

# CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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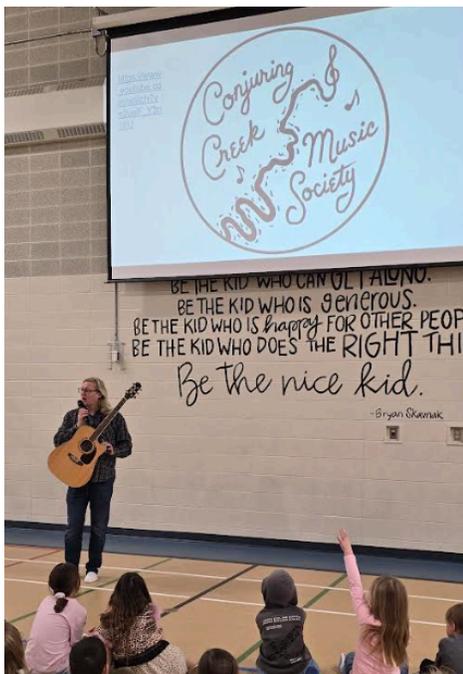
Friday, March 13 / 2026

## Messages from the Principal

Dear Calmar Elementary Parents and Families,

At our assembly this week, several local musicians visited to showcase their talents and musical instruments. Students got to hear various instruments being played, as well as a beautiful vocal duet.

A special thank you to Logan and his team for coming out and delivering such a fantastic performance. Their presentation was not only highly educational for the students, but the quality of the production was truly top-notch. We really appreciate them sharing their time and talent with us!



# Exciting Staff Updates at Calmar Elementary!

I am writing to share some great news and positive staffing updates with you. As many of you may already know, Mrs. Hannah Whipple has recently resigned from her position. While we will certainly miss her, I am very pleased to announce our transition plan and introduce you to the wonderful educators stepping into these roles as of Tuesday, April 7th.

## Congratulations to Crystal Hazzard

We are thrilled to share that Crystal Hazzard will be moving from her part-time role into a full-time (1.0 FTE) position! Moving forward, Crystal will be teaching the Grade 5HW class all day. We are so glad to have her stepping into this role to provide consistency and an excellent learning environment for our Grade 5 students.

## Welcome to Julia Dobbin

We are also incredibly excited to welcome an amazing new teacher to our team! Julia Dobbin will be joining us in the mornings (0.6 FTE) to lead our Music and Library programs. Julia comes to us with an extensive musical background. She is the owner of her own music studio and has previously taught music at Caledonia Park School. We know our students are going to love having her in the classroom.

Please join me in wishing Mrs. Whipple the absolute best in her next chapter, and in congratulating Crystal and Julia on their new roles!

Sincerely,

Stan Travnik  
Principal

## Important CES Dates + Reminders

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Event	Date / Time	Other + Extra Information
<p><b>Purdy's Easter Fundraiser</b></p> <p>Thank you for your support Of this school library Fundraiser! We raised over \$400!!!</p>		<p>Ordering has been closed, and pickup dates will be the week of March 23 - date TBA</p> 
<p><b>3/4 Boys Floor Hockey</b></p>	<p><b>March 13/14</b></p>	<p>Tournament @ Caledonia Elementary School</p>
<p><b>5 /6 Girls Floor Hockey</b></p>	<p><b>March 19th-21st</b></p>	<p>Tournament @ Riverview Middle School</p>
<p><b>Student Led Conferences (K-3) and Spring Interviews (Grade 3/4P and 4-6)</b></p>	<p><b>Thurs March 26</b></p>	<p>See details below</p>
<p><b>CYBK assemblies</b></p>		<p>Monday, March 16th - Period 4 - 10:25 AM (after recess) Monday, April 13th - Period 4 Monday, May 11th - Period 4 Monday, June 15th - Period 4</p>
<p><b>School Council meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Tues April 7</b></p>	<p>3:30 pm-4:30 pm</p>
<p><b>PTA meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Tues April 7</b></p>	<p>4:30 pm-5:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Celebration of the ARTS</b></p>	<p><b>Thurs April 16th</b></p>	<p>5:30 pm -7:00 pm throughout the school</p>

# March Parent / Teacher Meetings

## Student Led Conferences (Division 1 ONLY: K-Grade 3)

Thursday, March 26 (3:30- 7:00 pm)

- No need to sign up for a timeslot,
- Just show up whenever it works best for your family, plan to spend up to a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour in your child's classroom.
- Please note that you should arrive no later than 6:30 in order to finish by 7:00.



## Parent Teacher Interviews (Division 2 ONLY: Grades 4-6)

Thursday, March 26 (3:00- 7:00 pm)

- Please book a timeslot through [School Appointments](#)
- **The link will be live RIGHT NOW** - Friday, March 13th
- Appointments are for 15-minute blocks.
- Please book a time slot by Tuesday, March 24th.



**Please check the lost and found**

When you attend  
Student-led conferences and /or  
Parent Teacher Interviews.

# Calmar Elementary School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR 2026-27

[www.blackgold.ca/kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/kindergarten)



# Kindergarten Registration Begins

## CES runs a HALF-DAY / EVERYDAY Kindergarten Program

- ★ We are planning for a morning (AM) class.
- ★ If the AM class fills up, we add a second class for the afternoon
  - Note: Some AM students would have to move to the PM class
- ★ *There is an error in the online registration package*
  - *It still has the old M/W and T/Thursday options (which we no longer have).*

[Click Here for More Information](#)



## Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten - Registration Open!

The EI Pre-K program is designed for preschoolers who may face challenges such as following directions, communication issues, anxiety, or developmental delays. Early intervention is crucial for fostering academic, social, and emotional growth. This program begins accepting children as young as 2 years and 8 months. Students who are English as an Additional Language students may also qualify if they turn 4 before January 1, 2027.

Start the intake process here:

[EI-PreK Information](#)



# HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE



## **March** Hot Lunch Dates

- Monday, March 16th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: March 13th @ 9pm)
- Friday, March 20th PANDA HUT (Cut off Date: March 13th @ 9pm)
- Friday, March 27th DEVON 2 FOR 1 (Cut off Date: March 20th @ 9pm)

## **April** Hot Lunch Dates

- Friday, April 10th BARBURRITO (Cut off Date: April 3rd @ 9pm)
- Monday, April 13th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: April 10th @ 9pm)
- Friday, April 17th DAIRY QUEEN (Cut off Date: April 10th @ 9pm)
- Monday, April 27th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: April 24th @ 9pm)

For any questions or concerns, feel free to email

[calmar.pta@gmail.com](mailto:calmar.pta@gmail.com)

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**GES CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**

**"TEXT IN ART"**

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE FINE ARTS EXPERIENCE. THE HALLS WILL BE FILLED WITH STUDENT WORK, AND THE GYM WILL BE FILLED WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES.

**Thursday, April 16, 2026**  
**5:30pm - 7:00pm**

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## Free Family Show: Michael Harrison's Ventastic

A FREE Family Series show at the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts: Michael Harrison is an extraordinarily talented ventriloquist, puppeteer and comedian. He has worked alongside numerous acts from The Muppets to Boyz to Men. His many talents allow him to create performances for all types of audiences - fun for the whole family! Tickets are free for pick-up at the Leduc Public Library, at the box office or [online](#).



# ARTS DISTRICT DAY

March 14, 11am-4pm

JOIN THE ULTIMATE  
ARTS DISTRICT  
BLOCK PARTY!



This Saturday, join the Edmonton Arts District for free music, performances, art experiences, interactive activities, and more! Check out the details [here](#).

# Autism Awareness

## Free online event

March 30 – April 2, 2026

For parents, caregivers and those working with children



Trusted information to support your neurodivergent or autistic child

Register for webinars

[ahs.ca/pedrehab](https://ahs.ca/pedrehab)



Hosted by healthcare professionals.  
Open to all Albertans.

Monday, March 30

- 10 am [Toe walking in children](#)
- 12 pm [Sleep troubles](#)
- 7 pm [Sensory processing](#)

Tuesday, March 31

- 12 pm [Autism and motor skills](#)
- 7 pm [Emotional regulation](#)

Wednesday, April 1

- 12 pm [Helping children thrive with routines](#)
- 7 pm [Building early social interactions](#)

Thursday, April 2

- 12 pm [Your child's diagnosis](#)

Additional options are available.  
Select the topic and time that works for you.

Pediatric Rehabilitation

[ChildrenYouthHealth@ahs.ca](mailto:ChildrenYouthHealth@ahs.ca)



<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Topic/pediatric-rehabilitation/Pages/webinars.aspx>

# POPPING UP SUPPORT FOR CALMAR ELEMENTARY

Show your support for Calmar Elementary School by ordering delicious kettle corn and flavored popcorn from Heritage Confections!

**Our fundraiser runs March 9–27.**

Order online or scan the QR code:

[heritageconfections.ca/calmar](https://heritageconfections.ca/calmar)



A minimum of 40% of every dollar raised goes directly back to our school. Funds raised will help keep our snack cupboards stocked and continue supporting our students.

Orders will be available for pick-up at the school after Easter break.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

 Gluten-free & peanut-free

 Made from whole grains

 Balanced sweet flavour

 Made in Alberta!



[Order Here!](#)



# Take a “looksee” at your child’s development

The Looksee Checklist is a simple, easy-to-use developmental tool designed to help monitor a child’s development from one month to six years of age, featuring a short list of “yes” or “no” questions about the child’s abilities.

Join us to take a quick look at your child’s development, celebrate their successes, and learn how to access services to support areas of concern.

- ▶ **Date:** Thursday, Mar. 19, 2026
- ▶ **Time:** 10 to 11 a.m.
- ▶ **Location:** Calmar Public Library, 4705 50 Ave., Calmar
- ▶ **Registration:** None necessary - Drop in!
- ▶ **More information:** [lookseechecklist.com](http://lookseechecklist.com)



# BABYSITTING COURSE

LEARN ESSENTIAL BABYSITTING SKILLS,  
INCLUDING BASICS CHILD CARE, SAFETY, AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

THIS COURSE IS PERFECT FOR YOUTH LOOKING  
TO GAIN CONFIDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY  
WHILE CARING FOR CHILDREN.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH**

**9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**CALMAR PROGRAM CENTRE**

**4815 - 49 ST**

**REGISTER ONLINE: [CONFIDENCECOURSES.CA](http://CONFIDENCECOURSES.CA)**

**PRIORITY WILL GO TO CALMAR RESIDENTS**



*Confidence  
Courses*





Arctic Spas  
Recreation Complex  
4901-48 Ave Thorsby, AB

# Babysitting Training Course

Ready to start your first job? The *Canada Safety Council Babysitters Training Course* gives you the skills and confidence to become a certified, responsible sitter.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm. April 17<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm.**  
Located at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex.



## Canada Safety Council

The Canada Safety Council Babysitters Training Course is a **3 day program** designed to teach young people the skills and responsibility needed to safely care for children and run a successful babysitting business.



### Child Care Essentials

Master the art of feeding, changing, and playtime to provide top-tier care for children and infants.



### Safety & First Aid

How to safely navigate child care and prevent accidents.



### Leadership Skills

Professionalism and how to manage a babysitting business.

### Why Become Certified:

Get peace of mind with professional training and instruction to prepare youth for babysitting :

- Safe mealtime practices
- Time management and scheduling
- Introduction to basic first aid
- Healthy bedtime routines

**Registration required, \$50/participant.**  
**Open to youth ages 11yr+.**

Contact Us :

 780-789-4041

 [thorsby.ca/recreation](http://thorsby.ca/recreation)



**FREE  
TRY RUGBY  
JUNIORS CAMP**




Feb 14 & March 14  
10-11 am ~ U5 - U9  
11-12 pm ~ U11 - U18  
Leduc Rec Center  
4330 Black Gold Dr.  
Leduc, AB

April 13 & 20  
6 - 7 pm  
U5 - U18  
Nisku Turf Center  
1030 - 34 ave  
Nisku, AB

No Experience Necessary  
Bring a Friend

For More Info email [lcrucidejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:lcrucidejuniors@gmail.com)

# CHALLENGER BASEBALL IS BACK!



**DATES: SUNDAYS MAY 3 - JUNE 21**  
**LOCATION: FOUR SEASON DIAMOND 2**  
**TIME: 4-5 PM**  
**COST: 40 PER ATHLETE**



**ATHLETES AGES: 5-17 YRS OLD**  
**JOIN OUR TEAM!**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**



**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN!**  
**SCAN HERE**



## ABOUT



Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball/softball program that empowers individuals living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. In this program, baseball is used to enhance connection, courage, independence and love of physical activity.

# DDSC



## Registration Opens March 1!



Are you at least 5 years old?  
Do you love to swim and are comfortable in deep water?  
Do you want to have an AMAZING summer?  
Check us out on facebook

**Devon Dolphins Swim Club**  
[www.devondolphins.ca](http://www.devondolphins.ca)