

# CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

*Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families*



## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mrs. Engler - [kim.engler@blackgold.ca](mailto:kim.engler@blackgold.ca)

Hello Caledonia Park families!

I feel like Santa came to us early this year with the beautiful weather that we have been so lucky to have! It has been a long time since we have had such mild temperatures heading into the Holiday Break. I know that both the teachers and students have appreciated opportunities to be outside at recess and for DPA/Phys Ed classes to burn off some of that daily Christmas glee! It also meant that Santa must have had a much easier time landing on the school roof to deliver the Christmas Letters to the Grade 1, 2 and 3 students!

It has been such a wonderful month here at CPS. The Giving Tree earlier this month was a success and families were so generous in the donations that were provided for children in our community. Our Home and School Council and volunteers were as busy as elves in the North Pole; with a Bake Sale, many Hot Lunches and Popcorn sales, Purdy's Chocolates and the 50/50 fundraiser, not to mention all of the other things they do to make our school awesome. Thank you so much to all of our school community for donating Food Bank and Giving Tree items and the gift of your time.

Although it may not feel like a winter wonderland outside, it was a full on celebration inside the school and the 2023 Christmas Concert "Holly Jolly Jukebox" was a smashing success, with excellent performances from our choirs and the actors in the play. This year we again had afternoon performances and a ticketed evening performance on 2 separate nights. Wednesday we saw performances from our Grades 1, 3, 5 and PM Kindergarten classes and on Thursday we had our Grade 2, 4, 6 and AM Kindergarten classes. All of the concerts were extremely well attended and we are so happy to have you here at Caledonia Park School to share these moments with your children. The students were so excited to perform for you and they really gave it their all and did a fantastic job.

Whether your family celebrates Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or you just enjoy the opportunity to be together, here at the school we wish you a restful break, full of all the things that fill your bucket. We are excited to see everyone back at the school in the new year!

# CALEDONIA PARK

## School

### What's Up This Month

**Jan. 1-5** – No School Christmas Vacation

**Jan. 10** – Grade 5 Bake Sale

**Jan. 12** – Hot Lunch

**Jan. 16** – Parent Council @ 6:30

**Jan. 17** – 6K Civic Centre

**Jan. 18** – Sports Fan Day

**Jan. 19** – No ECS Classes & Gr. 6 Rabbit Hill Trip

**Jan. 24** – 6R Civic Centre

**Jan. 25** – Popcorn Day

**Jan. 26** – Hot Lunch

**Jan. 31** – No School – PD



### 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>

### Viking Yearbook Cover Contest!

The Yearbook Cover Contest has begun!

Please encourage your student to create a Yearbook Cover submission over the Christmas Break!

Submissions will be accepted until January 13th.

Good Luck Everyone!

### 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.



# Grade 4 - 5 - 6

## Rabbit Hill Ski Trip

### Important Information:

Field trip information for the Grades 4, 5 and 6 Rabbit Hill Ski Trips have been posted to PowerSchool for student registration.

Please have registration forms completed as soon as possible by logging into your PowerSchool Account.

Fees are due in full for students to attend.

### Event Dates & Form Due Dates:

- Grade 4** - Depart on Jan. 26.
  - Fees & Forms due Jan. 22
- Grade 5** - Depart on Jan. 16.
  - Fees & Forms due Jan. 10
- Grade 6** - Depart on Jan. 19.
  - Fees & Forms due Jan 15

If your student will not be attending the ski trip and will be staying home, please advise the school so we can adjust your student's attendance.



# CPS GIVING TREE



Thank you to everyone for supporting our CPS Giving Tree!  
Thank you to Mr. Brunton's Leadership class for organizing!

## *Congratulations!*

The Caledonia Park School Home and School Parent Council would like to CONGRATULATE our 50/50 winner Brad Goddard, with the winning ticket number C-3616. Thank you to everyone who shared and supported our 50/50 Raffle. All funds raised will go towards the students of CPS as needed. We are extra hopeful to use our 50/50 funds towards the fundraising of our new school park that we are just starting to form a committee and fundraise for. Please watch for future 50/50's to continue the success of this.

Our next Parent Council Meeting is Tuesday January 16th, 630pm, at Caledonia Park School.

Wishing everyone of Caledonia Park School a very Merry Holiday Season!!!

Your Caledonia Parent Council





## Kinder Adventure!

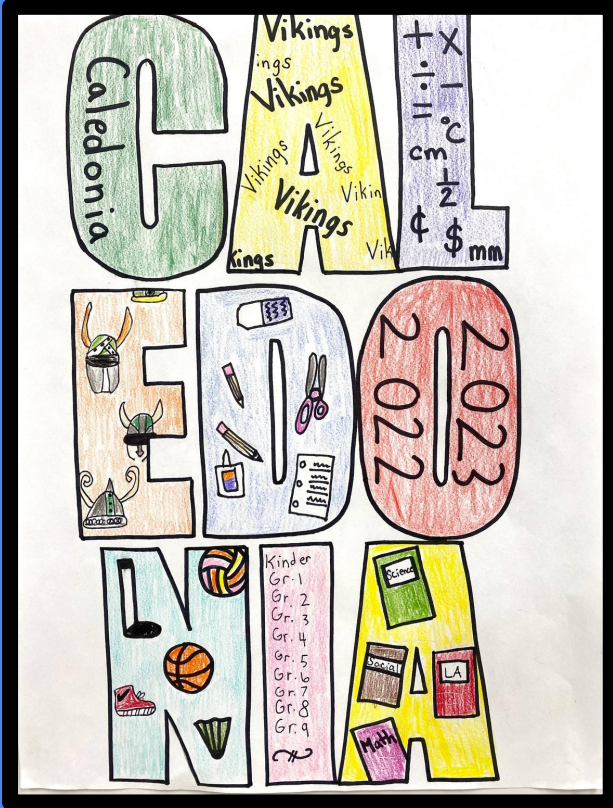
Embarking on an imaginative journey, kindergarten students soared through the festive skies on a homemade airplane, delving into the enchanting tapestry of Christmas traditions across the globe. With a check-in stand as their gateway, an air traffic control room guiding their flight, and a security checkpoint ensuring a safe passage, these young adventurers joyously explored diverse customs. Through playful dramatic play, these students not only had a blast but also embraced the beauty of diversity, fostering a deeper understanding of our world's holiday traditions.





# Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline:

*Thursday, January 18th*



## Guidelines:

- 8.5 x 11 white computer paper
  - Portrait orientation **only** (vertical)
  - Sharpie and pencil crayons
- Include:
- The year (2023/2024)
  - School Name (Caledonia Park)

## Optional:

- A short inspirational phrase
- ◆ Eg. "Inspire Greatness"
- Does not have to be Viking-themed

## Tips for a Great Entry:

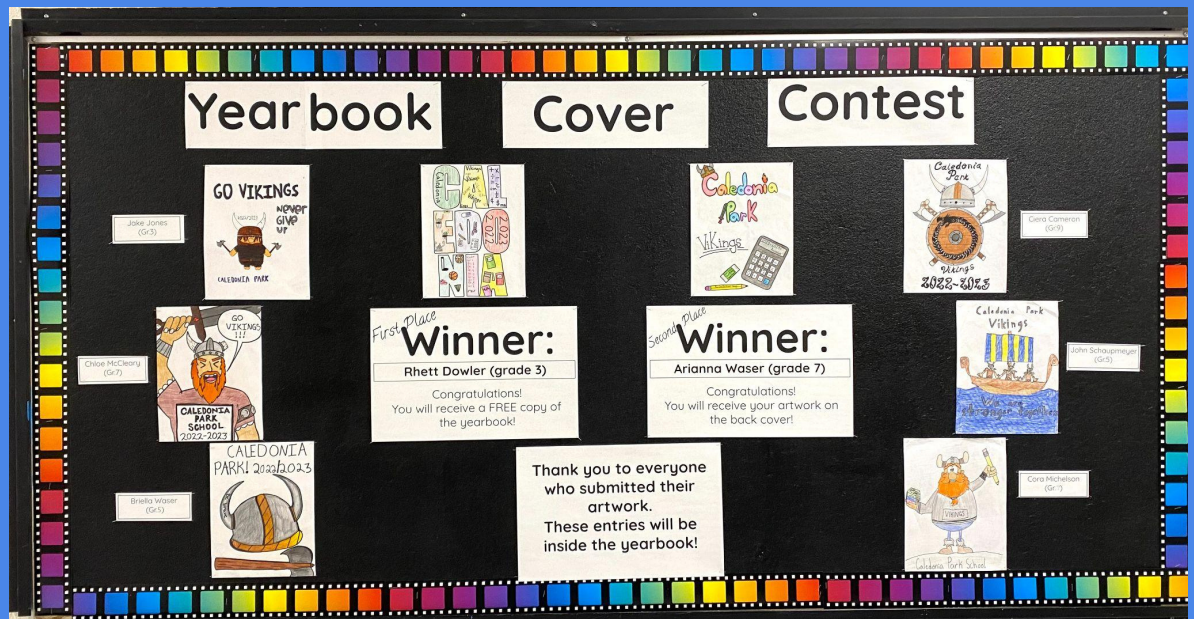
- Use space effectively by filling up most of the page
- Use a ruler where necessary

## Don't Forget!

- Label the back of your entry with your first and last name, grade and teacher's name
- Please use a pencil on the back to prevent bleeding to the front
- Entries with spelling mistakes will not be chosen

*We are inviting all Caledonia Park students to enter our 23/24 Yearbook Cover Contest. One winner will be selected and featured on the front cover and receive a FREE YEARBOOK! Second place receives their entry on the back cover of the book!*

*Other entries may be displayed in the school and on the inside pages of the book!*





DECEMBER 2023

# CAUGHT YOU BEING KIND!



## Congratulations, Vikings!

School staff and students have recognized these individuals for sharing their social and emotional skills with our school community. Thank you for sharing kindness with Caledonia Park School, Vikings!

### Division One

Willa Jordens-Harrah  
Harrison Lange  
Nova Moffat  
Maxwell Bowers  
Greyson Chouinard  
Emery Urlacher  
Mason Stack-Antonation  
Olivia Fraser  
Veja Kuhanga  
Leyla Boehm  
Harper Miller  
Elias Mosquito-Roy  
Parker Sarvas  
Max Sydia  
Karlee Fry  
Kashton Rimbaud  
Maximus Jones  
Kayden Scott  
Callie Liebrecht  
Jack Ritchie  
Axel Burns  
Briar McIntyre  
Luke Jossy  
Ryder Fiddler  
Ruslan Speager  
Paislee Scherger  
Zayne Bowers  
Reese Assaly  
Emily Oh  
Jake Jossy  
Trajan Shoemaker  
Lincoln Scotty

Jaxon McClements

Victoria Harper  
Kaela Rosillo  
Arieonna Carrigan  
Cohen Golinsky  
Navy Coates  
Thor Loran  
Ryker Chartrand  
Karsin Webber  
Isabelle St. Denis  
Robyn Radford  
Arya Pawlick  
Tyrion Dalby  
Karter Burt  
Chloe Rodriguez  
Isaac Akranis  
Jaxson Bauer  
Owen Fraser  
Gloria Robertson  
Torrin Rustulka  
Harley Collyer  
Dana Pelse  
**Division Two**  
Aadvika Saju  
Kenleigh Van Laar  
Hayden Stack-Antonation  
Zander Fleming  
Jimmy (James) Drummond  
Alexa Archer  
Alex Stepanick  
Lauren Stepanick  
Carsha Zolinski  
Mason Riddel

Payton Strickland

Beckett Peters  
Amelia Mitchell  
Hafsa Ali  
Jackson Hergott  
Ewan Veidemanis  
Xaiden McIntosh  
Taliya Rustulka  
Nolan Freadrich  
Zoey Terry  
James Woodruff  
Sophia Noseworthy  
Dominic Schaffer  
Brody Folklinga  
Emily Ertman  
Hunter Kerr  
Amelia Hammell  
Abreeza Shah  
Arina Stepanova  
Lincoln Phan  
Jonah Rodriguez  
Briella Waser  
April (Moon)  
Mendonca  
Myla Engelland  
Harper Derouin  
Jackson Caouette  
Xavier Keadjuk  
Claire Schaupmeyer  
Hayley Spaans  
Lyric Hodgins

### Division Three

#### Term One

Connor Martel  
Alexa Johnson  
Cohen Hiebert  
Hailey Deans  
Olivia Jordan  
Logan Palomera-Becerra  
Cooper Riddell  
Justin Coates  
Avey Erickson  
Layla Van Vlack  
Suhaan Nabi  
Fritsel Lopez  
Natalie Gygi  
Marcus Giesbrecht  
Kali Hergott  
Casey Ridley-Langille  
Chase Asher  
Kiara Matyi  
TK Francis  
Taylor Warner  
Zachary Butt  
Matthew Malin  
Summer Dunn  
Ivy Michelsen  
Jake Irving  
Savanah Chaborek  
**Staff**  
Mrs. Mulrooney  
Mr. Young  
Mrs. May

## What is Caught You Being Kind?

This year, Caledonia Park School is continuing to focus on supporting our students' social and emotional development through our **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)** program.

Each month, school staff and students nominate members of our school community who we see sharing their social and emotional skills with others. The nominees in Divisions One and Two are celebrated monthly. Division Three nominees will be celebrated at the end of each term.

In January and June, Caledonia Park School will celebrate all nominees with a random prize draw!





Students were presented with their Caught You Being Kind awards at our December Assembly. Congratulations everyone!





# DIVISION 2 AWARDS





# DIVISION 3 AWARDS







# VIKINGS



## BASKETBALL

### ROSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ELEMENTARY BOYS

Justice B.  
Kade C.  
Drake F.  
Kale F.  
Daxton K.  
Tayana M.  
Elijah N.  
Austin O.  
Lincoln P.  
Mason R.  
Easton S.  
Kaellum W.

#### ELEMENTARY GIRLS

Brielle A.  
Brielle B.  
Megan C.  
Hailey C.  
Katie D.  
Myla E.  
Ella E.  
Amelia M.  
Maisie M.  
Kylie S.  
Briella W.  
Laila W.

#### JUNIOR BOYS

Nate D.  
Colt F.  
William G.  
Tanatswa M.  
Jaxon M.  
Malcolm M.  
Cooper R.  
Ty R.  
Dominick S.  
Aman S.  
Nixon T.  
Kaden T.  
Jonah V.

#### JR. HIGH GIRLS

Addyson B.  
Nevaeh C.  
Esme D.  
Claire F.  
Emilie G.  
Fritsel L.  
Ciarra P.  
Alexa S.  
Stella T.  
Lea V.  
Cassandra V.  
Arianna W.

#### SENIOR BOYS

Nathan A.	Tyler N.
Davian C.	Draeden O.
Taron C.	Kainen P.
Nathan F.	Kashton S.
Marcus G.	Jay S.
Vaughn M.	Tristan T.

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR JUNIOR HIGH  
BASKETBALL TEAMS IN THE UPCOMING  
SEASON!**

**GAMES START MID-JANUARY**



# VIKINGS

## FLOOR HOCKEY

### GRADE 3/4 BOYS FLOOR HOCKEY TRY-OUTS

Tuesday, January 9th - 11:50am  
Thursday, January 11th - 7:00am  
Thursday, January 18th - 7:00am  
Friday, January 19th - 11:50am  
Tuesday, January 23rd - 11:50am

### JANUARY PRACTICES

Friday, January 26th - 11:50 am  
Tuesday, January 30th - 11:50 am

### GRADE 3/4 GIRLS FLOOR HOCKEY TRY-OUTS

Tuesday, January 16th - 7:30am  
Wednesday, January 17th - 11:50am

### JANUARY PRACTICES

Tuesday, January 23rd - 7:30am  
Wednesday, January 24th - 11:50am  
Tuesday, January 30th - 7:30am

Grade 5/6 Floor Hockey Tryouts will commence closer to  
the end of February/early March





# BAKE SALE POPCORN DAY

---

## 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:

- 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

- 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)





# 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  Gr. 5 Ski Trip	17 Day 4	18 Day 5  SPORTS FAN DAY	19 Day 1 No ECS Classes today  Gr. 6 Ski Trip	20
21	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5  Popcorn Sale	26 Day 1  Gr. 4 Ski Trip  Hot Lunch	27
28	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 No School PD Day			



# February



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Day 4	2 Day 5 LAST DAY OF Q2 Hot Lunch	3
4	5 Day 1 FIRST DAY OF Q3	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Grade 2 Bake Sale	8 No School Teacher Convention	9 No School Teacher Convention	10
11	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 1 Valentine's Day - Wear Red & White	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Hot Lunch	17
18	19 No School Family Day	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 1 Popcorn Sale	23 Day 2	24
25	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5 PINK SHIRT DAY	29 Day 1		

# 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.







# Miss Vs On Main January

### OIL PASTELS:

Oil pastels or soft pastels are one of the brightest and most unique mediums. The possibilities are absolutely endless.

We are going to start with the basics. We will learn about basic colour theory, light source and shadows, and talk about blending. We will use some simple techniques to work on creating more 3D objects in our artwork.

### VAN GOGH :STARRY NIGHT

One of the most recognizable artists Van Gogh, created Starry Night, a popular painting around the world. We are going to recreate this amazing masterpiece using oil pastels. We will talk about shape and flow, how it can impact our artwork just by a simple curve in a line.



### AGES 4-9

Our ages 4-9 group have some fun projects to work on this month, from our Van Gogh to a really fun Project that will make you feel warm during the holidays. Last but not least we have one last silly project of a silly animal face, we want to see how the kids will use their new found knowledge of blending, colour theory and light source.

### AGES 10 AND UP

Our 10+ group is going to dove a little deeper into some skill building this month. We are going to briefly refresh color theory. We will talk a lot of blending techniques, learning how flow of lines can change the life of our artwork, and make sure we all have a clear understanding of light source. We will start on a monochrome still life and start to clearly demonstrate some of these new technique.

### WE ARE HIRING

We now have two new wonderful team members. Katie (Miss K) and Elena (Miss E) will be our 10+ instructors. They will take the 10+ group to the next level of creativity. We are so excited to have them.



missv.ca • Missvsonmain@gmail.com • 4720 B 50 Ave Leduc • (780)707-1373



Leduc Rotary  
Music Festival  
Association

# 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)



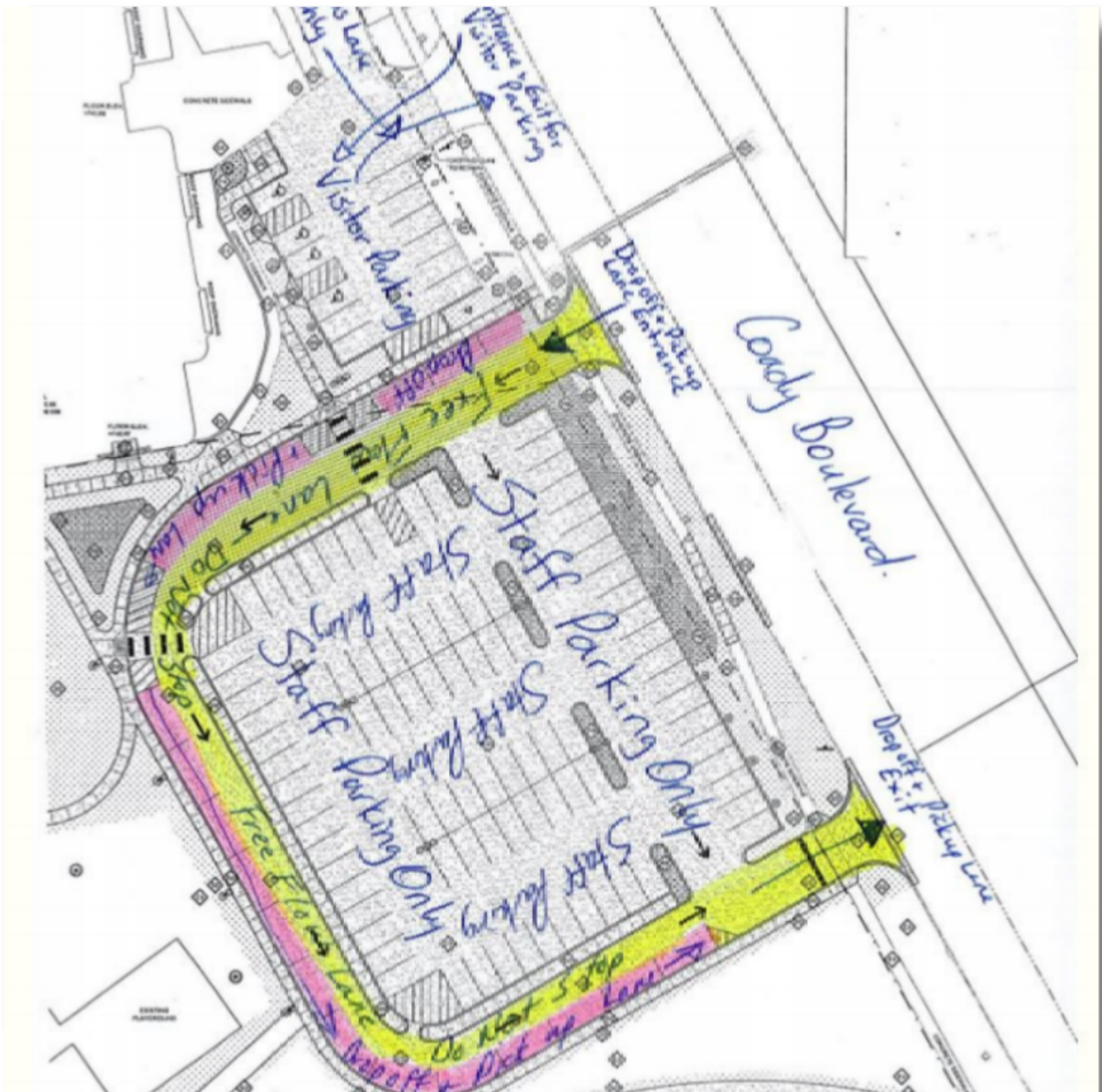

# ACTIVE 8's & 9's

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\*\*

**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