



# Caledonia Park School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Marriya Jenkins and I am happy to be joining the team of extraordinary students and staff at Caledonia Park School. I am excited to be teaching grade 6 again this year, as we start September off with nineteen students in our class. I look forward to getting to know your child individually and help them engage in their learning, achieve their goals and take risks in a safe and caring learning environment.

## **Communication:**

I believe that in order for students to have the most successful year possible, there must be effective parent-teacher communication. Throughout the year I will be contacting you through emails, phone calls, notes in your child's agenda and parent-teacher conferences. I will often send home weekly updates about future events or reminders. Please stay tuned for more information about how *Google Classroom* will be used in grade 6 this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding your child. I can be reached at the school between 7:45 am-8:15 am and 3:00 pm-3:30 pm at (780) 986-7888, email me at marriya.jenkins@gshare.blackgold.ca, or send a note in your child's agenda.

I look forward to meeting you at Meet the Teacher night on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Class Information:**

### Agenda

Agendas are a useful tool for communication that students are expected to use on a daily basis in order to keep track of homework, school/class events and other reminders. If you have any notes or questions for me, feel free to write them in the space provided, as I also will be checking them daily. Please sign your child's agenda every night after reading the message, so I can confirm important information was communicated to you.

### Homework Policy

I am a big advocate in living a balanced lifestyle and have always kept myself busy with extracurricular sports & music. I know it is challenging for families to find time to do loads of homework with their busy schedules, therefore I will not often be sending homework home. Though if students choose not to use their class time wisely, there will be homework sent home. It is an expectation that students read 15-30 minutes daily at home and keep track of their weekly reading. Practicing basic facts throughout the week is also expected but I will be sending more information home about that at a later date.

Scholastic book orders will be sent home each month. By placing an order, you are helping to build our classroom library. Every dollar you spend earns our classroom bonus points to use towards new books to read. The Scholastic book order program is **completely voluntary**. You may simply wish to use the order forms as a guide as to what are grade appropriate reading materials. If you do choose to order books, please fill out the order form and return them by the date recorded in your child's agenda. There is an online option for payment, you could send a **cheque preferably**, but I will accept cash as well.

### Birthdays

Students are welcome to bring a special snack for their birthday. Please send a snack that is nut free and easy to manage in the classroom.

### Lunch

Students will eat lunch in the classroom first (12:00-12:20) and students will go outside for recess afterwards (12:20-12:53). Students will have access to a microwave but please do not send frozen meals that take longer than 1 minute to heat up. Please send a healthy snack each day for your child to enjoy before first recess.

There is also a **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM** at our school. All orders must be placed online at <https://caledonia.hotlunches.net>. Even if you do not plan on ordering hot

lunches, please sign up on this website to receive important information from parent council. If your child has permission to leave school grounds during lunch hour, please send a signed note indicating so.

Water Bottles - I encourage your child to bring a water bottle to class. Please make sure it has a lid and his/her name on it. If they choose to bring a water bottle, it should go home at the end of every week for washing.

Art Supplies - Students will have the basic art supplies with them in their desks. If there are other objects or supplies needed, I will send home a note in the agenda.

Lockers - Each student will be assigned one locker. They are responsible for the condition of their locker throughout the year. Please send a combination lock to school with your child if they do not have one yet. NO KEY LOCKS PLEASE.

Phys. Ed. \*Mr. May and I will be co-teaching P.E. on days 1,3,5.  
PE 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. **Please speak with your child on the importance of hygiene and ensure deodorant is provided and used regularly where necessary.**

Library \*Mrs. Wurban will be with them for this block.  
Our class has library scheduled once a week on **day 2**. 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 one is their choice and can go home. The books must be returned the morning of the following day 2.

### Music

Grade 6 will have 2 music classes per week taught by Mrs. Larsen.

## **School Information:**

### Schedule

We are on a DAY 1-5 schedule and our bell schedule can be found on our school website (<http://cps.blackgold.ca/about/bellschedule/>)

### Absences

The doors open at 8:15 am each morning, which is when the students should be entering the building, as classes begin at 8:23 am. Please have your children at school for the 8:15 bell, as lateness has an impact on the office staff, as well as a distraction for our own class. If your child is to be absent, you can simply contact

the office at 780-986-7888, or send an email. You may also let me know through your child's agenda.

The first Wednesday of each month is an **early dismissal day** on which school will end at 2:20pm

#### Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on November 24<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and June 27<sup>th</sup>. Parent teacher conferences will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Newsletters

All school newsletters will be uploaded to our school website and can be viewed at: <http://cps.blackgold.ca/parents/newsletters/> (school website) [www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca) (division website)

#### School Handbook

Please reference the school handbook at <http://cps.blackgold.ca/school-handbook/> for more detailed information regarding school wide guidelines and procedures.

#### **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>

I look forward to partnering with you to help your child succeed this year!

Miss Marriya Jenkins

*"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."  
- Benjamin Franklin*