

# CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

*Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families*



## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

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### Welcome Back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all returning students and to welcome all the new students to our Caledonia Park School school family! We hope you had an excellent summer vacation and are excited and ready for learning fun!!

Caledonia Park continues to grow, as have some of our staff families. Ms Britton, Mrs Li and Mrs Tessier will be stepping in to teach while Mrs Sundt, Mrs Bamber, and Mrs Gravel are away with their little ones and we know that our students are in the excellent hands of these new staff members. We know that it is going to be an exciting and productive year for all of our school family.

Meet The Teacher and Awards Night will be held on September 21, 2023. Meet The Teacher will be from 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm, and Awards Night will commence in the gymnasium at 7:00 pm.

A successful school year for students is one where the school and the home clearly understand each other and communicate openly and frequently. Please take the time throughout the year to stay connected with your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teacher involved to seek clarification. Email communication is very effective, please provide your teacher with your email address. Parents, we ask you to pack lunches for your children diligently. We kindly request that lunches and snacks be nut-free (including sesame seeds) because we have students who are HIGHLY allergic to them. Your cooperation, sensitivity and understanding are greatly appreciated.

# Caledonia Park Staffing

## 2023-24



### ***ECS, DIVISION I AND DIVISION II***

ECS (3 sections) – Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Golinsky

Grade One (3 sections) – Ms. Cyre, Mrs. Wozniak, and Mrs. Hammell

Grade Two (4 sections) – Mrs. Krahn, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Ramirez and Ms. Shephard

Grade Three (3 sections) – Ms. Li, Mrs. Mandryk and Mrs. Tilleman

Grade Four (3 sections) – Mrs. Adams, Ms. Lindholm, and Mr. May

Grade Five (4 sections) – Mrs. Bejcar, Ms. Britton, Mrs. Dowler and Mrs. Tessier

Grade Six (4 sections) – Mrs. Hoy, Ms. Keil, Ms. Rosentreter and Mrs. Sims

### ***DIVISION III***

Mr. Brunton, Ms. Ellsworth, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Martel, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. May, Mrs. McClean, Ms. McMurray, Mr. Moldrup, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Stepanick, Mr. Young and Mrs. Wannop

Music Teacher – Mrs. Larsen

Learning Support Teacher (0.5) - Mrs. Johnson

Librarian - Mrs. Wurban

Educational Assistants – Mrs. Bergsma, Mrs. Castellon, Mrs. de Vries, Mrs. Degruichy, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Hamliuk, Mrs. Hiebert, Mrs. Hodder, Mrs. Hoddinott, Mrs. Knaus, Ms. Lamoureux, Mrs. Losing, Ms. Mulrooney, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Rolof, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Spiker, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Weinstein

Counsellor – Mrs. Ruskowsky

Assistant Principals – Mrs. Engler, and Mr. Dykstra

Principal – Mr. Fisher

Administrative Assistants – Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Fedor and Mrs. Zaporosky

Custodial Staff – Mr. Mupingo, Mrs. Cummins, and Mr. Tulang

# September Important Dates

August 30 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 31/September 1 - ECS Staggered Entry

September 1 - Gr. 1 Bus Safety Presentation

September 4 - Labour Day - Schools Closed

September 12 - Parent Council AGM @ 6:30 pm

September 12 - Picture Day

September 15 - PD Day - No Students

September 18 - ECS Bus Safety Presentation

September 19 - Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

September 21 - Jr. High Golf Tournaments (Tryouts TBA)

September 21 - Meet the Teacher Night & Awards Ceremony

September 22 - Terry Fox Run

September 28 - SPIRIT DAY - Orange Shirt Day

September 29 - National Truth & Reconciliation Day - School Closed



Smart Photography will be in the building on September 12th to take all staff & student photos.

Picture retakes will be scheduled at a later date

## WATER BOTTLES

PLEASE remind your student(s) to bring a waterbottle to school everyday! Water fountains are available for use and can be used to refill waterbottles throughout the day.

Hydration is extremely important for students!!

# 2023-2024 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 [jenny.zaporosky@blackgold.ca](mailto:jenny.zaporosky@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/>

## 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 Schedules](#)
- [Junior High Options & Complementary Course Information](#)
- [Division Year Calendar](#)

Have any other questions? Contact our office staff for help! Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Fedor & Mrs. Zaporosky @ 780-986-7888

## SCHOOL MESSENGER

Our automated school communication system, is up and running for the school year. Parents need to "Opt In" to receive text alerts for Emergency Alerts, as well as Attendance. To opt in, please text "Y" to 724665. You will then receive a message from School Messenger confirming your registration. PLEASE ensure that your PowerSchool contact information is up to date! If you need changes made, please contact the school at (780-986-7888).



# THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

## Caledonia Park School Terry Fox Run/Walk

Caledonia Park School students will participate in a Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 22nd. 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 also collecting donations through the "Terry Fox Foundation" website at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/30456>. Our school goal is \$1000.00!

All students must have their permission form signed in order to participate in this activity. Please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal to fill out the form ASAP - <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

# Meet the Teacher & Awards Night

Parents are invited to "Meet the teacher" beginning at 5:30pm to 6:45pm in classrooms.

Awards Ceremony commences at 7pm in the gymnasium

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## School Fees

ECS Fees, Grade 7 Quarter 1 and Grade 8/9 Term 1 Jr. High Option/Complementary fees have been posted on students' accounts.

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.

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## 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 \$12.00 each and come in a variety of colours (limited supply available)



# ***SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS***

## ***2023/2024***

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\*\*

**September 28** - Orange Shirt Day

**October 13** - Flannel Friday

**October 31** - Halloween Dress up

**November 24** - Crazy Hair Day

**December 22** - Festive Sweater Day

**January 18** - Sports Fan Day

**February 14** - Valentine's Day - Wear Pink & Red

**February 28** - Pink Shirt for Anti-Bullying

**March 17** - Green for St. Patrick's Day

**March 21** - #LotsofSocks for World Down Syndrome Day

**April 2** - Wear Blue for Autism Awareness

**April 18** - Viking Fan Day

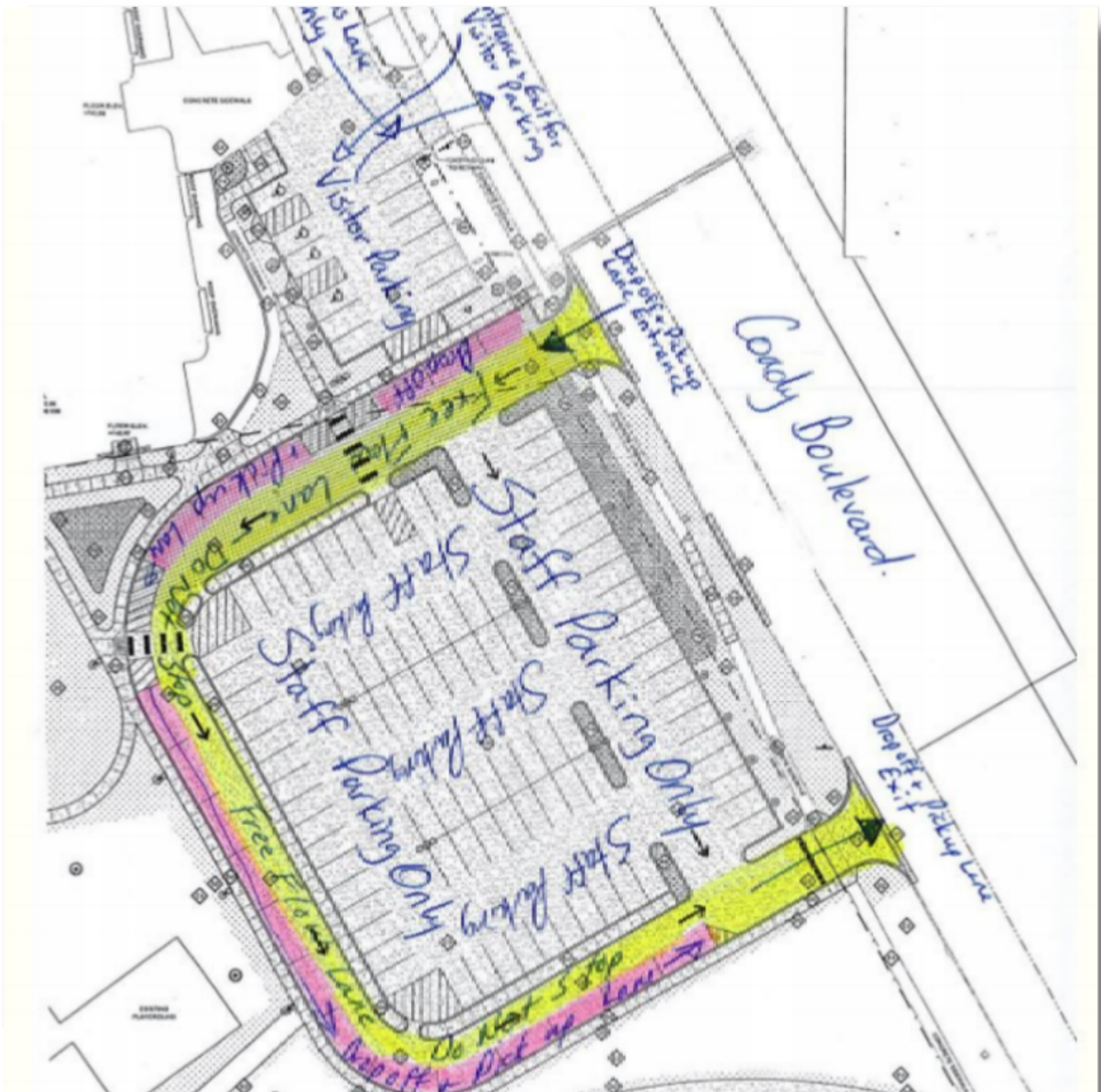
**May 1** - Hats ON for Mental Health

**May 31** - Western Day for the Black Gold Rodeo

**June 9** - ONE Colour Day! Wear only one colour

# 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.



# Absence Reporting

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

### Report your child absent!!

- Call the school. *Please leave a detailed message after hours*
- Email the office - [cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca](mailto:cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca) and advise the reason for absence (ie: Sick, appointment, vacation, etc...)

### 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.

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# STUDENT SIGN OUT FORM & RETURN PROCEDURES



IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO GO HOME EARLY (DUE TO ILLNESS OR OTHERWISE) OR ATTEND AN APPOINTMENT DURING SCHOOL HOURS, THE STUDENT SIGN-OUT FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THEY ARE EXCUSED FROM THE BUILDING.

THIS FORM IS POSTED ON OUR SCHOOL WEB PAGE UNDER THE PARENTS TAB.

DIRECT LINK TO FORM: [STUDENT SIGN-OUT](#) 

THIS FORM CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL DEVICE, OR IN THE SCHOOL ON OUR PARENT COMPUTER. PLEASE BUZZ THE DOOR BELL FOR SCHOOL ENTRY.

STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER AN APPOINTMENT STUDENTS MUST CHECK-IN AT THE OFFICE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THEIR CLASSROOM.