



# Caledonia Park School

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Hello Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Kayla Hoy and I am so excited to be your child's grade six teacher this year. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and helping them grow and develop in an inclusive, safe and caring learning environment.

## **Communication**

I believe that in order for students to have the most successful year possible, there must be effective parent-teacher communication. Throughout the year, I will be communicating with you through emails and phone calls.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can contact me through email at [kayla.hoy@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:kayla.hoy@gshare.blackgold.ca). Emails will be responded to within 24 hours.

## **Class Information**

### Lockers

Students will have access to a locker to store their backpacks, jackets, and other personal belongings for the year. Students will not be permitted to use a lock for their locker this year as the lockers are inside our classroom.

### Agenda

Agendas will be used this year and are a useful tool for communication that students are expected to use on a daily basis in order to keep track of homework, quizzes/tests, school/class events and other reminders. Please sign your child's agenda every night after reading the message so I can confirm important information was communicated to you.

Additionally, agenda messages will be posted on Homeroom Google Classroom for you to view.

## Homework Policy

As a big advocate for students living a healthy, balanced lifestyle, I will not often assign homework. However, if a student does not use their class time effectively, they are expected to finish assignments on their own time.

## Missed School Work Due to Absences

If your child misses a day, their missed work will be posted in one slideshow on Homeroom Google Classroom by the end of the day. It is expected that students complete their missing work slides the evening that they return to school to prevent falling behind.

If your child will miss multiple consecutive days, I ask that you please notify me by email 48-hours in advance so that I can send home any needed materials with them to complete their missed work. As with missed days, their missed work from each individual day will be posted in one slideshow on Homeroom Google Classroom by the end of each day. Student's are expected to have their missing work completed and turned in to me by the second day they return to school.

## Quizzes/Exams

\*\*It is an expectation that grade six students study for ALL quizzes and tests on their own time.\*\*

Please refer to student agendas and Google Classroom to view upcoming dates for quizzes and exams.

## Devices

**Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own Chromebook/laptop to school if they have access to one.** Although the school does have some on-site, we do not have a one to one ratio, and therefore, they will be shared amongst students.

Students are not permitted to have their phones on them during school hours. Our class has a cell phone bucket that will store devices throughout the day.

## Lunch

Students will not have access to a microwave for the year. Please encourage your child to bring healthy snacks and lunches that fuel their brains and bodies!

## Water Bottles

I ask that all students bring a reusable water bottle to class which can be filled up during break times to avoid interruptions during class time. Please make sure it has a lid and his/her name on it. Please remind your child that **only water** is allowed to be brought in their bottles.

## Physical Education/DPA

Phys. Ed and DPA classes will be held indoors or outdoors throughout the year. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for each season. This includes: inside shoes (no black/marking soles) and outside shoes (depending on the activity/weather), snow pants/jackets, raincoats, hats, etc.

I encourage students to wear appropriate clothing on DAY 3 and DAY 5 for physical education. At this time, students will not be permitted to change for Phys. Ed.

**I ask that you please speak with your child on the importance of hygiene and ensure deodorant is provided and used regularly when necessary.** It is recommended that students have an extra deodorant at school should they need it.

## Library

Students go to the library for their class with Mrs. Wurban. Please have your child's books returned on library day (DAY 3). Reminders for the library will be communicated in student agendas.

## Music

Grade 6 will have 2 music classes per week taught by Mrs. Larsen.

## Social Studies

Our class will be taught social studies by Mrs. Sim's. You can contact her at [pamela.sims@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:pamela.sims@gshare.blackgold.ca) with any questions regarding the social studies curriculum.

## **School Information**

### Schedule

We are on a DAY 1-5 schedule and our bell schedule can be found [HERE](#) on our school website.

### Morning Routine & Absences

Students will enter/exit the school through the doors that back onto the south playground. Doors open at 8:05am (7:50am when the weather is below -20 celsius). Please ensure they are at school for the 8:10 bell. If your child is absent, please contact me via email, and the office at (780) 986-7888, or send an email to [cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca](mailto:cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca).

### Bake Sales, Hot Lunch, Birthday/Class Treats

Hot lunches will continue to be provided for the school year. Birthday/class treats are permitted as long as they are nut-free, store-bought and there is enough for each student in our class (23 students).

### Newsletters

All school newsletters will be uploaded to our school website and can be viewed [HERE](#).

## Curriculum

To access more information regarding the Alberta curriculum & what your child will be learning this year, click [HERE](#).

I look forward to working alongside you to help your child succeed, have fun and have a memorable year this year!

Yours in learning,

Mrs. Kayla Hoy