackgold.ca (division website) and simply click on the 'parents' link

Phys. Ed. P.E. 2017-2018 will be on days 1,3,5. Ms. Jenkins and I will be co-teaching our PE.

Students will have three Phys. Ed. classes per week. These classes may be held inside or outdoors. Your child is responsible for having the appropriate footwear and clothing for each gym class. This includes: inside shoes (no black/marking soles) and outside shoes (depending on the activity/weather), sweats or shorts, and a t-shirt. They will need these as of the first day of school.

Library Library 2017-2018 will be on day 4, Block 1.

Our class has library scheduled once a week. Each student will be able to check out two books from the library. One book must be a chapter book for in class reading and the other is student choice. Students are responsible for exchanging books at recess/lunchtime if they are finished before our designated library time. Mrs. Wurban will be with them for this block.

Music

Grade 6 will have 2 music classes per week. Ms. Larsen (Mrs. Ramirez is on maternity leave) will be the music teacher.

Lunch

The students will eat lunch from 12:00 to 12:20 in the classroom. They are allotted twenty minutes for eating; they are expected to remain seated during those 20 minutes to ensure they have enough time to eat. Students will have access to a microwave. Please try not to send lunches that take more than a minute to re-heat (no frozen food); otherwise the students may run out of time to eat. Please pack a healthy snack each day for your child to enjoy during the first recess!

Students are allowed to have water bottles in the classroom to drink at their leisure. I do ask that they take them home at least once per week for a good cleaning.

Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker in the hallway and one in the classroom, which they are responsible for keeping organized. Students will **need a combination lock** to keep their hallway locker door closed and items safe/secure. The combinations should only be shared with me. No key locks please!
Every year items "disappear" and usually from a locker without a lock.



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Curriculum

To access more information regarding the Alberta curriculum, you may want to visit the following website:

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/grade6.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding curriculum, or any other matters.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child to make this a fantastic final year of elementary education, leading them into more independence at the junior high level. Please take a moment to fill out the following sheet and return it to your homeroom as soon as possible. The quicker I can have email contact with you the smoother the line of communication for you, us, and your child.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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