

JANUARY 2026

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

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

Welcome back, Caledonia Park School families, and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful and joyful holiday season filled with time to reconnect, recharge, and enjoy moments together.

As we return to school, it's encouraging to feel the momentum building once again. Since the strike, our students and staff have worked hard to re-establish routines, refocus on learning, and regain our rhythm, and it's been wonderful to see that sense of energy and purpose growing throughout the building.

January always brings with it a sense of fresh beginnings, and as we look ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and excitement. We have several new initiatives on the horizon that will support student learning, well-being, and engagement, and we are intentionally working toward making Caledonia Park School a leader within our school division. This work is grounded in strong relationships, thoughtful planning, and a shared commitment to doing what is best for our students.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and partnership. We are grateful to welcome everyone back and look forward to a positive and productive start to the year together.

Warm regards,
Donavin Simmons
Principal, Caledonia Park School



JANUARY

IMPORTANT DATES

- JANUARY 5 - SCHOOL RESUMES
DAY 2
- JANUARY 6 - PHOTO RE-TAKES
DAY 3 - ELEM. BOYS BASKETBALL 12:00
- JANUARY 7 - OFF CAMPUS - CURLING (LRC) 12:30
DAY 4 - ELEM. GIRLS BASKETBALL 12:00
- ELEM. BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL
HOSTED BY CALEDONIA PARK
BOYS @ 3:30/ GIRLS PLAY SECOND
- JANUARY 8 - ELEM BOYS BASKETBALL 12:00
DAY 5
- JANUARY 9 - HOT LUNCH (SUBWAY / EDO)
DAY 1 - DEADLINE TO ORDER MCDONALDS
- ELEM. GIRLS BASKETBALL 12:00

[CLICK FOR ADDITIONAL JANUARY DATES](#)

PICTURE RE-TAKES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026



[CLICK HERE TO
FILL OUT THE
FORM IF YOUR
CHILD REQUIRES
RETAKES](#)



TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2025 SCHOOL PLAY



Students of Caledonia Parks School participated in the presentation of Twas the Night Before Christmas Dec 10 and 11





Parent Association

JANUARY EVENTS

Jan 8th - Subway & Edo Japan

Order Deadline Dec 26

Jan 23rd - McDonalds

Order Deadline Jan 9

<https://caledonia.hotlunches.net/>

January 13th Hot Dog Day

January 15th - Popcorn Day
Price Increase to \$1.00/bag

Halloween in February
Feb 20th - Family Dance

Way to Go
Grade 1 and 2
classes.

December's
Bake Sale raised
over \$700 for
your classes

Join us
for our
next
meeting:
January
11th at
6pm

Like and Follow:

Caledonia Park School Parent Association

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/765063657896161/>

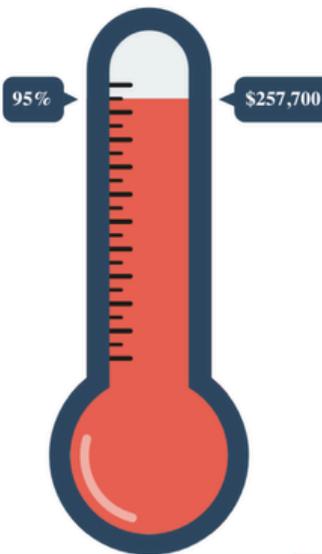
Get in touch:

parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com



New Playground coming spring 2026

GOAL: \$271,700



SPONSORSHIP

PLAY IS FOR ALL!

HELP US PUT SMILES ON FACES AND FILL THE AIR WITH LAUGHTER

Scan the QR code to make a donation



Own or work for a company that may be interest in sponsorship opportunities? Get in touch today!



CRAIG'S NOFRILLS LEDUC

Communication Panel \$2,000	Sensory Panel \$4,500
Buggy on Springs \$16,000	Disk swing \$7,000



Want to donate or be involved?
Email: parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com

Caledonia Park School Parent Association



Bake Sale and Popcorn Day

Bake Sale Rules

- All items 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

- **October 1 - Grade 6**
- **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

Each Bag - \$1.00

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



WINTER WEATHER

2025/2026

Winter has officially arrived!

Dear Caledonia Park Parents and Guardians.

As the forecast shifts and we begin to see consistently colder temperatures, we want to send out a friendly but important reminder about proper winter attire.

To ensure all students can safely enjoy their time outdoors, which is crucial for their well-being and focus, we ask for your help in preparing them daily.

Indoor recesses will obviously be called when necessary (when the temperature and conditions are deemed unsafe), but being prepared to go out should always be the default.



THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST



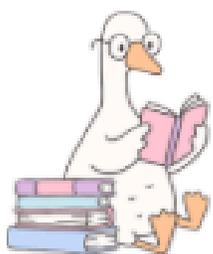
Please ensure your child comes to school each day with the following items:

- Warm Winter Jacket: Fully zipped up for the cold.
- Snow Pants: Essential for playing in the snow and staying dry.
- Hat: Critical for retaining body heat.
- Gloves or Mittens: A warm, waterproof pair is best.
- Warm, Waterproof Boots: To keep feet dry and comfortable.

Library Reminder



As winter officially arrives, we remind families to use the provided plastic library bag when returning students' library books. This helps prevent water damage from wet mittens and toques."





VS



CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

**vs. EVERETT at 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

JOIN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH
CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL AT ROGERS PLACE
WITH THE EDMONTON OIL KINGS!

\$21

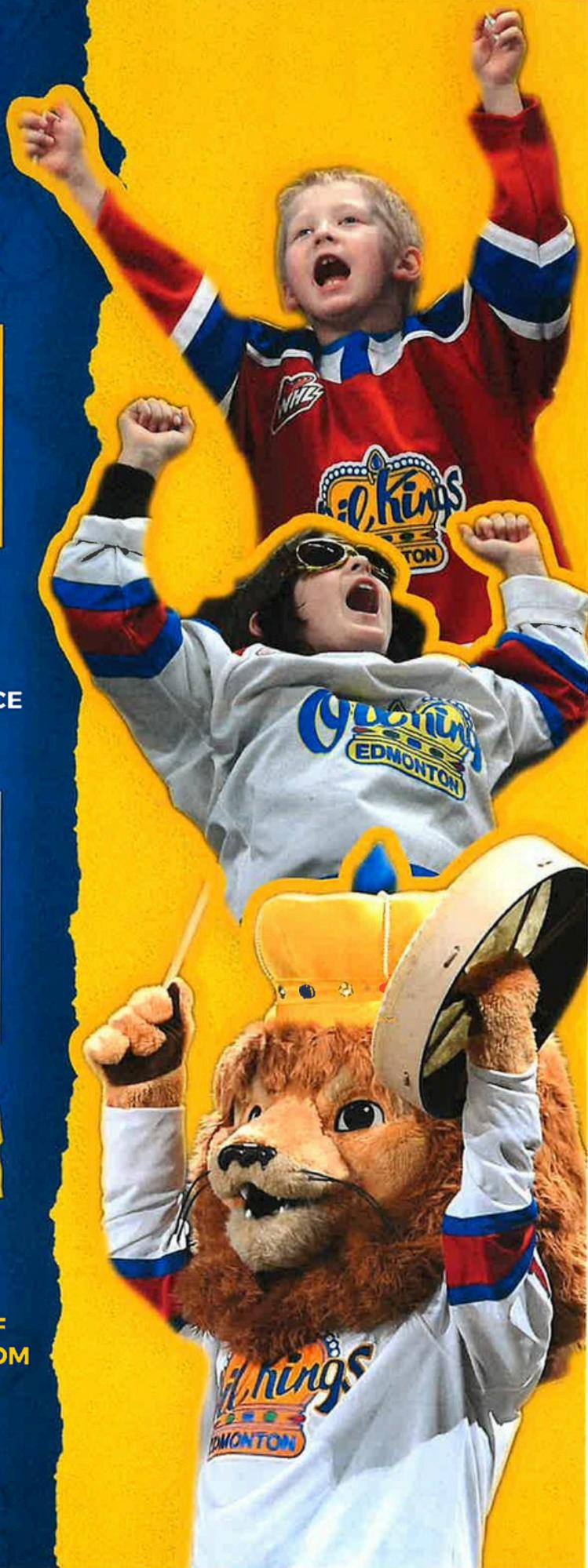
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PLUS FEES



**COME WATCH CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL
STUDENTS PERFORM THE AMERICAN
NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE THE GAME!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT **CIARA LEBOEUF**
CLEBOEUF@EDMONTONOILERS.COM
780-409-5927





***Ski & Snowboard
Trips to
Rabbit Hill***

**GRADES 4/5
February 20, 2026**

**Grade 6/7
February 23, 2026**

**Rabbit Hill Snow Resort
Leaving @ 8:40 a.m.
Returning @ 2:35 p.m.**

**Permission Form and Payments
to be made through PowerSchool
before February 10, 2026**



CANADIAN
FOUNDATION **WHEELCHAIR**
FONDATION CHAISE ROULANTE CANADA
A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner



Collect pop tabs for a
worthy cause.

Collection container is
located in the school office



MISSION Canadian Wheelchair Foundation /
Fondation Chaise Roulante Canada is a
Canadian registered charity dedicated to:

- raising awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities.
- delivering mobility into the lives of those who have no means to acquire a wheelchair.
- transforming lives through Mobility, and with it giving Freedom, Dignity and Hope.

*freedom
freedom*

MOBILITY Mobility creates independence and new opportunity for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family. An elderly person with mobility can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in bed. We estimate that each wheelchair we deliver impacts the lives of 10 people in a lasting positive way.

CANADIAN
FOUNDATION **WHEELCHAIR**

REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

SAFE ARRIVAL

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.

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.)

You may also contact the school and leave a detailed message after hours (780-986-7888)

Good attendance patterns are an important factor in a student's overall success at school.

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.

Library Schedule



CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL



DAY 1

Period 3: 7-3 Wannop

Period 4: 2K (Brown)

Period 7: 5B (Geisb)

Period 8: 6 H/W
Reinhardt

DAY 2

Period 2: ECS (T)

Period 3: 1/2 Milner

Period 4: 2 Shephard

Period 5: 3 Tilleman

Period 7: ECS (T)

Period 8: 5 Gravel

DAY 3

Period 2: 4 Koopmans

Period 3: ECS (S)

Period 4: 6 Rosentreter

Period 5: 3 Mandryk

Period 6: 7-1 Wannop

Period 7: 1 Hammell

Period 8: 7-4 McM
6 Sims

DAY 4

Period 7: 1 Goshko

Period 8: 3 Johnson

DAY 5

Period 2-4 Adams

Period 3: 7-2 McM

Period 7: 5 Dawler

Period 8: 4 Larsen

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 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



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

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.

