

SEPTEMBER 2025

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

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

Dear Caledonia Park Families,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Caledonia Park School and to officially welcome you to the 2025/26 school year. After 15 years at Covenant Christian School (down the street), it is a privilege to be joining this community, and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the weeks ahead.

A little about me: I was born and raised in Fort Saskatchewan and moved to Leduc about 17 years ago. I'm married to Leanne, who works as a registered nurse at the Stollery Children's Hospital, and together we have two kids, Hayden and Lillian. Our family is very active in the Leduc community, especially in youth sports, where we've been involved in coaching and leadership. Leanne is a coach at Leduc Kanata Gymnastics (and a board member), and I sit on the Leduc Golf Course board, as well as the Leduc Minor Hockey Association board. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the importance of teamwork, commitment, and community.

As we begin this school year, my priority is being present: for students, staff, and families. Caledonia Park is a school that is built on strong relationships, and I am eager to build on that strength. I want our students to feel supported, challenged, and celebrated, and for families to feel connected, loved, and welcomed.

I also recognize that there has been news about the possibility of a teacher strike. While these matters are outside of our control, I want to assure you that our focus is firmly on our students and on starting this year with success, energy, and optimism.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and community. Thank you for welcoming me into the Caledonia Park family. I can't wait to connect with you soon.

SCHOOL NEWS



Staffing



2025-2026

ECS, DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 11

ECS (3 sections) Mrs. Tessier, Mrs. Shipley

Grade One (2 sections) Mrs. Goshko, Mrs. Hammell

Grade One/Two Split (1 section) Mrs. Milner

Grade Two (2 sections) Mrs. Krahn (Mrs. Brown) Ms. Shephard

Grade Three (3 sections) Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Mandryk, Mrs. Tillemann

Grade Four (3 sections) - Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Koopmans, Mrs. Larsen

Grade Five (3 sections) - Mrs. Bejcar (Mrs. Giesbrecht), Mrs. Dowler, Mrs. Gravel

Grade Six (3 classes) - Mrs. Hoy/Mrs. Wozniak (Mrs. Reinhardt), Ms. Rosentreter, Mrs. Sims

DIVISION 111

Mrs. Wannop, Ms. Lindholm, Ms. McMurray, Miss Vandenburghe, Mr. May and Mr. Martel

Music Teacher - Mrs. Ramirez

Librarian - Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Wurban

Counsellor - Mrs. Golinsky



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Staffing



2025-2026

Administration

Principal - Mr. Simmons

Vice Principal - Mrs. MacDonald

Office Staff

Mrs. Bauer

Mrs. Paradis

Mrs. Wurban

Custodial Staff

Head Custodian - Mr. Virtucio

Custodian - Mrs. Kisch

Custodian - Mr. Tulang

Custodian - Ms. Quenneville

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Castellon

Mrs. de Vries

Mrs. DeGrucy

Mrs. Drew

Mrs. Fraser

Mrs. Gibert

Mrs. Hamaliuk

Mrs. Hiebert

Mrs. Knaus

Ms. Lamoureux

Mrs. Losing

Mrs. Meyer

Ms. Mulrooney

Mrs. Schmidt

Mrs. Spiker

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Volk

Mrs. Bergsma

Mrs. Hodder



STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM

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SchoolMessenger



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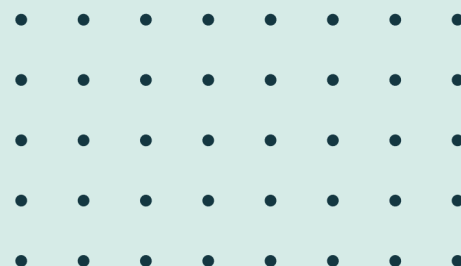
Student Enrollment Verification forms must be completed annually, and it is that time of year!

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 auto-fill 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.





SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 27 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 27 – 29 – ECS STAGGERED ENTRY

SEPTEMBER 1 – LABOUR DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 17 - TERRY FOX RUN

SEPTEMBER 17 – PARENT COUNCIL AGM @ 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 18 - MEET THE TEACHER 5:45 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

AWARDS NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19 - PD DAY – NO STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 23 - PICTURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 29 - SPIRIT DAY – ORANGE SHIRT DAY

**SEPTEMBER 30 – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION DAY NO SCHOOL**

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!!

PHOTO DAY

SMART PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE IN THE BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 23 TO TAKE PHOTOS OF ALL STAFF & STUDENTS. PICTURE RE-TAKES WILL BE SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE.

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

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 Terry Fox Run/Walk

Caledonia Park School students will participate in a Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 17th. Students will walk around the Caledonia Park area.

We will be collecting “Toonies for Terry” during the walk – please feel free to send your students with toonies. Alternatively, we are collecting donation through the “Terry Fox Foundation” website at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/98152>
Our school goal this year is \$1500.00



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 spirit!

*** 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

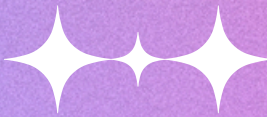
Viking Wear Day: Thursday, April 23

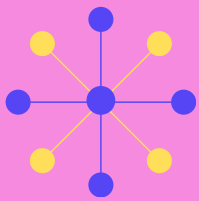
Hats on for Mental Health: Wednesday, May 6

Western Day: Friday, May 29

One Colour Day: Thursday, June 11

Mark May Day: You'll never know, Mark

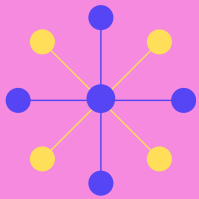




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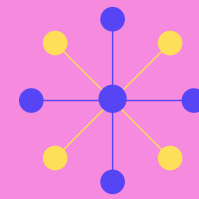
Parents are invited to "Meet the Teacher" on September 18, beginning at 5:45pm to 6:45pm in classrooms. Awards Ceremony commences at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.



School Fees

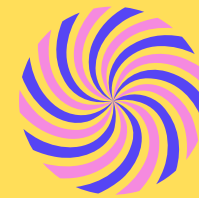
ECS Fees, Grade 7 Quarter 1 and Term 1 Option/Complementary fees will be posted on students' accounts later this week. You can view these fees in your PowerSchool Parent Account at <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

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)



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 DO NOT 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/](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.

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 [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). 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:**
 - Go to the [SchoolMessenger website](#). The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
 - Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- **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.



HOT LUNCH

BAKE SALE

HALLOWEEN
DANCE

FUNDRAISING

LIBRARY

TERRY FOX RUN

CLASSROOM
SUPPLIES

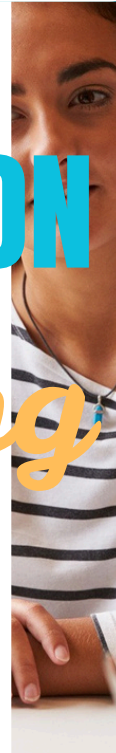
NEW PLAYGROUND

PARENT ASSOCIATION

AGM & Meeting

Connect with Other Parents and Learn
how you can help support Caledonia Park
School!

As parents, we all want our children to
have a great experience at school.
The parent association and volunteers
help to make this happen.



WED, SEPT 17TH
AT 6:30PM – 7:30 PM



CALEDONIA PARK
SCHOOL, STAFF ROOM

Contact Us!



parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fundraising co-coordinator
Secretary
Treasurer
School Council Chair
**Volunteering to help make
our school Great!**

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.

