



# NEWS FROM THE NEST

Emmons Lake Elementary

May 3, 24

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!



## THE WEEK at a glance

MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10 Kinder go to FMG 4th grade Tea
5/13 1st grade - Library	5/14 2nd grade - Twp. Office	5/15	5/16 EL Seniors Walk	5/17 Field Day

### A note from the Principals:

It is hard to believe we are in the final month of school. The time really has gone by quickly. This final month will have a lot going on and one of the big events will be our Emmons Lake Field Day. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this happen so please check your calendars and schedules and see if you might be able to help out. It is scheduled for Friday, May 17 with a rain delay date of May 24. It is always a great time. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

We will be finishing up our M-Step testing next week and then we will begin end of the year testing with all grades. Your encouragement, as well as making sure your child gets a good night sleep and eats breakfast, goes a long way in helping them to do their best. Thanks for your support. Though the month of May is sure to prove busy, it will also be an exciting time as well. Thank you for sharing your wonderful students with us.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Peg and Gordie

### Contact Us:



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### Upcoming Events:

#### May

- 5/21 SOAR T-shirt day
- 5/22 Fourth Grade Flea Market
- 5/23 Super U assembly
- 5/27 No School
- 5/28 Fourth Grade Park
- 5/29 Fourth Grade Roller Rink
- 5/29 First Grade Boulder Ridge
- 5/31 Fourth Grade Celebration
- 5/31 Half Day / Last Day of School



### Beginning & End:

Breakfast: 8:30 am EndTime : 3:45pm  
Start Time: 8:35 am Half Day: 12:00 pm

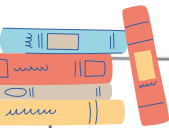
# EXCITING THINGS GOING ON!!!



Is Coming ~ Friday May 17th

In case of rain - makeup day will be Friday May 24th

We would love for you to Volunteer  
Sign Up Here



**Title 1**  
Tips & Tricks



[Title 1 Link : more info here](#)

**Get Into A Book On Spring Break!**

[KDL Spring Reading List](#)

[Continuous Blending Strategies](#)

## Math Card Games:

Have you and your children been struggling to learn the math facts? The game of Math Card War is worth more than a thousand math drill worksheets, letting you build your children's calculating speed in a no-stress, no-test way.

Check out this link for more information: **Games**



## Children Need Fluency Models:

Did you know that just by reading to your child, you are building your child's fluency? When you set the example by reading smoothly with emotion and enthusiasm, you are showing your child that reading is like talking. It flows with ease. Other ways to do this are to listen to audio books or attend library story times. To improve fluency, have your child read aloud to you and family members regularly.

If you need a break from dramatic read-alouds then visit Storyline Online. There you will find video recordings of popular stories read by famous actors. Check it out at [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net) OR download the app on your tablet or phone.



## **Reminder:**

Keep filling out the Title 1 Compact Goal Monthly Tracking Sheets-For every sheet that is returned, your child's name is entered into a drawing. The final date to turn in all sheets is May 10th with the (Three-\$50 Gift Cards to Barnes and Noble) will be given away plus a chance at a party with the principal!!!

# S.O.A.R.



Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

## Table Talk :

Ask your student how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school.  
Look here weekly for topics to talk with your kids about what they are working on at school.

## Note to incoming 5th Grade Parents:

### Possible Changes to the Willing to Wait Curriculum 24/25

At the April 15 school board meeting, the Caledonia Board of Education considered changes to the 5th grade Willing to Wait curriculum for reproductive health. At this time, the district utilizes Willing to Wait at the intermediate and middle school levels. Willing to Wait has adopted several changes to the 5th grade curriculum starting with the 2024-2025 school year. At the May 20 meeting, the Caledonia Board of Education will be making a decision to accept or reject the changes to the 5th grade Willing to Wait curriculum. From April 15 - May 20, 2024, the recommended curriculum will be available for review by our community. Interested individuals may view the text by coming to the CCS Administration Building during business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday or at other times, by appointment. For requests outside of business hours or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Christie Russell at (616) 891-8185.

Project Best Life / Willing to Wait Curriculum Health Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy Me Upper Elementary - 5th Grade Introduction to Puberty, Part 2 - 7th Edition

## Helpful Links Below:

[Morning and Afternoon Drop Info :](#)

[Breakfast and Lunch Menus :](#)

[Birthday Treats in the Classroom :](#)

[School Health Program & Med Forms:](#)

[PE Monthly Newsletter: \\_](#)

[Music Monthly Newsletter:](#)

[Emmons Lake Website Here:](#)

[District Calendar:](#)

[Mobile App Support :](#)

[PowerSchool:](#)

[Volunteer Forms:](#)



[Volunteer - Get Involved - Info Here:](#)

## THE PTO NEWS

Eagle Feathers Parent-Teacher Organization

[Shop our SpiritWear Gear & Apparel Store](#)

[emmonsPTO@calschools.org](mailto:emmonsPTO@calschools.org)

Our flower sale fundraiser this past week was a huge success! Thanks for everyone that came out to support the school, we really appreciate it!! Teacher appreciation is this week so make sure to thank our wonderful teachers for all they do. The PTO has a fun week planned for them with brunch, lunch, and sweet treats. Check our PTO Facebook page for pictures on all we have planned. Our last PTO meeting is on May 14th at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for more details on that. We would love to see you there!

Field day is scheduled for May 17th. Don't forget to sign up for a volunteer a lot if you haven't already!! Mr. Wanless needs parent helpers to make sure it is a fun and successful event for the kids!

We will be having our last popcorn day on May 24th! This is something that the staff and students have enjoyed and we are excited to continue this next year as well.

Make sure to check our important dates out and mark them on your calendar!

Emmons PTO Board

Emily Murphy, President  
Shana Spinney, Vice President  
Candice Harig, Treasurer  
Ashley Marchand, Secretary  
Josie Young, Committee Chair

As always, reach out to the PTO with any questions!  
[/minutes!](#) <http://emmonslakepto.weebly.com>



## Upcoming PTO Events:

May May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6: Wishbone day, wear yellow

May 14: Last PTO meeting @6:30pm

May 17: Field Day

May 24: Popcorn Day



Lavender Life Co in Caledonia is partnering with our PTO! When making a purchase on site, mention your student attends Emmons Lake and they will take 15% of each sale to give back to our PTO!

Great way to support local, and give back to Emmons! ❤️❤️

There is not and "end" date it will run all year! 464 Stanton Farms Dr  
[Lavender-life.com](http://Lavender-life.com)

# From the Community



**Camp O'Malley Day Camp**



**Spring Fling Used Book Sale**



**2nd Annual Karen & Larry Melton Memorial Drive**



**Caledonia Resource Center Spring Classes**



**Healthy Kids Running**

**Vist our District Community Page For More Opportunities in our Area.**

We have an amazing community that provides a variety of opportunities for our students that extend beyond the walls of the classroom. If you would like to know more about events and opportunities available to students in Caledonia, follow our website or the Community Section of our app to stay updated.