

# CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Message from the Principal

As we move into the second half of the school year, Calmar Elementary will be placing an increased focus on literacy instruction to further support student learning and success. This focus is informed by our ongoing assessment data and our commitment to ensuring every student receives the support they need to thrive.

I am pleased to share some very positive staffing updates that will strengthen our ability to provide targeted literacy support. We have been able to hire additional teaching staff, which will allow us to make several important improvements. The new staff members will assume responsibility for the Physical Education program, freeing classroom teachers to work with students in small-group literacy and numeracy interventions. In addition, we are increasing our Learning Support Teacher (LST) time and restoring Mrs. Hodge's counselling time, ensuring students receive appropriate academic and social-emotional support.

Research consistently shows that small-group instruction is one of the most effective ways to support student learning, particularly in literacy. Targeted small-group interventions allow teachers to provide focused instruction, immediate feedback, and individualized support, all of which contribute to improved student outcomes.

Teachers will also be receiving additional professional development to ensure these supports are delivered effectively and consistently. Small-group placements will be determined using our literacy screening data and, where appropriate, additional diagnostic information.

These small-group interventions will begin on February 10, allowing staff time to prepare and participate in professional learning.

This is exciting news for our school community, and I am confident these changes will have a positive impact on student learning for the remainder of the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Stan Travník - Principal, Calmar Elementary School

## Important CES Dates + Reminders

Event	Date / Time	Other + Extra Information
Gradebook Locked down	Wed Jan 14	Teachers are busy getting ready for our Report Cards, so the gradebook has to be locked down (unavailable to parents)
Report Cards go out	Thurs Jan 29	Report Cards will be available online - the office will send out a reminder to everyone once they are ready.
PD Day	Fri Jan 30	No school for students

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>										
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	19	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2025 - Jan. 30, 2026								97	90	Semester 2 - Commences February 2, 2026
<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	19	17	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			

- January 1 - 2 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
- January 5 - School Resumes
- January 30 - PD Day (No Students)
- Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
- Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
- Diploma Exam

- February 2 - Semester 2 Commences
- February 5 & 6 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)
- February 16 - Family Day (Schools Closed)



### Popcorn for Feb - June is now available online

- Through your child's PS account.
- The deadline is Jan. 26, 2026.

No late orders will be accepted.

## HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

### January Hot Lunch Dates

- **Friday, Jan 23:** COMBINED CATERING  
Cut-off Date: Jan 15 @ 9:00 PM

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



## **School Fundraiser Alert**

There are **TWO** different school fundraisers currently running.

- Please note they are separate fundraisers with separate links.
- Paper order forms for both fundraisers will be sent home in student backpacks next week



### **1 Cookie Dough & Muffins Fundraiser**

Order cookie dough and muffins using the link below.

When ordering, enter the first and last name of the student you are supporting.

 <https://www.indeygo.com/store/shop/10231767749738>



### **2 Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraiser**

Order pizza kits using the link below.

When ordering, enter the first and last name of the student you are supporting.

Fundraiser Code: 475033



<https://www.pizzakit.ca/fundraising-products?shop=1&f=475033&s=1734434>



## **Important Dates to Remember: -Order Deadline: February 3rd**

-Product Pick-Up: February 23rd to 27th

Location: Calmar Elementary School

Pick-up times will be shared by email closer to the date, so keep an eye on your inbox!

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

More Info: [CES Website](#)

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers.



# Kindergarten Registration Begins !!!!

**CES runs a HALF-DAY / EVERYDAY  
Kindergarten program**



- We start with a morning (AM) class.
- If the AM class fills up, we add a second class for the afternoon PM class. (Some AM students would have to move to the PM class)
- *NOTE: There is an error in the online registration package - it still has the old M/W and T/Thursday options.*

[Click Here for More Information](#)





## **We Welcome Volunteers!!!**

There are many ways that you can get involved at Calmar Elementary School.

- Hot Lunch
- Popcorn Days
- Upcoming Events

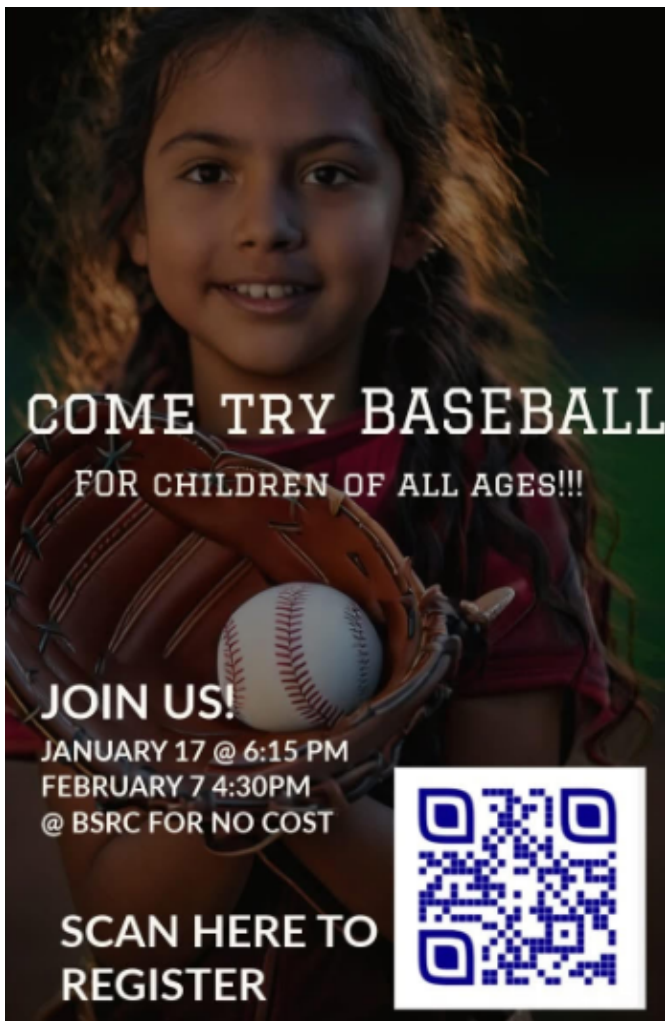
All volunteers are required to complete the Black Gold Volunteer Registration Form to volunteer at the school. Forms are available in the office or through the link below. Please submit completed forms to the office. [BGSD Volunteer Form](#)

### **Robin Layne and the Rhythm Makers**

The Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc is hosting a free family event on Sunday, January 18, 2026.

Over the past decade and a half, Juno-nominated percussionist Robin Layne has steeped himself in rhythmic traditions around the world. His search for rhythm and folkloric traditions has led him to Cuba, Guinea, Mali, Mexico, and beyond. He brings these influences to bear in his compositions that are inspired by his travels. Robin believes music has the power to connect and bring people together, and has devoted his life to that, both through his performing work and also his educational work with young people. He is the senior percussion instructor at the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and the Artistic Director of the World Rhythms for Youth Society. [Get your free tickets here.](#)


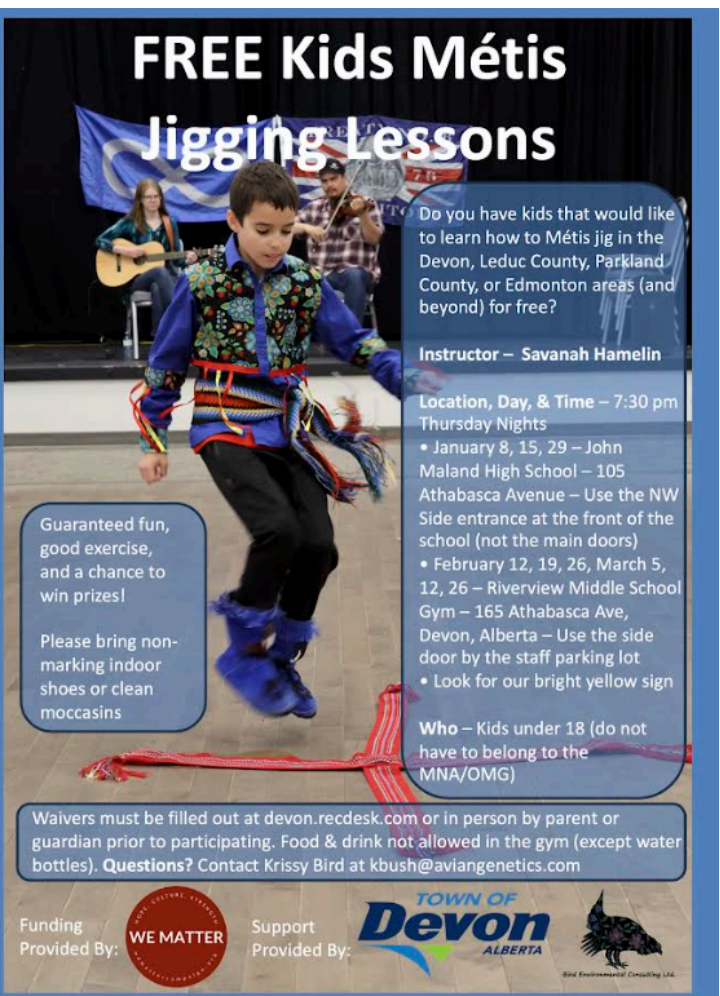




**COME TRY BASEBALL**  
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!!!

**JOIN US!**  
JANUARY 17 @ 6:15 PM  
FEBRUARY 7 4:30PM  
@ BSRC FOR NO COST

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

# FREE Kids Métis Jigging Lessons

Do you have kids that would like to learn how to Métis jig in the Devon, Leduc County, Parkland County, or Edmonton areas (and beyond) for free?

**Instructor – Savannah Hamelin**

**Location, Day, & Time – 7:30 pm Thursday Nights**




- January 8, 15, 29 – John Maland High School – 105 Athabasca Avenue – Use the NW Side entrance at the front of the school (not the main doors)
- February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 26 – Riverview Middle School Gym – 165 Athabasca Ave, Devon, Alberta – Use the side door by the staff parking lot
- Look for our bright yellow sign

**Who – Kids under 18 (do not have to belong to the MNA/OMG)**

Guaranteed fun, good exercise, and a chance to win prizes!

Please bring non-marking indoor shoes or clean moccasins

Waivers must be filled out at [devon.recdesk.com](http://devon.recdesk.com) or in person by parent or guardian prior to participating. Food & drink not allowed in the gym (except water bottles). **Questions?** Contact Krissy Bird at [kbush@aviangenetics.com](mailto:kbush@aviangenetics.com)

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Roald Dahl's Matilda comes to Beaumont's ESBCHS Atrium - big songs, bold kids, imagination, rebellion, and girl power for all. [ESBCHS Matilda Ticket Link](#)





**LEDUC & DISTRICT**  
MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

**U16, U19 (FEMALE TACKLE)**  
**U12 U14 U16 (SPRING FLAG)**



**REGISTER NOW**



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