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"A Community of Learners...Where Learning is for Everyone"

February 8, 2012

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School Starts @ 8:43 am, Dismisses @ 3:35 pm

Friday is Book Fair & "Wear Your Hats for Dogs & Cats Day"



LET'S MAKE A DATE!

February 6-10
Book Fair Week
During the day

February 10
Book Fair Night
6—8 PM

February 13
Kindergarten
Valentine Parties
2—3 pm



February 14
Valentine Parties
2:30-3:30 pm
Young 5's, 1st-5th

NOTE
CORRECTED
TIME!!!

February 20
Family Fun Night
KL Gym 7-8 pm

February 23
P/T Conferences
4:30—8:00 PM

March 1
P/T Conferences
4:30—8:00 PM

Backdoor School
Phone Number
891-6200

REMINDER:
Articles for Wed.
Word, Deadline
Mon. @ noon

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Come join us for a night of finding GREAT new books for the family! There is a book of interest for everyone. Please join us **FEBRUARY 10th 6:00pm - 8:00pm** All sales help buy books for our Library!

If you're unable to attend Book Fair Night, books may be purchased the following week on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Mrs. Hofstra will be available before school starts (8:30—8:45 am) and after school (3:35—4:00 pm) for purchasing books. Thank you.

Cougar Kids Care Club "Wear Your HATS for Dogs & Cats" Day

On **FRIDAY February 10th** "WEAR your HATS for DOGS & CATS". Donate \$1 to Cougar Kids Care Club for Vicky's Pet Connection on Friday and you get to wear your favorite hat ALL day. (Kindergartners will participate on Wednesday Feb. 8th)

So wear your hat, join the fun, and help our cause. It's that easy!
All proceeds go to help adoptable pets get the medication, vet care and spay/neutering that they need to be adopted. Give your \$1 to your teacher any day this week to participate.
And thank you for helping our Cougar Kids Care Club kids help others. ^ . ^
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P/T Conferences February 23rd & March 1st

Conferences are Thurs., February 23rd & Thurs., March 1st from 4:30—8 pm. Reminder notices were sent home last week. Please return your confirmation slip to your teacher ASAP.

Itinerate Staff will be available on the following nights:

Mr. DeRuyter, Gym: Both nights
Mrs. Dixon, Spanish: Thurs., March 1st
Mrs. Gaffner, Speech: Thurs., March 1st
Mr. Schierbeek, Thurs., March 1st, 4:30-6 pm
Mrs. Schoonbeck, Reading Room: Thurs., February 23rd
Mrs. Trent & Mrs. Price, Art: Thurs., March 1st
Mrs. Witvoet, Music: Thurs., March 1st

Lost & Found: Be sure and check out our "ever growing" lost & found when you come in for conferences. It's located just outside the staff lounge in the hallway. Thank you.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

ARE WE READY....5TH GRADE PROMOTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
PREPARATION FOR THEIR PROMOTION STARTS NOW!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need parents who are willing to help with the promotion committee! **1st meeting will be held next Monday, February 13th @ 7 pm in the Kettle Lake Spanish Room.** If you are willing to help please come to the meeting or contact Jackie Fielder: jandj214@charter.net or at 616 536 2353. Please note that helping does not mean that you will be unable to watch and participate in your 5th grader's promotion! 5th grade parents help prior to the actual day. We recruit 4th grade parents to help the day of the promotion and celebration. There are many ways to get involved...so let's get started...and make this an amazing day for our amazing 5th graders!!! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Wednesday Word

A Note from the Music Room:

We are so excited about our upcoming Musical, "Lights, Camera, Action" .performed by the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders March 17, 2012.



Many students have said they may have some costumes or props at home that we can borrow for the stage.

If you have any of these items that we can borrow, please write your name on tape and stick it to the item. We will make sure and have students take home the different props/ costumes the evening of the show.

Dorothy costume/shoes
Wicked Witch costume
Dress for Glinda (the good witch)
Hermione Costume
Harry Potter
Disney Princesses (Belle)
Darth Vader Mask/Costume
Storm trooper Mask
Other Star Wars costumes
Boas, Fancy Sunglasses, Hats
Boxing Gloves
Mary Poppins Carpet Bag
Bat Man, Robin Costumes
Woody Costume/ Jessie
Any other movie props



Thank you so much. If you are interested in helping with costumes or working with kids on lines please email me at witvoetl@calschools.org.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT DATE CHANGE REMINDER:

This is just a reminder that the 4th and 5th grade orchestra concert has been rescheduled for Monday, February 20th. The concert will begin at 6:30 and students should plan on arriving by 6:15.



SCHOOL YEARBOOKS:

School yearbooks will be \$10, again this year. Yearbooks were included in picture packets, so if you bought pictures you automatically get a yearbook. They should be available after Spring break. Questions? Please see Mrs. Bradley in the Office or email at bradleyk@calschools.org

PTO CORNER

Next Meeting: Monday, March 5, 2012



The RIP overnighter is taking place Friday March 9, 2012.

Parents! We need you to make this event possible! Come on down and join the fun...

We are in need of overnight chaperones and volunteers for various activities throughout the event - registration, kitchen, and morning clean up volunteers. A helpful hint - some parents bring a cot or air mattress to sleep on - sure beats the concrete.

If you have questions, or want to sign up, contact the RIP committee via e-mail at klripcom@hotmail.com or via telephone at: Gia Budrick - 204-2158, Michele Korponai - 350-2215, Corey Nurenberg - 868-6325, or Brandi Schrader - 262-7224

IMPORTANT DUE DATE!!!

Both January and February cards must be completed and returned to school by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 in order to qualify for the RIP Overnighter on March 9.*

Crazy Tourist items needed for RIP overnighter

I'm looking to round up some fun items for the RIP overnighter to use in the game room. We need to make a few sets of varied zany outfits to make this fun...so help is needed here to collect stuff. If anyone has these things you could loan us for the night, email me at: jen.scharp@gmail.com or call 891-0807. I can pick up stuff at the school anytime until the RIP. Thank you for your help!

Grass skirts, Large Sun hats, Hawaiian shirts, Coconut bras, Muumuus, Big sunglasses, Bermuda shorts, Flip flops, Big leis, Surf boards, Swim masks, & Flippers.

HELP DESPERATELY WANTED SECTION !!!

Our wonderful school needs wonderful you! We have many parents who have helped in tremendous ways over the past few years that will be leaving our school, as their last 5th grader is leaving the Kettle Lake nest ...

PLEASE seriously consider one of these fine positions, and thank you for those who stepped up and filled RIP and Entertainment books chair positions!

1. CARNIVAL CO-CHAIR **this spring**: learn from Linda Bujak If you co-chair this spring and learn the ropes, next year will be much easier :) lindawally@charter.net
2. Holiday Craft Chairs - 3rd, 4th: Upper El. kids do a craft for their Christmas party, so the craft info is all ready for you - you just need to shop, use your scissors a bit and get it ready for the 3 classes in your grade. We're also thinking it wouldn't be hard to recruit the room parents to help you, since they don't have to plan much for the Christmas party ... since this takes up most of the party! You can contact Eamer Howard for the juicy details. Linda Bujak has already stepped up to tackle the 5th grade spot - thank you!!!
3. Heritage Days Chair: You missed your chance to shadow, but Jamie Essex will tell you this one is pretty easy (her words!) and I'm sure will help you get started for next fall
4. Cougar Kids Care Club co-Chair: (Jen Sharp's 5th grader will be leaving) (you would work with Pam Andrulis)
5. Girls On The Run - Liaison: (Jen Sharp currently heads this up - you can ask her for details)
6. Three (3) PTO positions (2 year terms) becoming available this May:
 - Co-President (you'd learn from the current one, Pam Andrulis, and then run it next year)
 - Vice President (organizing the 3 staff/teacher meals is the majority of this job - not hard)
 - Treasurer (count \$ at each event - with helpers, bookkeeping, pay bills, prepare budget, make deposits, report at PTO meetings)

Feel free to contact the person listed or anyone on the PTO board for more information.

HELP RAISE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR OUR SCHOOL!!

BOX TOP COLLECTION CONTESTS STARTS FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY!!!

Brightly colored fun collection boxes are in each classroom now for the **KICK OFF OR OUR CONTEST!** Contact Jackie Fielder at jandj214@charter.net if you have questions.

GET READY GET SET.....START cut, cut, cut box tops and label!! This is an exciting opportunity to earn money and supplies for our school! You may have some of these items in your home already! General Mills cereal, Toaster Strudel, Nature Valley granola bars, Chex Mix, Roll Ups, Hamburger Helper, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Ziploc, Kleenex, check the bottom of bread bags, Campbell's soup, and many more. Fund Raising is no fun without competition! The class that earns the most Box Top and labels will have a **PIZZA PARTY!** For Box tops please include the expiration date, and for the soup labels the bar code is needed. Place labels in a plastic bag which is clearly marked with your child's name and teacher's name.



PIZZA PARTY BOX TOP CONTEST IN FULL SWING!

This is **exciting!** Keep up the searching collecting, and cutting! Our kids sure are enjoying dropping them in the fun collection boxes! Thanks to the parents who helped make these fun containers! Let's stuff those BOXES to the top!

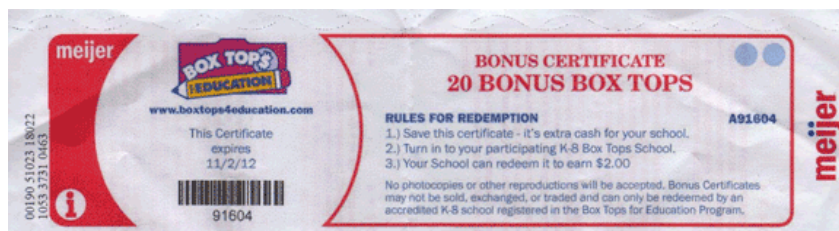
Our first contest will end **MARCH 9th!**

But....**Don't stop collecting**....we will have the 2nd and final contest for this school year end in May! To celebrate the warm weather...how about a **POPSICLE PARTY!**

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions!

Jackie Fielder @ jandj214@charter.net or 616 536 2353

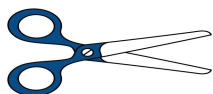
THIS MONTH Meijer Special February 19 - March 3, 2012:



February - Buy any 5 or more participating Old El Paso dinner kits, Betty Crocker Fun-da-middle, Potatoes, Helpers, Sides, Progresso Soup, Pillsbury refrigerated dough, Macaroni Grill or Wanchai Ferry Restaurant Favorites dry dinner kit products and receive a custom coupon at the checkout for **20 Bonus Box Tops**. Promotion runs from February 19 - March 3, 2012

To find a list of products, please visit this website, Happy Hunting !

www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx



GIRLS ON THE RUN update

We still have one more spot on our teams for someone who is still interested in joining GOTR but has been procrastinating. Please contact me ASAP if you want your daughter to participate or if you have any questions at: jen.scharp@gmail.com or [\(616\) 891-0807](tel:6168910807).



CUB SCOUT NEWS

The note just came in from Council that Winterfest for 2012 was cancelled due to many issues however the Blue and Gold Banquet is still happening on Friday, February 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Holy Family Church in Caledonia. Make sure not to miss this wonderful evening of celebrating Cub Scouts and the first ever dancing with the leaders contest. Another wonderful event coming up is the annual Ice Cream Social with the Grand Rapids Veteran on Saturday, February 25th from 2:00-3:30. More details for both of these events have been sent via e-mail so please check your e-mail often.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Caledonia Baseball/Softball Sign-ups

The 2012 Caledonia Baseball/Softball League (CBSL) registration is now open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Go to www.eteamz.com/cbsl to get all the details and to register on-line 24/7. Register before March 1, 2012, to avoid the \$10 late fee. For questions email: cbslplayeragent@gmail.com

Do you have a business that you'd like to promote? Become a CBSL Sponsor and get your name out there to thousands of players, spectators, and passer-byers. Contact Brenda Purvis CBSL Sponsorship director for more information. CBSLSponsorshipDirector@Gmail.Com

Caledonia Community Schools Young 5's & Kindergarten Registration

Caledonia Community Schools will begin taking registrations for fall 2012 Kindergarten and Young 5's classes beginning January 3, 2012 for students who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2012. If you currently have elementary children in the district please contact the elementary building secretary where your children attend. If you may know of a relative, friend or neighbor who may be interested in obtaining a packet, please contact Cheryl at the Early Childhood Center, 891-6220 for a registration packet. You can also email kdgenroll@calschools.org after January 3, 2012.

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FREE DEVELOPMENTAL INVENTORY

(For Children Birth-4 ½ Years Of Age)

Do you have concerns about the development of your child in the area of: speech, language, hearing, vision, large or small motor skills, socialization, or the growth of your child? We may be able to help!

The Caledonia Community Schools will be conducting a developmental screening for children who may benefit from early educational intervention. If you are a Caledonia School District resident who has concerns and would like more information please call 891-6220. The screening will take place Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center, 9751 Duncan Lake Ave. There is no fee for this service. The next screening is planned for April, 2012.