

2022 - 2023

Caledonia Community Schools

a *Destination* for **SUCCESS!**



#WeAreCAL

Our **VISION**: Cultivate Agile Learners who are empowered with 21st century skills and prepared to compete in a global environment.

Our **MISSION**: Empower and equip all persons to achieve their best by ensuring the highest quality system for learning.

CCS Community,

It brings me great joy to highlight the incredible accomplishments our school district has achieved in the past year. As a community, we have come together to invest in our students and create a learning environment that fosters growth, success, and innovation.

Our administrators, staff, and community have united in this effort, working tirelessly to ensure that every student has the resources and support they need to excel. Together, we have created a culture of academic excellence and personal achievement that has propelled our district to new heights.

We have invested in our students in countless ways, from providing state-of-the-art technology and innovative teaching methods to expanding our extracurricular programs and athletic opportunities. We recognize that our students are the future leaders of our community, and we are committed to providing them with the tools they need to succeed in whatever path they choose.

It is a great time to be a Fighting Scot, and we are proud to be a destination district that families want to come to. We continue to attract and retain the best and brightest educators who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of our students. Our dedicated staff and faculty have gone above and beyond to ensure that our students receive the best possible education.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our students and our community. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am confident that we will continue to do so in the years to come.

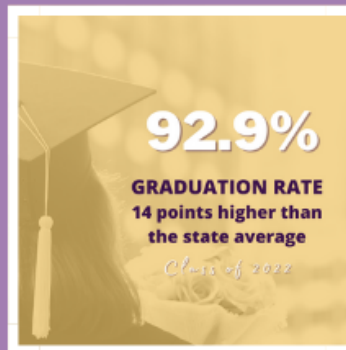
Sincerely,

Dr. Dedrick Martin
Superintendent



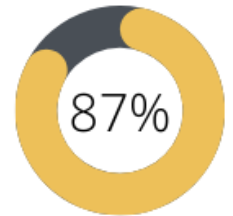
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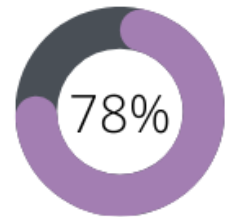


Five Year Strategic Plan - 2023 Update

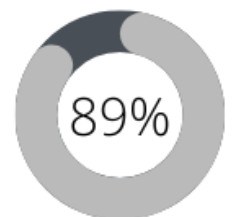
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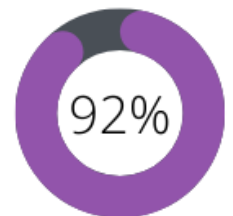
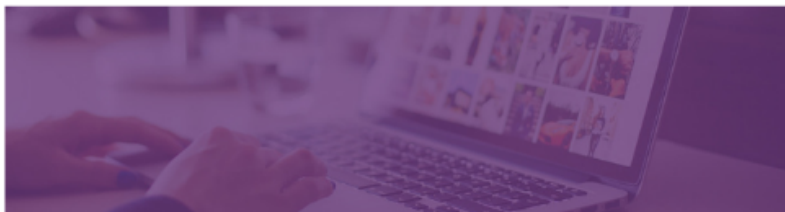
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Whole Child/ Whole Community



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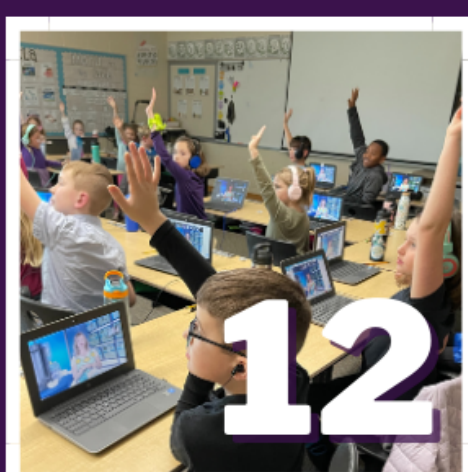
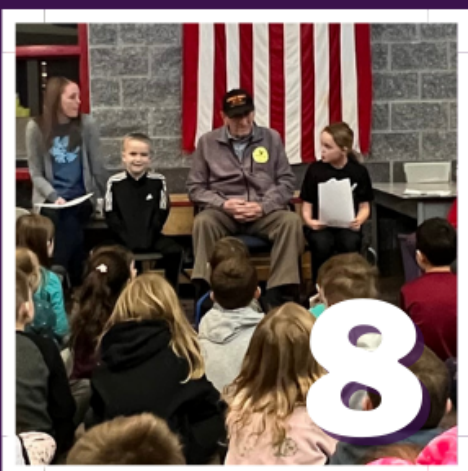
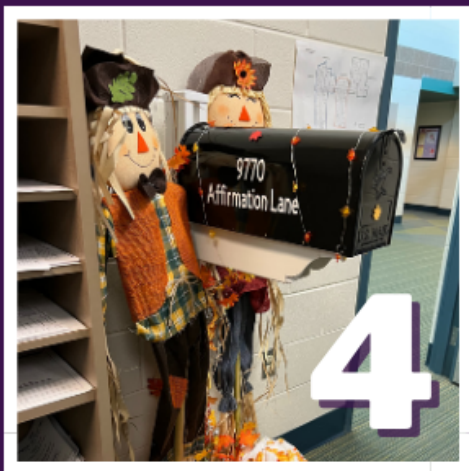
Organization Coherence & Systemic Improvement

Pandemic Related Funding

ESSER and 11T Funding

The district has been allocated \$10 million to be spent over a 4 year period (2020-2024) for additional student support systems and unexpected expenses due to the pandemic. Some of the ways these funds have been spent are listed below. Check out www.calschools.org for more information.

- Technology & Accessibility
- Healthcare Staff (Nurses, Building Health Paraprofessionals)
- Before & After School Programming
- Summer School Programming
- Teacher Interventionists Across K-12
- Mental Health Supports
- HVAC Upgrades
- Bus Camera System



"Our Story"

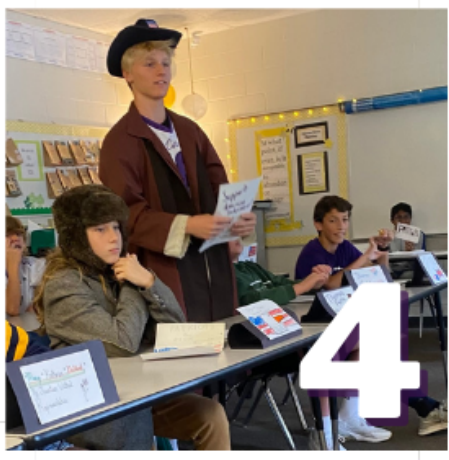
Early Childhood & Elementary 2023 Highlights

1. Thank you to the Caledonia Fire Department for taking the time to visit the Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center to teach all of the students about **fire safety**.
2. Duncan Lake Early Childhood students and staff "**Rocked their Socks**" for **World Down Syndrome Day**. Students and staff members wore mismatched pairs of socks, as a symbol of friendship despite our differences.
3. Caledonia Elementary loves **March is Reading** month!! Can you guess who these characters are?
4. Staff at Caledonia Elementary have found a creative way to send **notes of appreciation** in their building. Check out this awesome **mailbox** they constructed for staff members to use when they want to affirm another staff member.
5. Imagine finding tables adorned with fancy place settings in the middle of a library. But instead of serving food, this Dutton Elementary librarian **served up new books** for her students to "taste test." What a innovative idea!
6. Take a look at **THE VIKINGS** that overtook Dutton Elementary! As part of their CKLA unit on Vikings, third grade teachers dressed up to surprise the students. We love to see the creative ways our teachers engage with students!
7. Students at Emmons Lake Elementary have been working on some "**happy mail**" to send to local students at **MSU** to show their support. They have gathered names of students from the area to send cards to as a way to brighten their day and let them know we care. What compassionate hearts our students have!
8. First grade students at Emmons Lake had a special visitor, Mrs. Closson's 100 year old grandfather, join their classes to celebrate **100 days of school!** Students wrote "interview questions" and met with him to ask questions.
9. These Kettle Lake Cougars worked together to create their classroom **social contract**. It's always helpful for students to have clear expectations established at the beginning of the year.
10. These Kettle Lake students are enjoying **sledding the snow hill** to stay warm at recess! Look at all those smiles! What great memories!
11. Check out these second grade students in Miss Erickson's class at Paris Ridge who are reviewing double digit addition, fact families, and skip counting in their **Math Workshop** groups!
12. Third graders at Paris Ridge did a zoom call with WoodTV8's Chief Meteorologist **Ellen Bacca**. All students were able to Zoom with her and learned about lightning, snow, tornadoes, and wind. They even took time to do some in class experiments!

” Our Story ”

Intermediate, Middle School, High School & District 2023 Highlights

1. As part of the "Pixel Paper Crafting" unit, Kraft Meadows Intermediate School **STEM** students chose a character that they enjoyed and worked to build it from a flat print into a 3-D model.
2. **LEGION** is a mentoring program that matches outstanding high school mentors in a 1:1 relationship with boys at the intermediate school to model responsibility, develop strong character, and create a sense of citizenship for others in the school/community.
3. Students at Duncan Lake Middle School participated in **themed dress-up days**, and pep rallies to celebrate Winterfest. We'd like to send a shout-out to our staff and student council for organizing all of the fun activities!
4. Duncan Lake Middle School students from Mrs. Veitch's 8th Grade American History class participated in a **colonial townhall** meeting/debate. Such a great learning activity!
5. The Be.Nice leadership team has installed a **KINDNESS vending machine** at Caledonia High School. This vending machine is stocked with bags filled with challenges to promote and spread kindness. Various clubs will be stocking the vending machine each month with "RACKing bags" that are free to students.
6. The Duncan Lake Transition Program opened the new **CALI GRIND**. This coffee shop/cafe, located at the high school, provides Transition Program students with multiple opportunities to practice communication and social skills, along with various employment skills applicable in retail, service, and food industries.
7. We're thankful for our **bus drivers** who rise early to transport our students!
8. One of our **bus drivers**, Mr. Robert, went out of his way to gift one of our students a **special book**. Earlier this year, the two bonded over books and football. Daniel was so thrilled to get a book about Barry Sanders this week from his bus driver. Our staff truly care about our students.
9. This summer we kicked off a district-wide Capturing Kids' Hearts **professional development** training for all staff. The intentionality behind creating a positive culture and climate district-wide is more than an idea. Throughout their time at CCS, we believe that every student should feel connected to a positive environment with trusted adults throughout their day.
10. The **book room** at Kettle Lake was renovated thanks to two teachers who wrote a Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) grant to fund this project. We are thankful to the CEF for their support of our staff and students.
11. Thank you to the Caledonia Education Foundation for all your work to make **Calapalooza** a huge success. The day was filled with fantastic food, live music, a dunk tank, the Homecoming parade, a new mascot, new band uniforms, and so many smiles! What a great night for our community.
12. Students enrolled in our **LINKS** courses serve as mentors, role models, and friends to students with a diverse range of social and academic needs. Check out these Links students with their members after a **team-building event**.



Students Say School Captures their Hearts, in a Good Way

School News Network Article by Alexis Stark

Sixth-grader Nolan Van'tHoff plays the double bass, his favorite subject is math and his favorite thing about school is getting to see his friends and teachers every day. When he walks into Kraft Meadows Intermediate School, his teacher "goes out of his way" to welcome him and his classmates, he says. "It's part of our routine now and it makes you feel pretty good," Nolan said. "I really like connecting with people, learning and growing my mind at school."

Another sixth-grader, Trinity Reed, says her teacher also greets her with a handshake every morning. "My teacher makes eye contact when they give us handshakes and it really introduces you to your day in a positive way," she said. Nolan and Trinity are examples of students who have noticed a positive difference in their teachers and classmates this year, since the district launched a new training for employees in Capturing Kids' Hearts this summer.

That curriculum is designed to equip educators with skills to build meaningful relationships, create a safe learning environment and respond to positive and negative behavior. It works hand-in-hand with the district's existing Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports frameworks. "It was a great opportunity for our staff to come together districtwide and learn about the important role each of us plays in the lives of our students," Superintendent Dedrick Martin said. "We have been working to create a culture district-wide, where every student feels connected to a positive environment with trusting adults throughout their day."

When asked about his school's environment, Nolan said he felt like he had safe adults looking out for him, from his teacher to the office secretaries and principal. As part of implementing Capturing Kids' Hearts in all schools, students wrote their own social contracts defining expectations in their classrooms. "All the kids participated in writing things like participating, making good choices, treating others the way you want to be treated, and 100% responsibility and 0% excuses," Nolan said. "It's about everyone, not just a few students, and was very enjoyable to make."

Similar to his peers, Nolan expects to be treated with respect and kindness while at school and said he sees the real-world application. "School is always trying to teach us new things and real life skills, like how to get work done when you're in a job and how to treat people with respect," he said.



Nolan Van'tHoff















Trinity Reed

CURRICULUM

New for 2022/2023

This fall, our Caledonia High School(CHS) English Language Arts Department has been working extremely hard to redesign their 9th and 10th-grade curriculum and build out new elective courses for their 11th and 12th-grade students. It has been exciting to see the incredible passion they have for the students they serve as they have developed the scope and sequence, as well as curriculum maps, for each of these courses. Through this work, a recommendation was made to the Board of Education to adapt our current courses and resources rather than adopt a new textbook as a single resource. Look for new course options for all 11th and 12th grade students next fall.

Also this year, our CHS Social Studies Department formally began using the newly adopted Savvas materials in US History, World History, Economics, and Government. Teachers spent the 2021-2022 school year piloting materials and ultimately selected the Savvas resources. This adoption was approved by the Board of Education and resources were in our schools for the opening of the 2022-2023 school year. Professional development sessions have taken place throughout this year to ensure that all our teachers are utilizing the resources to their capacity, not only to provide solid core instruction, but also appropriate scaffolding for struggling students and challenges for those excelling.

Average Academic Proficiency Growth (District Comparison Grades 3 - 11)						
	CCS		KISD		STATE	
# of YRS	4 YRS	1 YR	4 YRS	1 YR	4 YRS	1 YR
ENGLISH	 8.19%	 4.7%	 -0.56%	 -2.1%	 -4.26%	 -1.0%
MATH	 8.51%	 1.6%	 1.56%	 -2.54%	 -0.94%	 -2.2%

A Step Above

At a time when most schools around the state and the country are reporting a decline in student performance due to disruptions caused by the pandemic, the data in Caledonia tells a different story. Our district has made it a priority to reinvest in curriculum materials, resources and supports during the past five years and the academic performance proficiency results show we are stronger today than ever before.

High school career PATHWAYS provide a plan for all students regardless of their interests, abilities, talents, or desired levels of education. The following six Career Pathways have been developed by the state of Michigan, adopted by Caledonia High School, and implemented into the curriculum at CHS.

Visit our website to learn more.



MORE GOOD NEWS!

Free Meals

Caledonia Community Schools, in cooperation with Aramark Foods, is excited to announce that starting Monday, March 20, 2023, all students who qualify for reduced meal pricing will receive free meals until the end of the 2022/2023 academic year. As you may know, during the pandemic all students were counted as free and the Food Service Fund received federal reimbursement for every meal served. This has led to a healthy fund balance in our Food Service Fund, and we believe that it is a great opportunity to utilize these additional funds by providing free meals to all families who qualify for reduced meal pricing.

Applications can be completed online at www.familyportal.cloud



Fewer Miles Traveled

During the 2019 community forums around strategic planning, the district shared transportation data indicating that collectively our buses covered nearly 887K miles each year and had a large number of our students on the bus for more than one hour each to and from school each day.

With our shift to elementary zone boundaries, we have not only reduced the average ride time to less than one hour, but we have also reduced the overall mileage by nearly 250K than in prior years (approx. 1,380 miles less per day)! This saves our district roughly \$1,100 a day or \$198,000 a year!

We'd like to congratulate our Operations and Transportation Department on this remarkable accomplishment.



Before ZONE Changes



After ZONE Changes



Amazing Accomplishments from CCS Students

This year, we saw remarkable accomplishments throughout our district! From the athletic field to the classroom and stage, our students and teams have exelled, bringing incredible honor and pride to our district.

The following is a list of some notable athletic, academic and arts accomplishments during the 2022/2023 school year. Go Scots!



- Football State Finalist
- DECA State Qualifier
- Water Polo State Finalist
- Swimming State Individuals/Relay Qualifiers
- Golf State Qualifier
- Cross Country State Qualifiers
- Equestrian - 3x State Champs
- Wrestling State Qualifier (2)
- Wrestling 4th in the State
- Wrestling State Champion
- CHS Honors Choir State Qualifier
- Choir All State Finalist
- Division 1 Band/Orchestra Rating (Multiple Students)
- Division 1 Jazz Rating
- Division 1 Marching Band Rating
- Division 1 Choir Rating (15)
- Michigan Music Conference Finalist (Choralaires)
- FFA American Degree Honor
- FFA State Degree Honor
- FFA State Qualifiers (2)
- Academic All-State Teams (5)
- Academic All-State Individuals (25)
- VEX Robotics World Qualifiers (2)
- VEX Robotics State Qualifiers (6)
- RAD Drone Championship
- World Record for Cup Sports Stacking
- Regional Spelling Bee Runner Up
- Odyssey of the Mind World Qualifier
- Bowling State Qualifiers (4)
- National Scholastic Art Award
- Mock Trial Regionals - Third Place
- Colorguard Regional Finalist
- WZZM13 MVP Football Player of the Year
- MHSCA Division I Football Coach of the Year
- Scholar Athlete Finalist
- Meijer Prep Athlete of the Week
- Creative Writing Team State Finalists
- Bus Rodeo Regional Qualifiers (3)
- Superintendent Communicator of the Year

Congratulations



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