

# CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

*Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families*



## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

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Hello Caledonia Park families and Happy December!

November has flown by! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break this November. Students came back ready and excited to resume learning. I personally can't believe that we are already in December! I have to say it is starting to feel festive here at the school as we prepare for an exciting holiday season!

Remarkable things happened this past November! We had our first full school assembly in the gym to commemorate Remembrance Day. The entire student body, together with staff gathered and it was an amazing thing to see. This year we were honoured to have the presence of our students enrolled in the 831 Black Knights Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron during the ceremony. When all of Caledonia Park School comes together, we take up the entire gym floor space with Kindergarten to grade 6 classes and the bleachers are filled with our Junior High students. Due to the size of our student population we were unable to also invite the community and parents to join us, but I can tell you that our students were so incredibly respectful during the ceremony and moment of silence. I have to give particular praise to our Junior High students who were exemplary role models for all of the younger grades.

Basketball season has begun to roll out and students in grades 4 to 9 have been participating in tryouts. Some teams have already had games and tournaments. It will be an exciting season and players love when we have fans in the bleachers.

Go Vikings!

Hot lunches and Popcorn Days are in full swing! You know it's going to be a great Thursday when the halls smell like popcorn! Thank you so much to all of our Parent Volunteers and our Parent Council for organizing and running things like this. They are things that turn a regular week in November into something exciting.

The weather has been so beautiful! I hate to say the "S" word, but as we know in Alberta, you can go to sleep in the fall and wake up in a Blizzard! When this does happen, please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate cold weather clothing (coat, snow pants, hat and mitts/gloves) so that they can enjoy being outside. Information on weather conditions can be accessed online from The Leduc Operations Building (<https://www.leduc.ca/about-leduc/weather>). If the temperature reads at -20 before school, doors will be open and students will head straight to their classes. Temperature is regularly checked before all recesses to inform our decision on if they will be indoors. Please label your child's cold weather wear. It makes it so much easier to ensure that missing items make it home. Already our lost and found has quite a collection of winter wear. If something is missing please remind your child to check the lost and found in the Grade 3 bootroom.

Having an amazing month leading up to the holiday season.

# CALEDONIA PARK

## School

### What's Up This Month

**December 1** - Term 1 Ends, No ECS Classes

**December 4** - PD Day - No School

**December 5** - Term 2 Begins, Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

**December 6** - Grade 2 Bake Sale

**December 8** - Hot Lunch & PJ DAY

**December 14** - Popcorn Sale

**December 20** - Christmas Concert

**December 21** - Christmas Concert

**December 22** - Festive Sweater Day

**December 25 - January 5** -  
CHRISTMAS VACATION - NO  
SCHOOL



### BGSD Board

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustee meetings to communicate pertinent information to our staff, school councils, parents, students and stakeholders.

You can view the Board Highlights at <https://www.blackgold.ca/about-bgsd/board/board-highlights/> or you check out full agenda and meeting minutes at <https://blackgold.civicweb.net/Portal/Default.aspx>

### Christmas Concert

We are excited to announce our 2023 CPS Christmas Concert Dates! Each date will hold an afternoon performance @ 1:30pm and an evening performance @ 7pm. Tickets will be required for all evening performances due to fire code regulations. More information to come!

Wednesday, December 20: Grades 1, 3, 5 & PM ECS Classes

Thursday, December 21: Grades 2, 4, 6 & AM ECS Classes

### Reminders!!!

Please check your PowerSchool account for any outstanding fees throughout the year!

Prompt Payment is greatly appreciated as these fees cover the teacher's purchases for classroom enhancements.



# The Giving Tree 2023



Dear Parents,

It is time for the CAPS annual Giving Tree toy round-up!!! We will once again be working with the Leduc's Santa's Helpers to bring Christmas cheer to those in need. Your child can pick an ornament off the "Giving Tree" which has been placed in the front lobby. Each ornament will have a child's gender and age. Your child may then go purchase a present for a child that matches the description on their ornament. The present must be new, unwrapped, and brought back to school no later than Friday, December 9th.

In previous years we have collected enough toys for almost 500 children in the local area and filled our display case  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way! We hope this year will be just as successful. There are some more suggestions in the flyer from Santa's Helpers that will be in the school newsletter. Another great idea is to order an extra book from your child's class Scholastic Orders and donate it to a child in need! Any donation that you can make will be appreciated!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school!

## Happy Giving!



Here are a few suggestions for items that are needed:

**Baby items could include: (0-2 years)**

- Stuffed animal, toys, books
- Teething toys
- rattles
- Clothes - Pajamas, socks, onesies
- Mittens and toques and scarves

**Kids:**

- Dolls, stuffed animals, action figure
- Clothes - t-shirts, pants, socks
- Pajamas, scarves, toques, mitts
- Sports equipment
- Craft supplies
- Books

**Teenagers: (13-17)**

- Cosmetics
- Gift cards - iTunes
- Sports equipment
- Gift baskets, books
- Colognes or perfumes
- Clothes - hoodies, sweatshirt
- Gloves and toques
- Jewelry
- Models or crafts
- Teen board games
- Pajamas, socks







On the morning of November 29, Mrs. Tilleman took her Caledonia Park School's grade three class outside to gaze at the magnificent sunrise.



# *Christmas Concert*

Wednesday, December 20  
Grades 1, 3, 5  
PM Kindergarten

Thursday, December 21  
Grades 2, 4, 6  
AM Kindergarten

ON BOTH DAYS CONCERTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
1:30PM & 7PM  
DOORS WILL OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE





**Wednesday, December 20th, 2023****Families of students in Grade 1, 3, 5 and PM ECS**

The afternoon show is at 1:30pm, with doors opening at 1:00pm. This is not a ticketed event although due to a limited number of seats, we still request that attendance guidelines are maintained.

The evening performance will be at 7:00pm, with doors opening at 6:30. This is a ticketed event to assist us with maintaining our maximum occupancy.

**Thursday, December 21st, 2023****Families of students in Grade 2, 4, 6 & AM ECS**

The afternoon show is at 1:30 pm, with doors opening at 1:00pm. This is not a ticketed event although due to a limited number of seats, we still request that attendance guidelines are maintained.

The evening performance will be at 7:00pm, with doors opening at 6:30. This is a ticketed event to assist us with maintaining our maximum occupancy.

**Tickets**

Tickets will be required for the **evening** performances. This will assist us in ensuring that we stay within our maximum occupancy for Fire Code. Tickets are **not** required for **afternoon** performances.

✳️ Caledonia Park School has a google form asking if you will be attending the evening performances and what grades your children are in. Please respond to this form ASAP. Once we have collected this information, paper tickets will be sent home with your child.

✳️ TICKET FORM LINK - <https://forms.gle/ncctRTCHdwZd1YZDA>

Paper tickets will be distributed to families with a maximum of 2 tickets per evening that your children are performing. (If you have a child participating on both nights, you will receive 2 tickets for each night). Your child will be bringing the tickets for the appropriate night home with them from school.

If you are **not** planning to attend and make use of your tickets after you have received them, please also let your child's teacher know. This helps us prepare for crowd size, organization of the children and to ensure that we have space for all families to participate.

**Attending the Performances**

With our growing school population it is vital that we adhere to the maximum occupancy for fire code. For this reason, we are asking that only 2 people from each family attend the performances. This means that 2 people, per family of the child in each day of the performances.

All people, including babies/children on laps and in strollers are considered as "one separate person." This is because our capacity is calculated on the number of people, not the number of seats.

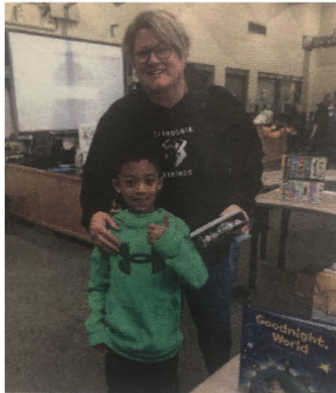
If you are not attending your child's evening performance you are still allowed to bring them into the building and to ensure that they make it safely to their classroom.

For the evening performance, doors will only open 30 minutes prior to the performance. This allows us to ensure that everyone "backstage" is in place to welcome you and your children for the concert.

click here!

## Caledonia Park Library

# FALL BOOK FAIR UPDATE



### WINNERS OF THE \$10 DRAW WERE ANNOUNCED ON OCT 31



## ANOTHER SUCCESS BOOK FAIR

The week of October 23-27, 2023 saw a flurry of activity in our school's library. The ever popular Scholastic Book Fair returned for the Fall In-School Fair. Sales were a whopping \$8,889.15! These sales helped our library obtain over \$4,100 in resources.

**Congratulations to our \$10 winners: Samuel, Ewan, Claire and Rhett**

CALEDONIA PARK IS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH GREAT VOLUNTEERS. A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO CHANTELE RIDDEL, VICKY THOMAS, CARLEEN BROWN, TERINNA COATES, PATRICIAL SAUBAK, JENNIFER PRICE, LEIGH DERGIN, KEALLY WILLIAMS, RANDI SMITH & MONIKA DEVRIES





# Caledonia Parent Council



Thank you to all the parents, guardians and families who supported and continue to support all our ongoing fundraisers. Without the support of you we cannot do what we do to help provide extras for our students. We all love what we do and love the support from all of you. We had another successful year with Purdy's and maybe not so successful with the Christmas wrapping paper but every little bit counts. So we are always happy with what we received. For those who ordered from DFS Fundraising, please watch for your pick-up date. As always, keep a look out for future fundraisers, including our annual Xmas 50/50. We are still waiting on approval, but we are hopeful all funds from the 50/50 will go towards the park we are just in the beginning stages of planning for. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Park Committee, please reach out or come to our next Parent Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:30 pm, at Caledonia Park School.

Thank you to all and enjoy the Holiday Season which is officially upon us!

Your Caledonia Park Home and School Parent Council







# BAKE SALE POPCORN DAY

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## Bake Sale Rules

- Items will be priced at \$0.50 each
- Drop off items in the morning to the office after 8am.
- Each student to provide 1 or 2 dozen items
- Must be in individual portions, but items do not need to be individually wrapped.
- Containers must include students full name and homeroom.
- Cardboard/Foils will be thrown away unless otherwise noted.
- Baked or store bought items are welcome.
- Suggested items are: Cookies, Cupcakes, Muffins, Squares, Popcorn balls, puddings, jell-o, etc...
- Gluten Free items are welcome!
- Items are required to be PEANUT AND NUT FREE - NO EXCEPTIONS

## Bake Sale Dates:

- December 6 - Grade 2 Classes
- January 10 - Grade 5 Classes
- February 6 - Grade 3 Classes
- March 6 - Grade 7 Classes
- April 3 - Grade 4 Classes
- May 1 - Grade 6 Classes
- June 5 - Grade 8 & Mrs. Johnson's ECS Classes

## Popcorn Sale Dates Each bag - \$0.50

- December 14
- January 25
- March 21
- April 25
- May 23



# 2023/2024 Hot Lunch Schedule

~~October 13:~~ Panago

~~October 27:~~ McDonald's

~~November 24:~~ Boston Pizza

December 8: Subway

December 15: Hot Dogs & Smoothies

January 12: McDonald's

January 26: Subway

February 2: Boston Pizza

February 16: Panago

March 1: Hot Dogs & Smoothies

March 15: Boston Pizza

April 5: McDonald's

April 26: Subway

May 10: Panago

May 24: Boston Pizza

## Here's how to get started...

✓ Go to <https://caledonia.hotlunches.net/>

✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"

✓ Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)

✓ Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom

✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Caledonia Park School. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

**\*\*Parents will be charged a PayPal fee of \$0.30 for every transaction made plus a 2.70% service fee.**

**\*\* Hot Lunch is NOT open to kindergarten students at this time\*\***

Please contact our Hot Lunch Coordinator if you experience as problems creating your account or placing your order.

Niki Bergsma at [nbergsma2@hotmail.com](mailto:nbergsma2@hotmail.com)



# December



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <sup>Day 2</sup> No ECS Classes today Term 1 Ends	2
3	4 No School PD Day	5 <sup>Day 3</sup> Term 2 Begins	6 <sup>Day 4</sup> Grade 2 Bake Sale	7 <sup>Day 5</sup>	8 <sup>Day 1</sup> <b>PAJAMA DAY</b>  Hot Lunch	9
10	11 <sup>Day 2</sup>	12 <sup>Day 3</sup>	13 <sup>Day 4</sup> K-Gr 2 Fluoride	14 <sup>Day 5</sup> K-Gr 2 Fluoride  Popcorn Sale	15 <sup>Day 1</sup> K-Gr 2 Fluoride  Hot Lunch	16
17	18 <sup>Day 2</sup>	19 <sup>Day 3</sup>	20 <sup>Day 4</sup> CHRISTMAS CONCERT GR. 1, 3, 5 & PM KINDER	21 <sup>Day 5</sup> CHRISTMAS CONCERT GR. 2, 4, 6 & AM KINDER	22 <sup>Day 1</sup> <b>FESTIVE SWEATER DAY</b>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Christmas Vacation					





# January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Christmas Vacation					
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 Grade 5 Bake Sale	11 Day 5	12 Day 1  Hot Lunch	13
14	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5  SPORTS FAN DAY	19 Day 1  No ECS Classes today	20
21	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5  Popcorn Sale	26 Day 1  Hot Lunch	27
28	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31  No School PD Day			

# 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.

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

# 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.



# VALOR VOLLEYBALL



## 14U/15U MALE

Athletes born  
September 2008 - December 2010

**Tryout #1: (all athletes)**  
Date: Monday, December 4th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tryout #2: (all athletes)**  
Date: Tuesday, December 5th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tryout #3: (invite only)**  
Date: Thursday, December 7th  
Location: J. E. Lapointe  
Time: 7:30-9:30 pm



## 16U MALE

Athletes born  
September 2007 - December 2008

**Tryout #1: (all athletes)**  
Date: Monday, November 27th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tryout #2: (all athletes)**  
Date: Tuesday, November 28th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tryout #3: (invite only)**  
Date: Thursday, November 30th  
Location: J. E. Lapointe  
Time: 7:30-9:30 pm



## 17U /18U MALE

Athletes born  
September 2005 - December 2007

**Tryout #1: (all athletes)**  
Date: Monday, November 27th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 8:00-9:30 pm

**Tryout #2: (all athletes)**  
Date: Tuesday, November 28th  
Location: Mother d'Youville  
Time: 8:00-9:30 pm

**Tryout #3: (invite only)**  
Date: Thursday, November 30th  
Location: J. E. Lapointe  
Time: 7:30-9:30 pm



### To Register:

Please fill out the registration link on our website  
<https://leagues.teamlinkt.com/valorvolleyballclub>  
or email Bailey via [valor.vball@gmail.com](mailto:valor.vball@gmail.com)



Leduc Rotary



48th Annual

# Music Festival

April 2-18, 2024

**PIANO VOCAL INSTRUMENTAL  
CHOIR BAND SPEECH**

Registration opens **Dec 1 - Jan 26, 2024**  
Late registration ends Feb 2, 2024

Open to performers of all ages from the  
City of Leduc & Leduc County

**Register at:** [leducmusicfestival.ca](http://leducmusicfestival.ca)



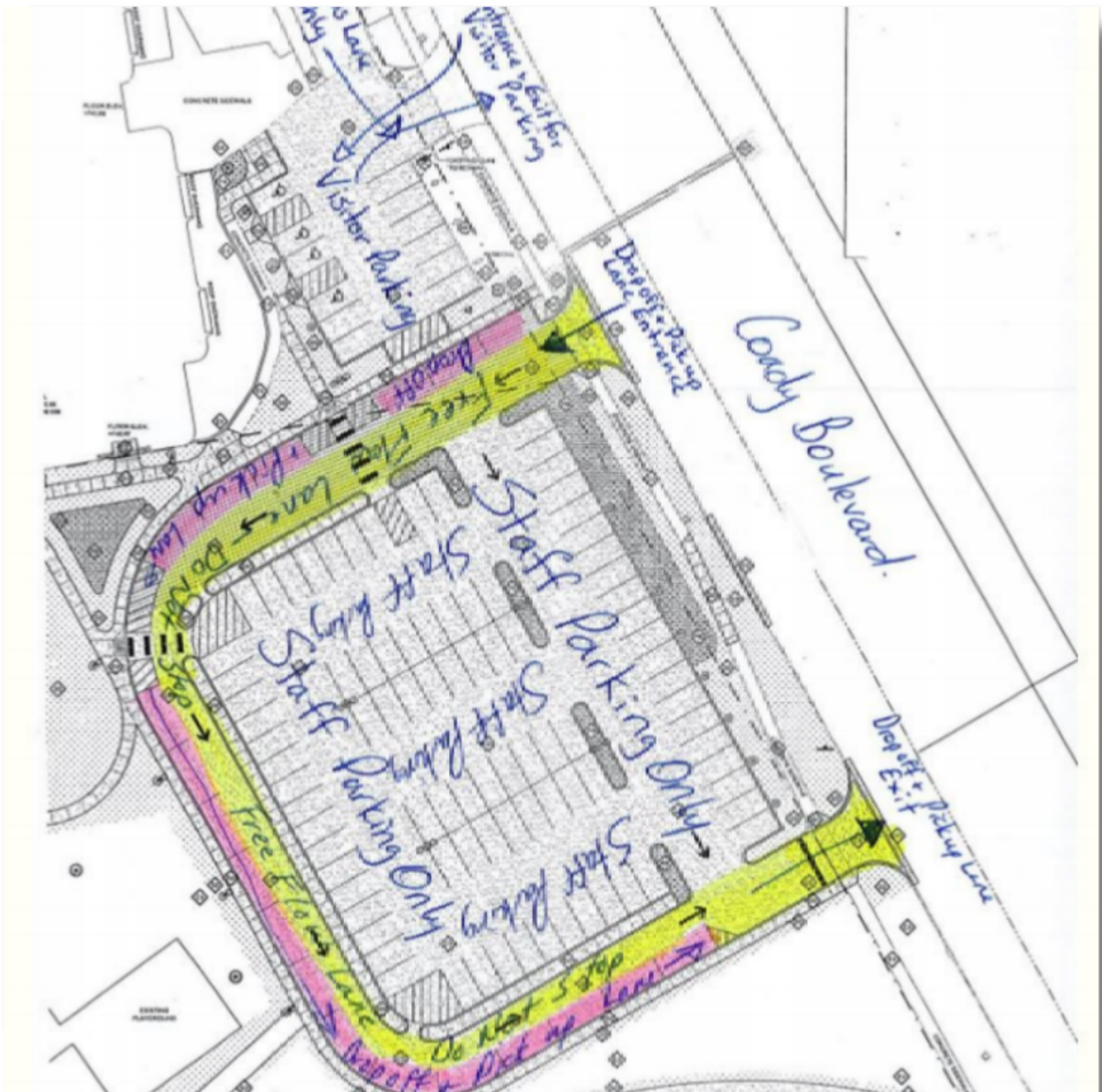
## ACTIVE 8's & 9's

Receive a **FREE MEMBERSHIP\***  
to the LRC and  
Alexandra Outdoor Pool.

\*Applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the  
City of Leduc and Leduc County.

## 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.





# ***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\*\*

**December 8** - Pajama 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 15** - 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 14** - ONE Colour Day! Wear only one colour