

CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DISCOVER, LEARN, SUCCEED, CELEBRATE

Bag 1059 Calmar, AB T0C 0V0 PH: (780) 985-2228 FAX: (780) 985-3986

Newsletter

Edition #23

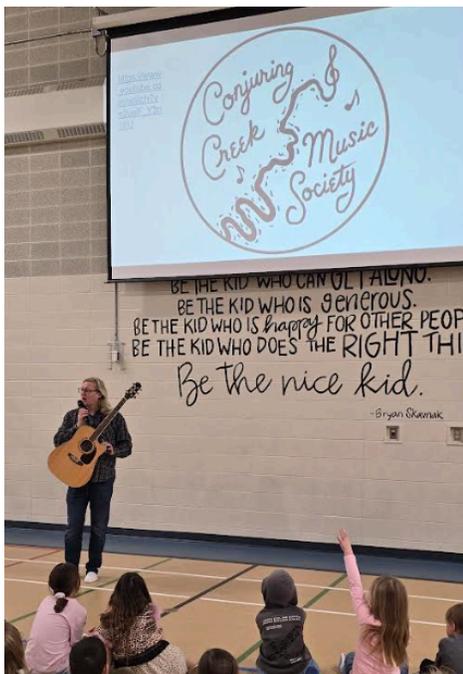
Friday, March 13 / 2026

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

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		
MARCH 2026	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	20	19
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	29	30	31						
APRIL 2026								18	17
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	26	27	28	29	30				

- March 8 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)
- March 9 - PD Day (No Students)
- March 30 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
- April 1 - 3 Spring Break (Schools Closed)
- April 3 - Good Friday (No Students)
- April 6 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
- April 7 - School Resumes
- April 24 - PD Day (No Students)
- Diploma Exam

Event	Date / Time	Other + Extra Information
<p>Purdy's Easter Fundraiser</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>3/4 Boys Floor Hockey</p>	<p>March 13/14</p>	<p>Tournament @ Caledonia Elementary School</p>
<p>5 /6 Girls Floor Hockey</p>	<p>March 19th-21st</p>	<p>Tournament @ Riverview Middle School</p>
<p>Student Led Conferences (K-3) and Spring Interviews (Grade 3/4P and 4-6)</p>	<p>Thurs March 26</p>	<p>See details below</p>
<p>CYBK assemblies</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>School Council meeting</p>	<p>Tues April 7</p>	<p>3:30 pm-4:30 pm</p>
<p>PTA meeting</p>	<p>Tues April 7</p>	<p>4:30 pm-5:30 pm</p>
<p>Celebration of the ARTS</p>	<p>Thurs April 16th</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



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

NEWS

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

NEWS

NEWS

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



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



<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



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



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

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 15th & 16th, 4-6pm. April 17th 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



**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

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