

CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

ASSEMBLY UPDATE

I am pleased to introduce **Lisa Furler**, our **Family School Liaison (FSL)** with Black Gold School Division. Family School Liaisons are mental health professionals who work to strengthen partnerships between home, school, and community within BGSD schools. As part of our Student Services team, Lisa works closely with our staff and community partners to support students' educational and social-emotional development. Lisa is at Calmar Elementary two days each week and is supporting our **weekly Tuesday Character Education assemblies**, where she helps students develop important skills such as self-regulation, problem-solving, self-confidence, social skills, and strategies for managing stress and anxiety.

This month, Lisa is leading our Tuesday assemblies with a focus on **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**. SEL is centered on five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Research consistently shows that when schools prioritize SEL, students benefit academically, socially, and emotionally, while also building the skills needed for positive relationships and overall well-being.

This week, students began learning about emotions and healthy ways to cope with feelings that can be challenging. In the weeks ahead, our assemblies will continue to focus on empathy, friendship skills, and responsible decision-making. I am very pleased to have Lisa supporting this important work at Calmar Elementary and look forward to the positive impact these lessons will continue to have on our students.

Sincerely,

Stan Travnik

Principal, Calmar Elementary School

CES Basketball!

We are well into our basketball season and Grade 5 teams have been working hard during their practices and games! Each team has one more game to play before they each compete in BGSD tournaments.

Boys Remaining Schedule:

Last game vs. Leduc Estates at Leduc Estates: Monday, January 12, 2026.

- Tournament details: École Corinthia Park :
- **January 16th & 17th.**



Girls Remaining Schedule:

Last game vs. Thorsby at Thorsby: Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

- Tournament details: École Corinthia Park or Riverview(depending on what pool we end up in):
- **January 23rd & 24th.**



#1) CES would like to thank Kara Kushinski for her time and dedication to both teams.

- Her work with our basketball teams has increased our students' basketball knowledge immensely!
- You rock, Kara!

#2) Thank you to our teacher volunteers (coaches).

- Mr. Walker and Miss. Risser.

Important CES Dates + Reminders

Event	Date / Time	Other + Extra Information
School Photo Retakes	Wed Jan 14	
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)
Gr. 4-6 Ski Trip - Rabbit Hill	Fri Jan. 16	Day-long field trip
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

JANUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20 19	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
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Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2025 - Jan. 30, 2026									
FEBRUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	97 90	Semester 2 - Commences February 2, 2026
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February 2 - Semester 2 Commences									
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HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

January Hot Lunch Dates

- **Friday, Jan 16:** DAIRY QUEEN
Cut-off Date: Jan 8 @ 9:00 PM
- **Monday, Jan 19:** HOT DOGS
Cut-off Date: Jan 11 @ 9:00 PM
- **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

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

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 pkg - as it still have the old M/W and T/Thursday option.*

[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**

**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 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**

SCANNABLE QR CODE

**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 – Savanah 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)**

Funding Provided By: WE MATTER

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Bird Environmental Consulting Ltd.



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](#)