## **CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL**

Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families



#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mr. Simmons - donavin.simmons@gshare.blackgold.ca

#### Dear Families,

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With appreciation,

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## OCTOBER

### IMPORTANT DATES

OCT 1 -	SAFETY ON BOARD PRESENTATAION - KINDY @
	8:15 & 2:10
	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME @ FATHER LEDUC
	BOYS VOLLEYBALL GAME @ NEW SAREPTA
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- OCT 2 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 2 BGSD CROSS COUNTRY MEET GR. 3-6 (AFTER SCH.)
  VOYAGER PARK DEVON
- OCT 3 BUS EVACUATION # 16 & 73 CHESS CLUB 3:00 - 4:00
- OCT 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 6 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 4:00 5:00 OCT 8 CHESS CLUB 12:10 12:40
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00 OCT 9 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 10 CRAZY HAIR DAY CHESS CLUB 3:00 - 4:00
- OCT 13 THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL
- OCT 14 PD DAY NO SCHOOL
- OCT 15 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 16 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 17 CHESS C,LUB 3:00 4:00
- OCT 17 18 GR. 5/6 CATCH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- OCT 20 OCT 24 -SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN LIBRARY
- OCT 20 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 20 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 4:00 5:00
- OCT 21 CHESS CLUB 12:10 12:40
- OCT 22 GIRLS VOLLEYBALLL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 23 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 24 ASSEMBLY PM
- CHESS CLUB 12:10 12:40 OCT 27 - GIRLS VOLLYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 - 4:00
- OCT 27 BOYS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 4:00 5:00
- OCT 28 CHESS CLUB 3:00 4:00
- OCT 29 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE 3:00 4:00
- OCT 31 HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY







## Bake Sale and Popcorn Day

#### **Bake Sale Rules**

- Allitems are priced at .50 cents each
- Drop off items in the morning to our lovely volunteers at the front door by 8am or at the office
- We appreciate 1 to 2 dozen
- All items must be individually portioned, but items do not need to be individually wrapped, but always welcome
- Containers must have the name and class written on it so it can be returned, if there is no name we will assume you don't want it returned
- Baked or store-bought items are welcome
- We love gluten free options as well
- All items must be Peanut and
   Nut free No Exceptions

We are always looking for volunteers! Please let us know if you are interested and contact Kyla Olson via email hairbykylao@gmail.com

#### **Bake Sale Dates**

- October1 Grade6
- November 5 Grade 4
- December 3 Grade 1 and 2
- . January No Bake Sale
- February 11 Kindergarten
- March 4 Grade 5
- . April 8 Grade 3
- May 6 Grade 7
- . June No Bake Sale

#### **Popcorn Sale Dates**

EachBag - \$0.50

- October 16
- November 20
- December No Popcorn Sale
- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June No Popcorn Sale



## IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL OCTOBER EDITION



ON THURSDAY MORNING, STAFF AND STUDENTS
CONDUCTED OUR FIRST EMERGENCY EVACUATION
DRILL OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE DRILL WAS
COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY, ALLOWING STUDENTS
AND STAFF TO PRACTICE OUR EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES IN A SAFE AND CONTROLLED
ENVIRONMENT.

WE ARE PROUD OF HOW CALMLY AND RESPONSIBLY OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATED, DEMONSTRATING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF SAFETY PROCEDURES.

### WATER BOTTLES

PLEASE remind your student(s) to bring a water bottle to school everyday! Water fountains are available for use and can be used to refill water bottles throughout the day. Hydration is extremely important for students!!



# In Honor of Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30



Caledonia Park School's
Students and Staff
chose to wear orange in honor
of this day.

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# SPORTPAGE

- Cross Country
- Jr. High Girls & Boys Volleyball Schedules are posted on the following page



Gr. 5/6 (Mixed Team)
 Catch Volleyball Tournament
 October 17 - 18 @ Covenant
 Christian School





#### **GIRLS VOLLYBALL**

PRACTICE AND GAME SCHEDULE

Practice Days

Home Games

Away Game

#### OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Away Game @ Father Leduc	02	03	04
05	06 Practice 3:00 - 4:00	07 Away Game @ Sacred Hart	08 Practice 3:00 - 4:30	09	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	14 Away Game @ Clear Vista	15 Practice 3:00 - 4:30	16	17	18
19	20 Practice 4:00 - 5:00	21 Home Game vs. Covenant	Practice 3:00 - 4:30	23	24	25
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Away Game

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MRS. TILLEMAN'S GRADE THREE CLASS ENJOYED THE START OF AUTUMN GATHERING AND TOSSING LEAVES.



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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING THIS MONTH

Celebrating the Joy of Reading.









October 20 -24, 2024

#### Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to help out during our book fair setup, take down or during sales, please contact either bonnie.wurban@gshare.blackgold.ca or nerissa.hahn@blackgold.ca

Scholastic Book Fair will be in our school starting Oct 20 -24. Students will visit the fair duirng their library class.



WATCH FOR BOOK FAIR
FLYERS THE WEEK
BEFORE THE FAIR



## **Coming Spring 2026**

## New Playground YOUR HELP

Help us reach our goal of \$147,500 to build our new playground. See picture below, Construction starting spring 2026

Please help!







Scan the QR code to make a donation



Own or work for a company that may be interested in sponsorship opportunities?

Get in touch today!

Want to donate or be involved?

Email:parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com





## Caledonia Park School Terry Fox Run/Walk

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
THE TERRY FOX RUN/WALK ON
SEPTEMBER 17TH.
THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED
FOR THE TERRY FOX RUN/WALK
WAS \$ 859.10

WE THANK ALL OUR STUDENTS,
FAMILIES AND STAFF FOR
DONATING TO THIS RUN.

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM

#### Navigation



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School Information



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Student Enrollment Verification



SchoolMessenger



#### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

Student Enrollment Verification forms must be completed annually, and it is that time of year!

To complete your child's Student Enrollment Verification form just sign in to Power School for parents here:

https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/

Once signed in you will find the appropriate form under the Navigation Bar (pictured left) **Fill one out form for each student.** There will be an autofill option for certain information if you have multiple children at the school.

In order for your child to participate in the Terry Fox Run, you will need to complete this as it has the form for Leaving School Grounds on Foot.



## **NEW TO OUR SCHOOL?**

## CHECK OUT OUR CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION

#### **Check out the following links:**

**Staff Contacts** 

PowerSchool Help

**Student Sign Out Form** 

**Absence Reporting** 

**Bell Schedule** 

**Division Calendars** 





Caledonia Park School will be holding several
"School Spirit Days" throughout the year. All
dates are posted on our CPS Website Calendar and
will be announced through our weekly updates.
Please note the following dates and encourage your
child to show their school spiritt!

\*\*\* Dates could be subject to change

#### SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Orange Shirt Day: Monday, Sept 29 Crazy Hair Day: Friday, Oct. 10 Halloween Dress Up Day: Friday, Oct 31 Flannel Friday Friday: November 21 12 Days of Christmas: Month of December Twin Day: Thursday, Jan 15 90's Day (Dress like the 90's): Tuesday, Jan 27 Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, Feb 25 St. Patrick's Day: Tuesday, Mar 17 Lots of Socks: Monday, Mar 23 Autism Awareness Day: Thursday, April 2 Viking Wear Day: Thursday, April 23 Hats on for Mental Health: Wednesday, May 6 Western Day: Friday, May 29 One Colour Day: Thursday, June 11 Mark May Day: You'll never know, Mark



## 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

#### First Day:

YOUR CHILD WILL ENTER AT THEIR DESIGNATED DOOR TO FIND THEIR NAME AND CLASS LIST. STAFF WILL BE OUTSIDE AND IN THE HALLWAYS TO DIRECT STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS AND ASSIST ANY STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR STUDENT HAS THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, INDOOR SHOES, A LUNCH/SNACKS AND A WATER BOTTLE.

#### PowerSchool:

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE SET UP AND HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT, PLEASE EMAIL MINDY.PARADIS@BLACKGOLD.CA FOR ASSISTANCE

#### Class Schedules:

JR. HIGH SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO POWERSCHOOL. STUDENTS THAT DONOT HAVE A JUNIOR HIGH OPTION SELECTED WILL BE CALLED DOWN TO THE OFFICE DURING THE FIRST DAY FOR SELECTIONS.

#### Mandatory Permission Forms:

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT FOR ALL MANDATORY PERMISSION FORMS TO BE COMPLETED ASAP

#### School Fees:

ECS AND JUNIOR HIGH OPTION CLASS FEES FOR QUARTER 1/TERM 1 HAVE BEEN POSTED IN POWERSCHOOL. PLEASE PAY YOUR FEES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

#### School Supplies:

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO VIEW. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER YOUR SUPPLIES ONLINE THROUGH SCHOOL START. APPROX. 2 DAYS FOR DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR! HTTPS://CPS.BLACKGOLD.CA/PARENTS/SUPPLY-LISTS/

## **Absence Reporting**

## GOOD ATTENDANCE PATTERNS ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN A STUDENT'S OVERALL SUCCESS AT SCHOOL.

#### Report your child absent!

- Log into SchoolMessenger to report your student's absence and advise the reason for absence (ie: Sick, appointment, vacation, etc...) OR
- Call the school. Please leave a detailed message after hours (780-986-7888)

#### Did you know? Key facts about school attendance:

- If your child is 20 minutes late every day, he/she/they will have missed 12 days of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses only two days of school per month, he/she/they will have missed one month's worth of instruction by the end of the school year.
- Students who are absent 15 days of school each year will have lost one year of instruction by the end of Grade 12.
- Students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

#### Families can support good attendance at school by:

- setting a regular bedtime and morning routine;
- getting clothes and backpacks ready the night before;
- encouraging a positive attitude about school;
- communicating regularly with your child's teacher;
- talking with your child about his/her school day;
- taking part in school events and activities to show your child that you value school and education;
- planning vacations and appointments around the school schedule whenever possible; and
- making sure your child goes to school unless he/she/they is truly sick.

#### We can help!

Let your school know right away if there is a problem or concern. There are many ways we can work together to get attendance back on track or prevent an attendance problem from starting.

## BELL SCHEDULE

Entry Bell: 8:05

Period 1: 8:10 - 8:55 am

Period 2: 8:55 - 9:35 am

Period 3: 9:35 - 10:15 am

Recess: 10:15 - 10:27 am

Transition to Class: 10:27 - 10:30 am

Period 4: 10:30 - 11:10 am

Period 5: 11:10 - 11:50 am

Lunch: 11:50 am - 12:42 pm

Transition to class: 12:42 - 12:45 pm

Period 6: 12:45 - 1:30 pm

Period 7: 1:30 - 2:10 pm

Period 8: 2:10 - 2:50 pm

#### Kindergarten:

AM Classes Start: 8:10 am End: 10:55 am

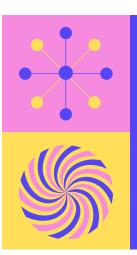
PM Classes Start: 12:05 pm End: 2:50 pm



#### School Fees

ECS Fees, Grade 7 Quarter 1 and Term 1 Option/Complementary fees will be posted on students' accounts later this week. You can view these fees in your PowerSchool Parent Account at <a href="https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html">https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html</a>

These course fees cover supplies that are consumed during the course - Prompt payments are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about these fees, please contact the school for assistance.



#### Kanga Pouches

Student Kanga Pouches are available for purchase online! Log into your PowerSchool Parent Account to order now. Students will be called down to the office for pick up once the order has been received. Kanga Pouches are \$14.00 each and come in a variety of colours (limited supply available)

#### **SafeArrival – Reporting Student Absences**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing **a new, more efficient** student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- On your mobile device:
- Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger Home** app from the <u>Apple App Store</u> or the <u>Google Play Store</u>. Download the app with the following icon:
- The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
- Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- Use the SchoolMessenger website:
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- By telephone:
- Call the toll-free number **780-955-4526** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points (email, text, push notification & phone call) until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Starting **Wednesday August 27, 2025**, please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting **Wednesday August 27, 2025** staff will begin using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent and the absence is unexplained.

Please download the SchoolMessenger Home app or sign into the website before this date. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact your school.

If you do not already receive text message from your school and would like to start, please ensure your school has your mobile phone number and then text "Y" to 978338. (Standard message and data rates may apply.)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.

## Student Fees & Forms



Student's school fees have been posted in PowerSchool, please also check for any forms that may need to be filled out on your parent portal. You can access the Parent Account at:

https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school for assistance.

## **PARKING LOT**

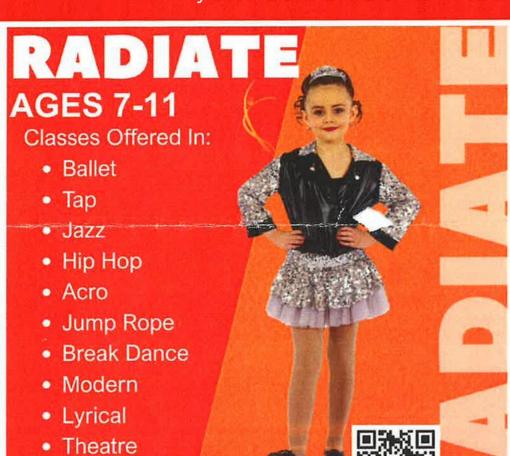
Parents, please use the "Kiss & Go" lanes rather than the staff parking lot for morning & afternoon drop offs. All parking lots stalls have staff assignments and are essential to staff arriving to their positions on time.



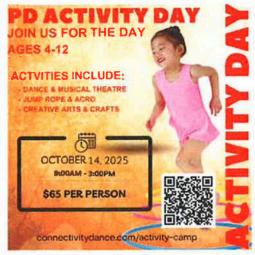


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Inspire Alberta's next generation of **engineers** and **geoscientists**— one immersive, unforgettable learning experience at a time.



## A ROCK E FOSSIL

October 4 All ages

Explore the wonders of geoscience and learn what a career in geoscience could be like.



February 22 | Grades 1-12

Design solutions for real-life engineering and geoscience challenges.



#### Professional Development Opportunities

We offer two exciting free sessions—Project-Based Learning through a STEM Lens and Engineering Design Process (EDP)—held virtually or in person.

#### SCIENCE NIGHTS

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Dive into hands-on activities and demonstrations hosted at local schools.

## Bring the curriculum to life!



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