

# CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter**

**Edition #9**

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## Message from the Principal

As we head into the Fall Break next week, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone to stay connected and informed. Because of the recent strike, many deadlines and important dates have had to be adjusted. Please keep yourself updated by reading all newsletters and checking the school website, as well as updates from Parent Council and the PTA. These communications will help ensure you're aware of any changes and the many great things happening at Calmar Elementary.

I also encourage families to stay in regular contact with their child's teacher(s). Strong communication between home and school makes a big difference in every child's success.

We are truly fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive community here in Calmar. Thank you for all that you do to make our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

We look forward to the rest of the school year and to celebrating the upcoming Christmas and holiday season after the break.








Warm regards,

**Stan Travnik**

Principal, Calmar Elementary School

## Important UPDATES + DATES

Reminder - The two PD days in November and December are now regular instructional days (regular school day)

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>							1	15	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> November 2 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)</li> <li> November 3 - PD Day (No Students)</li> <li> November 10 - 14 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</li> <li> November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</li> <li> Diploma Exam</li> </ul>
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<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>								15	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> December 1 - PD Day (No Students)</li> <li> December 22 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</li> </ul>
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Event	Date / Time	Other + Extra Information
Mid Term Break	Nov 10 to Nov 14	Schools closed / Fall Break
CTF	Wed Nov 19	Career and technology foundations start - 2 Periods per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 4-6 groups. Students will spend 5-6 weeks in each option and rotate through all of them throughout the school year.</li> <li>- <b><u>2025/2026 CTF options:</u></b> Art - Mrs. Hodge, Alternative Games- Mr. Walker, Digital Strategy Games- Mr. Lewis, Drama- Mrs. Whipple, French- Mrs. Mason.</li> </ul>
Lockdown Practice	Thurs Nov 20	Continuing our emergency protocol practices
CYBK Assembly	Mon Nov 24 @9:35am	Caught You Being Kind! assembly - affected parents will be contacted
BLAST	Tue Nov 25	Extra Literacy Support "BLAST" weekly program starts for grades 1,2, and 3
Curling	Nov. 24th, 25th & 27th	6W, 5/6L, and 4P will be going curling at the Calmar Curling rink. Students must dress for the weather as they walk. (Division 2 students only)
Picture Day	Thurs Nov 27	For all classes
Instructional Day	Mon Dec 1	Classes in session
Curling	Dec. 2nd, 3rd & 4th	5HW and 4M will be going curling at the Calmar Curling rink. Students must dress for the weather as they walk. (Division 2 students only)
School Council & PTA Meeting	Tues Dec 2	School Council 3:30 followed by PTA
Parent Teacher Interviews	Wed Dec 3 Thurs Dec 4	Originally scheduled for November, it was pushed back due to the strike
PTA Christmas Market	Sat Dec 6	PTA fundraiser
Christmas Concert	Tue Dec 16	Afternoon + Evening Performances, more info TBD

# CES ...PTA.....Growing Smiles Fundraiser is here!

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very beautiful **poinsettias, wreaths or planters** for friends, family, and yourself, please use the link below:







<https://calmarelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

**Deadline for orders is** - Tuesday, November 18th.  
**Pickup will be** - Thursday, December 4th.



Thank you for your support for the purchase of valuable items for our children!

If anyone has any questions or concerns please reach out to the  
 - PTA at [calmar\\_pta@gmail.com](mailto:calmar_pta@gmail.com)

 <p><b>6.5" Poinsettia - Red</b></p> <p><i>A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant velvet red poinsettia. The poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays. Approx. height: 14-16" &amp; width: 12-16"</i></p> <p><b>13.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>	 <p><b>Holiday Wreath</b></p> <p><i>Cozy woody greeting! Crafted from fresh noble, cedar &amp; juniper, wrapped in elegance and sure to give you and your guests a homey warm welcome. Approx. 24" diameter</i></p> <p><b>35.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>	 <p><b>Hanging Greenery Bough</b></p> <p><i>Enchanted woodland grove! Heritage burlap bag stuffed with greenery &amp; ilex berry sprigs. Lean it up against stairs, benches, or your home and hang from your door. Approx. height: 28-32" &amp; width: 10-13"</i></p> <p><b>35.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>
 <p><b>Outdoor Greenery Arrangement</b></p> <p><i>Regal flora elegance! This festive planter is misted in woodland berries, frosty pinecones &amp; a grand crimson bow. Standing at 2 feet tall this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit! Approx. height: 30-36" &amp; width: 16-20"</i></p> <p><b>50.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>	 <p><b>Indoor Tropical Planter</b></p> <p><i>Toasty fireside nook! 4 lush plant mixes snugly tucked into a charming holiday tin.. Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested. Containers vary. Approx: 10-12" by 4-8"</i></p> <p><b>35.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>	 <p><b>6.5" Poinsettia - White</b></p> <p><i>A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant ivory white poinsettia. The poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays. Approx. height: 14-16" &amp; width: 12-16"</i></p> <p><b>13.00 CAD</b> Qty: <input type="text" value="0"/></p>

## Calmar Elementary Hot Lunch Program

### The Calmar PTA is proud to run the Hot Lunch Program!

All proceeds from hot lunches go directly toward helping fund the Birch Bay Grade 6 year-end field trip.

**\*HOT LUNCHES EVERY FRIDAY AND EVERY 2ND MONDAY \***

### Menu Info

We offer fun and tasty options like Subway and Booster Juice.

Some gluten-free options are available for Subway.

Booster Juice has dairy-free options.

### IMPORTANT INFO

For your convenience, hot lunches can be ordered weekly, monthly, or you can choose to order all lunches at one time. See below for the individual closing dates for each hot lunch and each month.

Please note that **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ALL ORDERS ARE DUE by 9 pm OF THE CLOSING MARKED DATE BELOW. Orders Close 1 Week BEFORE the Hot Lunch Date for vendors to have their proper numbers.**

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How to Register (You must re-register every year!)

Due to privacy rules, you need to register again at the start of the school year — even if you've ordered last school year.

1. Go to [ces.hotlunches.net](http://ces.hotlunches.net)
2. Click on "Click Here to Register."
3. Enter the access code: CEHL
4. Complete the registration form (make sure to include your email address)
5. Click "Register Now."
6. Add each child in your family who attends Calmar Elementary (if it doesn't show automatically, click on the Children tab and enter their name and class)
7. Once your child(ren) are added, click on "Orders" to place lunch orders
8. Pay online using a credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or Amex) or through your PayPal account

Order deadlines are always posted on the home page — don't miss out!  
It's always cut off 1 week before the Hot Lunch

## Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed

We're always looking for parents to help!

Hot lunch days usually need a 1.5-hour commitment from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Mondays OR Fridays

If you'd like to sign up, please click the link below to sign up.

Monday Hot Lunches

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A4EAFA82AA4FAC70-60234850-monday>

Friday Hot Lunches

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A4EAFA82AA4FAC70-60234917-friday>

Thank you for supporting our Calmar PTA Hot Lunch Program and helping make our students' year even better!

### November Hot Lunch Dates

- Monday Nov 17th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: Nov 13th @ 9pm )
- Friday Nov 21st BOOSTER JUICE (Cut off Date: Nov 13th @ 9pm)
- Friday Nov 28th SUBWAY (Cut off Date: Nov 20th @9pm )

### December Hot Lunch Dates

- Monday Dec 1st HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: No 23rd @ 9pm )
- Friday Dec 5th MCDONALDS (Cut off Date: Nov 27th @9pm )
- Friday Dec 12th COMBINED CATERING (Cut off Date: Dec 4th @ 9pm)
- Monday Dec 15th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: Dec 7th @ 9pm)
- Friday Dec 19th EDO JAPAN (Cut off Date: Dec 11th @ 9pm )

### January Hot Lunch Dates

- Monday Jan 5th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: Dec 28th @ 9pm )
- Friday Jan 9th CHEVRON (Cut off Date: Jan 1 @ 9pm )
- Friday Jan 16th DAIRY QUEEN (Cut off Date: Jan 8th @ 9pm )
- Monday Jan 19th HOT DOGS (Cut off Date: Jan 11th @ 9pm )
- Friday Jan 23rd COMBINED CATERING (Cut off Date: Jan 15th @ 9pm )

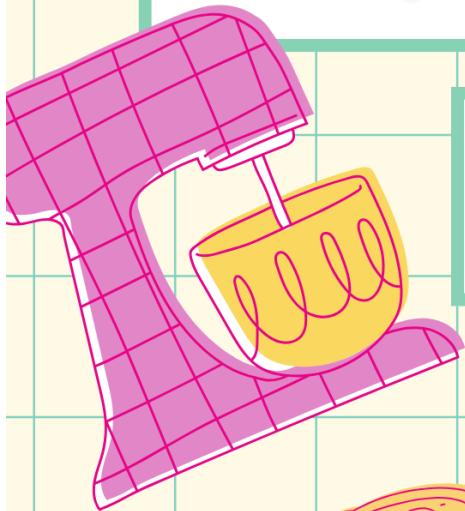
For any questions or concerns feel free to email [calmar.pta@gmail.com](mailto:calmar.pta@gmail.com)

# Nailed It!

**November 12, 2025  
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

It is time to put your  
decorating skills to the test in  
this challenge of tasty treats!

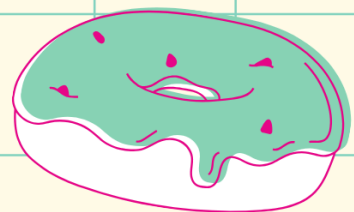
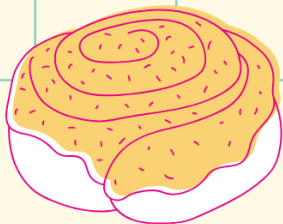
Will you nail it...or fail it?



## **Register Today!**

Phone: 780-985-3472

Email: [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)



This program is offered in collaboration with the Town of Calmar.





## Re: Christmas Elves Program

The Calmar Christmas Elves Program would like to extend a Challenge to Calmar Elementary School: Donate non-perishable food items/ toiletry items and receive points. The classroom with most points wins a FREE pizza party from Calmar FCSS!

If you decide to take this tremendous challenge on, it starts Wednesday November 12, 2025, and ends on Friday December 5, 2025. All items will be collected throughout the challenge. Any donations that are collected after December 5th will be accepted but not put towards the challenge. Teachers will be responsible for tracking points, after the challenge is completed, the school will notify FCSS of the winning class.

I have attached a chart for the point system below. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. 780.985.3604 – ext. 233 or [mleibel@calmar.ca](mailto:mleibel@calmar.ca)

5 POINTS	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT
RICE (STANDARD BAG)	CANNED VEGGIES	SPREADS & CONDIMENTS	PASTA	ALL OTHER ITEMS
TOILET PAPER	CANNED MEAT	CEREAL & OATS	PERSONAL CARE ITEMS	
		PASTA SAUCES	GRANOLA BARS & SNACK ITEMS	

Frosty believes in you. Go sleigh this challenge!!

Thanks,

*Mikayla Leibel*

Calmar FCSS



# GINGERBREAD House Contest

Join us in creating a gingerbread house masterpiece at home, and bring it to Christmas in the Park on Friday, November 28th to have it displayed and judged!!



TOWN OF  
CALMAR





YOU ARE INVITED TO

# CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

- SLEIGH RIDES
- SANTA PHOTOS
- LETTERS TO SANTA
- HOT CHOCOLATE & TREATS
- FESTIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC
- AND MORE !

FRIDAY  
28  
NOVEMBER  
6PM - 8PM



FREE  
EVENT



WOODLAND  
PARK



CALMAR ELEMENTARY'S  
PTA FUNDRAISER

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

DECEMBER 6TH 2025  
10 AM TO 4PM

Calmar Elementary School  
5402 50 St  
CALMAR ALBERTA



# ARCTIC SPAS REC COMPLEX

## Weekly After School Programs NOVEMBER 2025



Local recreation for families to participate in



3-4:30pm  
Free  
Open to all ages,  
children under 7  
require supervision.

**MONDAYS**  
*LEGO Club*



3-4:45pm  
Free  
Open to all ages,  
children under 7  
require supervision.

**TUESDAYS**  
*Shinny*



3-4:30pm  
\$2/participant  
Geared to children  
7-12 year old,  
children under 7  
require supervision.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
*Beyond the Bell*



3-4:45pm  
Free  
Open to all ages,  
children under 7  
require supervision.

**THURSDAYS**  
*Public Skate*

More Information

### THE DETAILS

780-789-4041  
 4901-48Ave. Thorsby AB  
 [thorsby.ca/recreation](https://thorsby.ca/recreation)

*\*Children under 7 require supervision*

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