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## Calmar Elementary - Weekly Newsletter Edition #4 Friday, September 12 /2025

### Principal's Message: Introducing SafeArrival

We're excited to introduce a new, convenient way to report your child's absences: the **SafeArrival** system. This tool helps ensure student safety by streamlining the absence reporting process.

You can report your child's absence in **any of the following three ways**:

#### 1. On Your Mobile Device

- Download the **SM Home** app from the [Apple App Store](#) or Google Play Store.
- Open the app and select "**Sign Up**" to create your account.
- Tap "**Attendance**", then "**Report an Absence**".

#### 2. Online

- Visit the [SchoolMessenger website](#).
- Click "**Sign Up**" the first time you visit to create your account.
- Choose "**Attendance**", then "**Report an Absence**".

#### 3. By Telephone

- Call the toll-free **SafeArrival** number: **1-780-955-4526** and follow the prompts.
- Or, you can always call the school directly at **780-985-2228** and leave a message.

We strongly encourage families to use the **SafeArrival** system or **phone the school** directly to report absences. Please note that **emailing the office is not recommended**, as messages can be missed or delayed.

Thank you for helping us keep all students safe and accounted for.

Warm regards,

**Stan Travník**

Principal

Calmar Elementary School



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## General Notes+ Reminders

- **New Student - Registration for the 25/26** school year is now open.
  - If you know anyone with a child who will be Kindergarten-aged next year (turning 5 before January 1st), please encourage them to [register](#)
- **Black Gold School Division 2025-2026 School Year Calendar**
  - **2025-2026 School Year Calendar**
- **YEARBOOKS + CLASS PICTURES - Update**
  - Information to order will be available in the fall (Sept/Oct)
  - Class Pictures will be delivered in the fall, more information TBD
  - ID cards will also be available in the fall
- **Reminder Student School Fees are due September 30th.**
  - Log into your child's PowerSchool account at <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/>
- **Popcorn order is now available**
  - To order through your child's PowerSchool account.
  - All orders are to be placed and paid for online. Deadline Sept 18th, 9am. (See PS link above)
- **The LRC Family passes are now available to signout through the library**
  - Please email [tammy.vandenbergh@blackgold.ca](mailto:tammy.vandenbergh@blackgold.ca) if you would like to borrow it for a week.
- **Save your Boston Pizza receipts and drop them off in our collection jar in the foyer.**
  - Boston Pizza's Education Rebate program gives 5% of total receipt back to our school.



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## CES Terry Fox Run/Walk

Our annual event will be held on **Friday, September 26th.**

Grades 1-6 will begin at 10:50.

Families are welcome to join us by meeting in the bus lane at that time.



Kindergarten classes will not be participating due to their class times, but they will learn about Terry Fox in class.

It's the **45th Anniversary** of the run and the theme is "Finish It". Our goal is to help "finish" what Terry started by raising \$1000.00.

### Here are some ways to fundraise:

- Make an online donation: [Calmar Elementary School Fundraising Page](#) (tax receipts are issued).
- Paper pledge forms are also available in the office (tax receipts issued for donations greater than \$20.00).
- We will have a jar in the office for cash donations.

**Students must have a completed "walking field trip" form.** This is part of the verification package on powerschool. Students who do not have this completed form, will be walking on the school grounds.



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## The CES PTA First Fundraiser of the year.

We are running a 50/50 through Rafflebox. Our Goal is to raise money for a permanent GAGA BALL Pit. Right Now the **Jackpot is at \$1480.00** (winner takes home \$740.00). Please share with family and friends to help out Jackpot Grow. There are 20 days remaining! **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW !**

The Raffle is strictly Online only and for Alberta Residents, so please share the Link with all your Friends and Family.

Draw will happen on Friday, OCTOBER 3rd, 2025.

If anyone has any questions, please reach out to the PTA email at [calmar.pta@gmail.com](mailto:calmar.pta@gmail.com)

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/calmarespta>

## CES PTA 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser!

50/50 Cash Raffle



**Calmar Elementary School**  
**50/50 CASH RAFFLE**

Launched  
Thu Aug 28 2025

Sales End  
Fri Oct 03 2025

Draw Date  
Fri Oct 03 2025

Draw Location  
Calmar Elementary School, Calmar

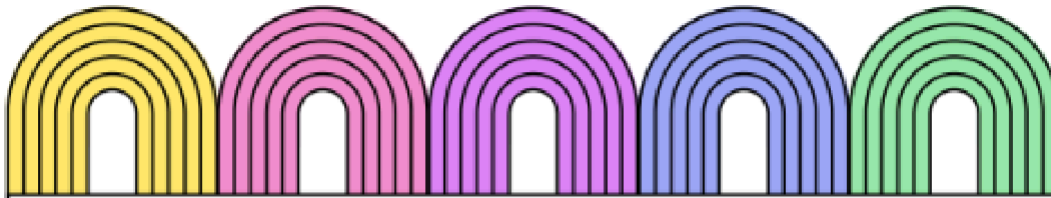




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## PTA NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING  
SEPT 10TH AT 430 PM  
IN STAFF ROOM**

FOLLOWED BEHIND THE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AT 330 PM  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND BOTH TO HAVE SAY IN BOTH BOARDS  
ALL ARE WELCOME

Hello Calmar School Families,

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new PTA President, my name is Jenny Balding and I want to sincerely thank everyone who joined us for our first meeting of the year. We had 23 people attend, and it was so wonderful to see new faces and new members stepping into important roles for our PTA.

As President, I would love to encourage more parents to get involved. Your ideas—whether about fundraisers, hot lunch vendors, or new initiatives—are always welcome. Please share them at our meetings or email us at [Calmar.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Calmar.pta@gmail.com)

Thank you again for your support—I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!  
—Jenny Balding (PTA President)

### I'D ALSO LIKE TO PROUDLY INTRODUCE AND CONGRATULATE OUR 2025-2026 PTA BOARD:

President: Jenny Balding  
Vice President: Christine Siktiski  
Secretary: Lori Cvjetic  
Treasurer: Angelica Gallant  
Communications Director/Director : Candace Rosenke

Directors: Angela Knight, Britney Ewasuk, Jodi Sider,  
Jenelle Rehman, and Danielle Tyliczszak

### CURRENT PTA FUNDRAISER

We are fundraising for a new piece for our playground. A permanent GAGA Ball Court. Please help support our school and win some cash. Send link to your family and friends. Must be an Alberta Resident

Click here  
[50/50 School Raffle](#)

### HOT LUNCH

\*\* Everyone has to re-register every year, even if you did this last year\*\*  
Go to [cashhotlunches.net](https://cashhotlunches.net)

✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"

✓ Enter Access Code C6HL

✓ Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address)

✓ Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom

✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Calmar Elementary School. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

#### UPCOMING HOT LUNCHES

-SEPT 5th. HOT DOGS  
-SEPT 12th. HOT DOGS  
-SEPT 26th. HOT DOGS

### REMINDERS

A special reminder: our hot lunch program directly funds the Grade 6 students' year-end trip to Birch Bay! To make this possible, we need volunteers—especially from our Grade 6 families. Helping with hot lunch is such an important way to support your child's big trip of the year, without parents having to cover the full cost.

We'll also be sending out monthly volunteer sign-ups in the school newsletter so everyone has a chance to take part. A quick tip from me: I find the Student Messenger app a great way to stay up to date with school events, newsletters, and emails—something I recommend to all parents for the 2025-2026 school year.



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***We have Included Hot lunch Fridays up and including Oct 4th.***

- For Now we are sticking to Hot Dogs and when the pending strike is behind us we will be opening up Hot lunch for the rest of the quarter. This will Include Hot Dogs moving to every second Monday and Fridays having New and our Favorite Vendors Returning.

**Remember You must register every year for HOT LUNCH!!**

If you haven't ordered before or it's the first time this year, here's how to get started.

- Go to [ces.hotlunches.net](http://ces.hotlunches.net)
- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter Access Code **CEHL**
- Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address)
- Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom
- Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Calmar Elementary, if it doesn't come up automatically, just click on children and add them under that tab by entering their name and class
- Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)
- You can either pay with a credit card as a PayPal guest (Visa, Mastercard, or Amex), or set up your own PayPal account.

Deadlines are posted on the front page! Happy Ordering.

For any parent with questions or looking to help volunteer please reach out to the PTA at [calmar.pta@gmail.com](mailto:calmar.pta@gmail.com).



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## FREE FAMILY EVENT!

Families are invited to a free magic show at the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc on Sept. 14th. Tickets can be acquired at the Leduc Public Library, [online](#), or at the box office.

*Chris Funk's show has been described as a 'World Class, Las Vegas Style Magic Show'. Chris has been performing onstage almost his entire life. First as a musician, then as a magician, and now as a brilliant and witty performer known as "The Wonderist". He combines Intuition, Influence, and Illusion with side-splitting comedy to create moments that baffle and amuse.*

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## Home alone parent and child



Do you think your child is ready to start staying home alone occasionally for short periods of time?

Does your child have some experience being home alone?

No matter what your situation, this workshop will enhance your child's skills and confidence to stay home alone while giving you the knowledge about what your child needs in order to be ready, including skills and readiness, as well as emergencies, back up plans and scenario practices.

- ▶ **Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025
- ▶ **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** Calmar Program Centre (4815 49 Street, Calmar)  
\*use rear door
- ▶ **Spaces available:** maximum of six family groups
- ▶ **Register:** contact Kristin at **780-955-6421** or [kristin@leduc-county.com](mailto:kristin@leduc-county.com) or register online at [www.leduc-county.com/home-alone](http://www.leduc-county.com/home-alone) by Sept. 22, 2025

\*Children must be a minimum of nine years old and a parent or caregiver must be in attendance.







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## NEED HELP WITH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION? SCAN BELOW



Blackgold.ca  
(Info & Instructions)



PowerSchool  
(To apply & pay)



Bus Status 4 app  
for **Android**  
(bus cancellations/delays)



Bus Status 4 app  
for **iPhone**  
(bus cancellations/delays)

Need additional help? Email [transportation@blackgold.ca](mailto:transportation@blackgold.ca)



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## EFRS vs EPS community soccer match

September 20 at 1:00pm Gates open at 12:00pm

@ Scottish Dome outdoor field 1

Free admission



Come check out the game,  
police cars and firetruck



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## Calmar Junior Curling Program



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Learn the game! Improve your skills! Be part of a team!

Now open! Registration for the 2025/2026 season. Limited spots available BUT will start a waitlist and will open more spots if we have enough interest!!

Lil Rock 2018/2019

U12 2017/2016/2015

U18 2014/2013/2012/2011

Please contact Kara Kushinski at [Jrcurling@calmarcurl.ca](mailto:Jrcurling@calmarcurl.ca) if you are interested! Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.