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Caledonia Park School

"To inspire success"

Welcome to Grade 6

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The following pages will provide you with important information about your child's classroom this year. Please keep this booklet for future reference.

WELCOME TO GRADE 6

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to Caledonia Park School for another year and a warm welcome goes out to any new CPS students! I am really looking forward to joining the school community and being your child's teacher this year.

Currently, I am entering my sixth year of teaching. I'm thrilled to be joining the Black Gold School Division and the community of Leduc. My teaching experience has been in a multitude of communities including Wainwright, Alberta, where I was born and raised. I also taught for the Calgary Board of Education and internationally for three years at the Canadian International School in Abu Dhabi, UAE. I have taught grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. I've also coached many extra-curricular clubs including basketball, volleyball, and was the teacher lead for student council and leadership committees.

Please allow me to extend a warm greeting and welcome you to the beginning of our partnership in educating your child. This year will be a busy and exciting one for all of us. I expect great things from your child and feel privileged to be a part of his or her education.

A. Curriculum

Alberta Learning has an excellent resource that offers parents an outline and explanation of the entire grade 6 curriculum. It provides an overview of each subject and area and includes the topics and concepts we will be covering throughout the year. Here is the website where you can access the information:

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

B. Communication Plan:

Parental input is invited and encouraged. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to respond as soon as possible, within a 24 hour time frame.

By Email: cassie.mcmann@gshare.blackgold.ca

By Phone: 780 986 7888 (school number)

i. Agendas

On a daily basis, our class will be using agendas as they are an excellent tool for keeping track of homework and staying organized. Our goal in grade 6 is to have students using the agenda independently. They are expected to have them at school each morning and bring them home each night to review with parents.

ii. Emails

Emails will be sent to parents on a regular basis (weekly, bi-weekly, or daily depending on what information needs to be relayed). This can include upcoming events, homework, or other informational items. Please ensure to put your email on the "Getting to Know You" sheet if you would like to be in the email group.

iii. Communication by Edmodo

“Edmodo promotes anytime, anyplace learning. Functionally, it allows teachers to post messages, discuss classroom topics, assign and grade classwork, share content and materials, and network and exchange ideas with their peers - but in reality, it is so much more. Take a peek at some of the unique ways teachers are using Edmodo to make their classroom a community.”- www.edmodo.com

Edmodo will be the primary way for students to communicate with us and each other. All files, calendars and homework posts will be there.

To simply describe it, Edmodo is like Facebook, but is controlled completely by the teacher. I have found it to be a very effective communication tool for grades 4-6 and students enjoy it.

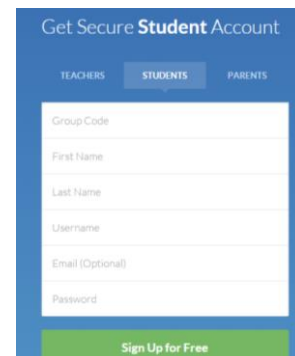
Edmodo is safe, secure and password protected, meaning that what is said and done in Edmodo will not be accessible to the public. It is a 2-way communication tool that parents, students, and the teachers can use.

STEP 1: The students first need to sign-up at www.edmodo.com by entering the information in the form shown below including your group code.

***Please remember to record the username and password somewhere safe.**

Your child’s Edmodo group code for their class is:

6Mc: a44dcd

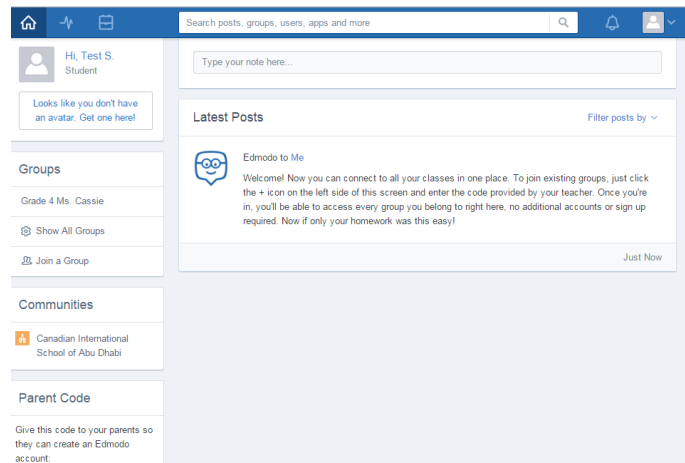


The image shows a sign-up form titled "Get Secure Student Account". It has three tabs: "TEACHERS", "STUDENTS" (which is selected), and "PARENTS". The form contains several input fields: "Group Code", "First Name", "Last Name", "Username", "Email (Optional)", and "Password". At the bottom of the form is a green button that says "Sign Up for Free".

STEP 2: Once the student has set up their account, the page will look like the one below.

This will **generate your parent code** which can be found on the left side.

A tutorial can be given at meet the teacher night on September 13th if you are having difficulties accessing it.



iv. Newsletters

All school newsletters will be uploaded to our school website and can be viewed at:
<http://cps.blackgold.ca/parents/newsletters/>

C. Homework Expectations

On a nightly basis, there will be a maximum of 60 minutes of homework. This will be consisting of 20 minutes of reading a night, 10 minutes of math review (basic facts), and 10 minutes of other review or unfinished work. At times, the other 20 minutes may come in the form of an assignment. **Homework is expected to be completed.** If a student becomes inconsistent with completing homework, parents will be contacted via email. If appropriate, recess will be missed in order to make up missing assignments.

If your child is absent, they are responsible for collecting and completing missed assignments for the next school day. Edmodo will be a great tool for this. Missed tests/quizzes will be completed when most appropriate. To catch up on missed notes, students may borrow the notebook of a classmate.

D. Tests

Students will be given one week notice for all major tests and will also be provided with a study guide so that they are able to prepare. All **tests must be signed by the parents** and returned by the students within two school days.

E. Social/ Science

I will be teaching Social Studies to both 6-McMann and 6-May, and Mr. May will be teaching Science to both classes.

F. Supplies

All students are expected to have the supplies listed on the supply by the second day of school. If you do not have the supply list, please visit the CPS website to find the required items. Students are responsible for their own items; therefore, labelling items is highly advised. If lost or supplies are becoming low, these items will need to be replaced. Throughout the year, additional materials may be requested for purchase.

G. Library

Students will attend Library with Mrs. Wurban on **Day 3**. At each borrowing period, the students will be given an opportunity to sign out two books. One is to stay in the classroom for silent reading and the other can go home.

H. Bell Schedule

*First Wednesday
of every month is Staff
Meeting, early dismissal
at 2pm.

BELL SCHEDULE	
8:15	Entry Bell
8:23	Registration
8:23 - 9:05	Period 1
9:05 - 9:45	Period 2
9:45 - 10:25	Period 3
10:25 - 10:35	Break/Recess
10:35 - 11:17	Period 4
11:17 - 12:00	Period 5
12:00 - 12:20	Lunch
12:53	Entry
	Registration
12:56 - 1:40	Period 6
1:40 - 2:20	Period 7
2:20 - 3:00	Period 8

I. 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!

J. Core Values

- Student-Focused Learning
- Relationships
- Supportive Environment
- Passion
- Effort and Achievement
- Promote Life Long Learning
- Cooperation and Positive Attitude
- Positive Parent and Community Support

K. School Handbook

Please refer to the school handbook at <http://cps.blackgold.ca/school-handbook/> for more detailed information regarding guidelines and policies.

I want to let you know that I am excited about the upcoming school year and glad that your child will be part of a positive and dynamic learning environment! I anticipate a very productive and successful year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

All the best,
Miss Cassie Mc Mann

Return Me!

Thank you for reviewing your student's packet. Now, all you have left to do is remove this page from the packet and sign with your child by Friday, September 8th. This is to show that you have read and understand the information and procedures outlined in this document. Thanks!

Student name (print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature