

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families



VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mrs. MacDonald - sharon.macdonald@gshare.blackgold.ca

December was an exciting month filled with a variety of engaging activities for our students. Our Grade 4 & 5 students had a fantastic time at Rabbit Hill, while our Grade 6 students delivered an outstanding Reader's Theatre performance. Mrs. Mandryk's Grade 3 class also had a blast participating in STEM activities, including coding robots. Additionally, our school community came together to embrace the spirit of giving, filling our front display with Toys for Leduc's Santa's Helpers as part of our Giving Tree initiative. Thank you to everyone who donated to this meaningful cause.

A special highlight this month was our elementary students' incredible performances in the Christmas Concert. After weeks of hard work, they were able to put on a memorable show. It was heartwarming to see all of them singing together, and the actors truly shone in their roles. A huge thank you to the teachers who helped make this event a success, as well as to everyone who attended the four performances and supported our students. The turnout was truly amazing.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue partnering with you in your child's learning journey. We have many wonderful experiences to look forward to, both in and outside the classroom. We look forward to welcoming all of the students back on January 6th, and we can't wait to continue learning together.

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. Also, please ensure your child has warm winter clothing for these cold winter months. Students will enjoy outdoor recesses in temperatures warmer than -20, so please ensure your child dresses appropriately for outdoor winter play.

WINTER WEATHER

JANUARY
2025

Reminder:

On mornings that are -20°C or lower with the windchill the doors will open at 7:50 AM. We will also be doing indoor recess when the temperature is -20°C or below with the windchill.

The website we use to monitor weather conditions is:

<https://www.leduc.ca/about-leduc/weather>

Weather can change quickly, so please be sure your child has proper clothing for the outdoor conditions.



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION



Scan the QR code
for more info:

SAVE THE DATE | January 6, 2025
2025-2026 Kindergarten registration begins!

www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/kindergarten

January at a glance

For the most up to date calendar please go to the
Caledonia Park Website:

<https://cps.blackgold.ca/calendar/>

January 2025 ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	S
30	31	1	2	3	
break					Deadline to Order Kos...
6 School Resumes Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 12:10 pm - 2:35 pm Off-Campus Trip	9 Day 5	10 Day 1 Hot Lunch (KFC)	
13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 11:50 am - 2:40 pm Off-Campus Trip	16 Popcorn Day Day 5	17 Twinning Day Day 1 Deadline to Order Sub... Hot Lunch - Kosmo's	
20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4 11:50 am - 2:35 pm Off-Campus Trip	23 Day 5	24 Day 1	
27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Semester 1 Ends No School - PD Day	30 Semester 2 Begins	31 Hot Lunch - Subway Day 5	

February at a glance

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February 2025 ▾

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 No School – PD Day Semester 1 Ends	30 Semester 2 Begins	31 Day 5 Hot Lunch – Subway
3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 No School – Teacher’s Convention	7 Deadline to Order Nitzia...
10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 1 Bake Sale (Grade 6)	13 Day 2	14 Pink and Red for Valen... Day 3 Deadline to Order Pizz...
17 No School – Family Day	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Popcorn Day Day 1	21 Day 2 Hot Lunch – Nitzia’s Deadline to Order BP’s
24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Pink Shirt Day Day 5	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 Deadline to Order Mc... Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut

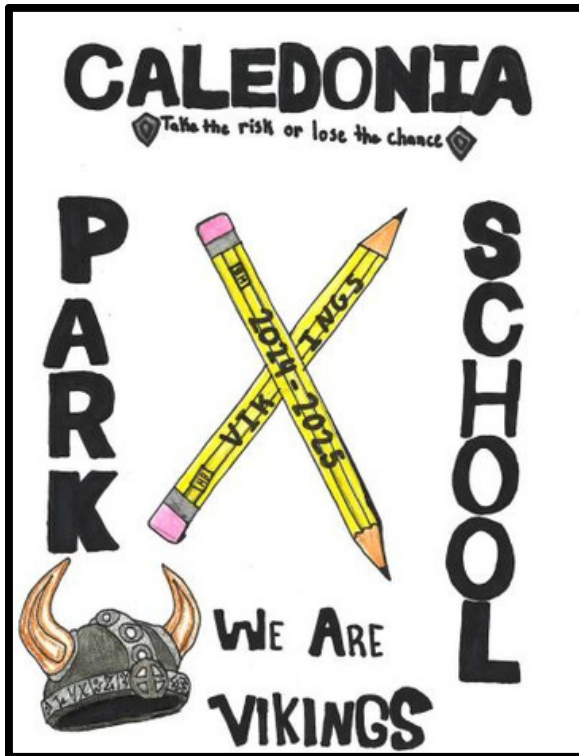
THE GIVING TREE



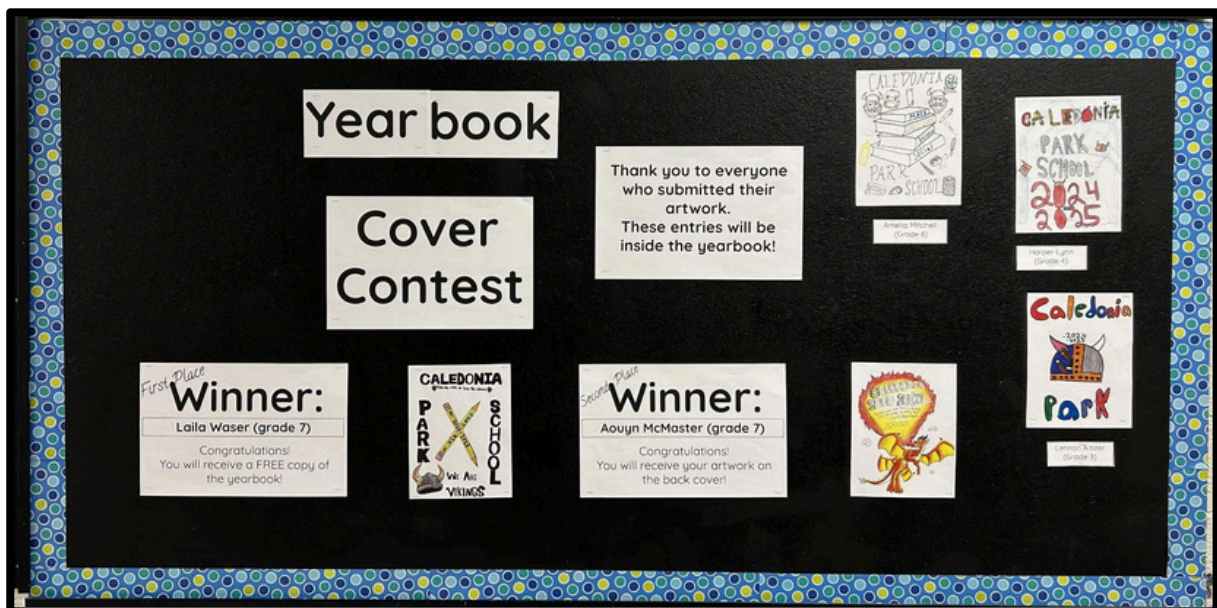
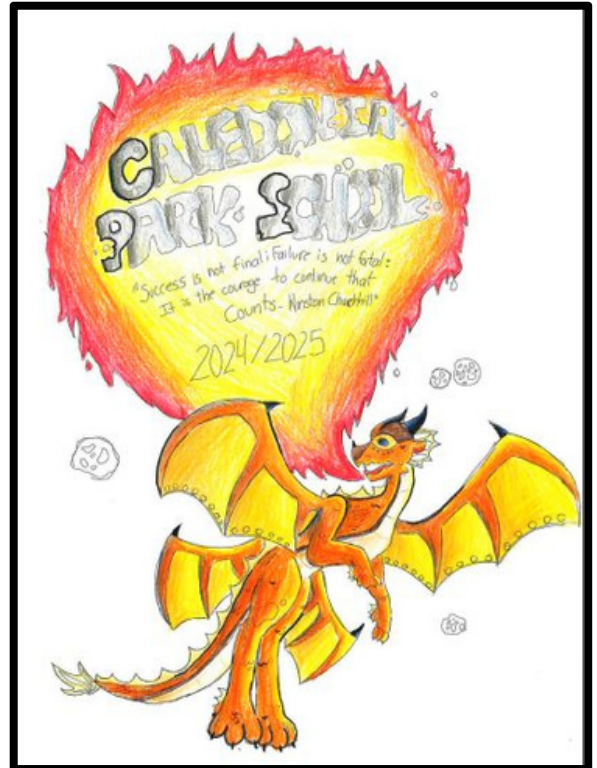
Congratulations to this year's YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

winners:

Laila Waser (7-3) & Aouyn McMaster (7-3)



Laila will have her artwork on the front cover and receive a FREE yearbook! Aouyn's masterpiece will grace the back cover!



The following entries will also be posted inside the yearbook:

Amelia Mitchell (gr.6) ~ Harper Lynn (gr.4) ~ Lennon Altizer (gr.3)

Thank you for all the great submissions, and please try again next year!

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YEARBOOK

2024—2025

SOFT COVER YEARBOOKS ARE \$25 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER THROUGH YOUR POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL. FEES MUST BE PAID FOR THE ORDER TO BE PROCESSED. BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL IN OCTOBER AND DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS. STUDENTS MOVING TO ANOTHER BLACK GOLD SCHOOL WILL HAVE ORDERS DELIVERED THROUGH OUR INTER-OFFICE COURIER.

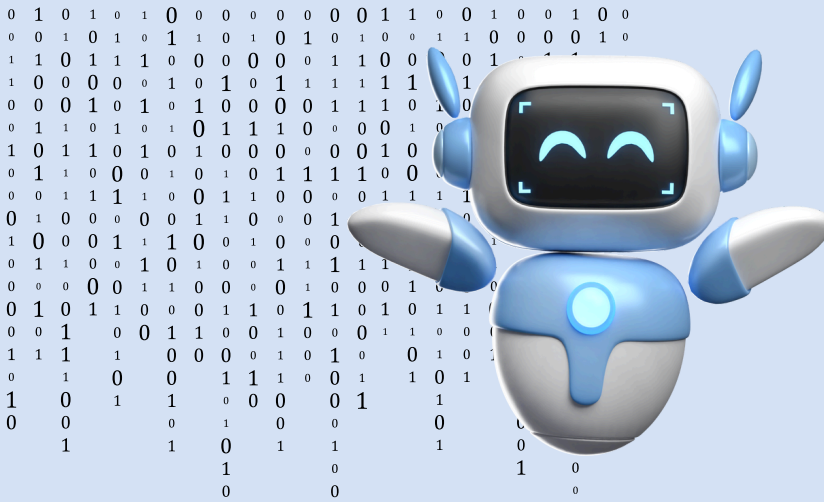
ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 18, 2025

[HTTPS://POWERSCHOOL.BLACKGOLD.CA/PUBLIC/HOME.HTML](https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html)

Mrs. Mandryk's Grade 3's Pajama Day & Robot Coding with Mr. Maltais



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LIBRARY BAG

REMINDER (K-3)

All Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students were given a plastic library bag at the beginning of the school year.

Please make sure students are leaving that bag in their backpack for their library books. With the snowy weather, more mittens and toques are going into backpacks and getting the library books wet.

Thank you!



HOT LUNCH

JANUARY- MAY



Jan. 10 KFC



Order Deadline: Dec 27

Jan. 17 Kosmo's



Order Deadline: Jan 3

Jan 31. Subway



Order Deadline: Jan 17

Feb. 21 Nitzia's



Order Deadline: Feb 7

Feb. 28 Pizza Hut



Order Deadline: Feb 14

**March 7
Boston Pizza**



Order Deadline: Feb 21

**March 14
McDonald's**



Order Deadline: Feb 28

March 21 KFC



Order Deadline: Mar 7

April 11 Subway



Order Deadline March 28

April 25 Pizza Hut



Order Deadline: April 11

May 9 Kosmos



Order Deadline: April 25

**May 23
McDonald's**



Order Deadline: May 9

May 30 KFC



Order Deadline: May 16

<https://caledonia.hotlunches.net/>
Questions: nbergsma2@hotmail.com

Looking for 2 hours of FUN?? Volunteer on one of the above hot
lunch dates 10:30-12:30pm



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. Individually wrapped is not necessary 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. Contact Jennifer Price via email jay_jennprice@yahoo.ca or on our Caledonia Park Parent Council Volunteers page on Facebook

Bake Sale Dates

- January - No Bake Sale
- February 12 - Grade 6
- March 5 - Grade 5 April 9 - Grade 1
- May 7 - Grade 2
- June - No Bake Sale

Popcorn Sale Dates

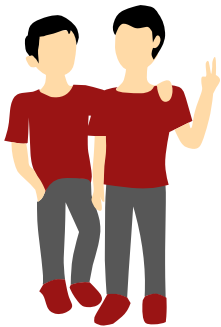
Each Bag - \$0.50

- October 24
- November 21
- December - No Popcorn Sale
- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June - No Popcorn Sale



Spirit Days 2024/25

These will be added to the announcements/weekly updates, and there will be posters around the school a few days before. Ice cream sandwiches provided by our lovely parent council for the class **in each division** with the most participation!



Friday, January 17	Twinning Day
Friday, February 14	Pink and Red for Valentine's Day
Friday, March 7 Monday, March 17	Heroes vs Villains Day Green for St. Patrick's Day
Thursday, April 17	Viking Wear Day
Friday, May 30	Western Day
Friday, June 13	One Colour Day (wear everything 1 color-try for a whole class color!)

Other days of recognition-no "winners":

Orange Shirt Day- **September 27**

Pink shirt for Anti-bullying- **February 26**

Lots of Socks for World Down Syndrome Day- **March 21**

Blue shirt for Autism Awareness- **April 2** (during spring break)

Hats on for Mental Health- **May 8** (unconfirmed)



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 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.

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.

STUDENT SIGN OUT INFORMATION

STUDENT SIGN OUT: If your child needs to go home early or attend an appointment, our **STUDENT SIGN OUT FORM** is now posted on our school webpage cps.blackgold.ca. After completing the form, call the school (780-986-7888), and your child will be escorted to the front door to meet you for pick-up. Please keep in mind that the form is to be completed the day the student is leaving school. **DO NOT FILL OUT PRIOR TO THE DAY.** The **STUDENT SIGN OUT** form is **NOT** to report an absence and will not be accepted as such.

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).

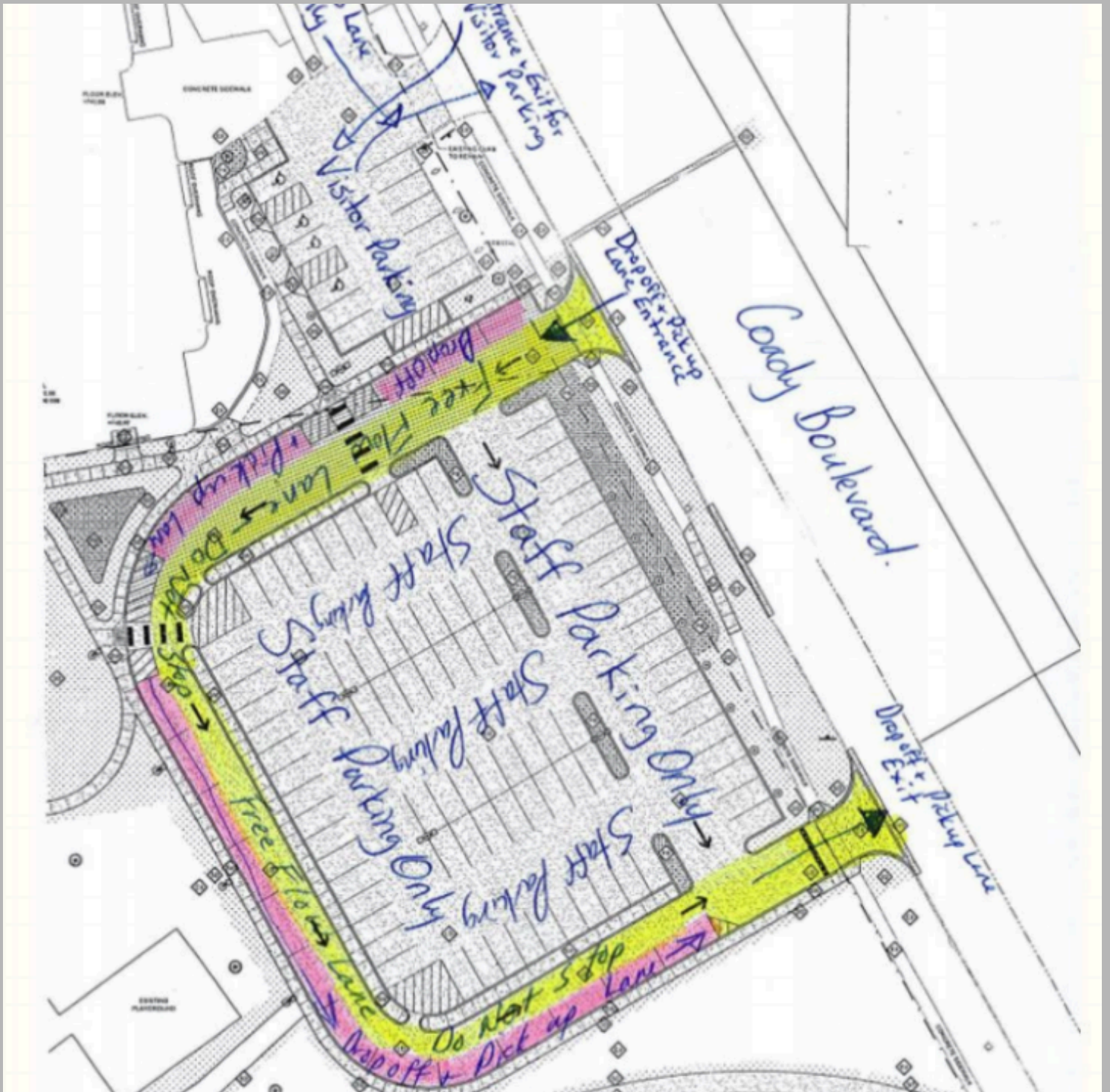
Kanga Pouch

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 \$14.00 each and come in a variety of colours (limited supply available)



PARKING & DROP OFF

Just a reminder, the parking loop is designed for **quick student pick up and drop off** (“Kiss & Go”) only. The center of the parking lot is for staff parking, please do not park there. Parking is also not permitted on Coady Blvd. or in the church parking lot.



BELL SCHEDULE

Entry Bell 8:05am

PERIOD 1 8:10am - 8:55am

PERIOD 2 8:55am - 9:35am

Jr. High Break 9:35am - 9:45am

PERIOD 3 / Staggered Break 9:45am - 10:25am

PERIOD 4 10:25am - 11:07am

PERIOD 5 11:07am - 11:50am

Lunch Break 11:50am - 12:43pm

Entry Bell 12:45pm

PERIOD 6 12:48pm - 1:30pm

PERIOD 7 1:30pm - 2:10pm

PERIOD 8 2:10pm - 2:50pm

Dismissal 2:50pm

Kindergarten

AM Classes Start: 8:10 am End: 10:54 am

PM Classes Start: 12:06 pm End: 2:50 pm