# CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# Weekly Newsletter

Edition #7

Friday, OCT. 3rd/2025

Important Update: Upcoming Strike

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, a province-wide teacher strike is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 6, 2025. During this time, Calmar Elementary School will be closed, and all regular school operations will be suspended. Please review the following important details:

### School Access & Operations

- The school will be closed to all students, teaching staff, and visitors.
- Doors will be locked, and no access to the building will be permitted.
- Teachers and administrators will not be on-site or available during the strike.
- Communication with staff (email, phone, or in person) will not be possible throughout the strike.

## Instruction & Learning

- Teachers will not be providing assignments, resources, or learning materials during the strike.
- Families looking to support learning at home are encouraged to explore the <u>Parent</u> <u>Toolkits</u> available through Alberta Education.

## Support Staff

- As of now, support staff will be working on-site, but this is subject to change.
- Please note:
  - Support staff will not be answering phones or emails,
  - They will not be permitting access to the school building,
  - The building remains fully closed to students, parents, and the public during the strike.

### Happy Kids Daycare

- Happy Kids Daycare is an independent service provider and is not part of Black Gold School Division.
- As such, they will remain open and operate as usual during the strike.
- For questions or concerns, please contact Happy Kids staff directly.

# A Message from the Principal

At Calmar Elementary, we deeply value the strong, trusting relationships we've built with our families and community. This is my first strike in 32 years in education, and while it's not something I had hoped to experience, I remain optimistic that a fair and timely resolution can be reached.

Our staff is eager to return, reconnect with students, and continue the important work of teaching and learning. I truly appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support during this time.

Warm regards,

#### Stan Travnik

Principal, Calmar Elementary School



BGSD Labour Action Updates - Check out our main landing page

#### School Council Corner!!!

Happy October, everyone. Just a couple quick notes!

#### 1) October 16 was our next scheduled School Council meeting.

- Due to the teachers' strike, please note that should the strike still be on by this date, the meeting will be POSTPONED until staff are back at school.
- School Council is NOT a separate entity and must have the Principal there in order to host a meeting. If the strike is over by then, it will still run as scheduled.
- Thank you for your understanding.

#### 2) October 20 is your day to VOTE for our School Trustee.

- Please take time to research the candidates and find out what they stand for and represent.
- Please vote and let your voice be heard!

#### Thanks!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Kara / School Council Chair

# Terry Fox Update

The final numbers are in. CES raised \$1218.25, surpassing our goal. Awesome job, CES!

- Thank you so much for your donations and participation in our event.

An additional shout-out to the Town of Calmar for providing a snack at the end of our run and to Calmar Secondary Collegiate School for providing corner workers along the route.



# Monday, September 29/2025, we <u>were</u> honoured to welcome Steven Ochiese

- Ojibwe/Cree drummer, singer, and knowledge keeper.
- Steven shared his knowledge about Orange Shirt Day, residential schools, and music (drumming).







## General Notes+ Reminders

- Black Gold School Division 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
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- YEARBOOKS + CLASS PICTURES Update
  - Information to order will be available in the fall (Oct)
  - o Class Pictures will be delivered in the fall; more information TBD
  - o ID cards will also be available in the fall
- Reminder: Student School Fees are due September 30th.
  - Log in to your child's PowerSchool account at https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/
- The LRC Family passes are now available to sign out through the library
  - Please email <u>tammy.vandenberghe@blackgold.ca</u> 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 the total receipt back to our school.
- Any popcorn dates missed due to the job action
  - o will be made up throughout the school year.
- Student library books
  - o can be held at home until students return back to school.
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - o It is scheduled for Oct. 20-23.
  - If job action is still in place, this event will be rescheduled for another time.

#### **Important Dates:**

October
 5th - World Teacher Day

- October 6th- Caught You Being Kind Recognition Assembly (cancelled)
- October 7th Division 1 & Division 2 Fire Safety Presentation (cancelled)
- October 13th Thanksgiving (No School)
- October 14th PD Day (No School)
- October 20th Book Fair (20th 23rd)
- October 23rd School Pictures Kindergarten- Grade 6 (All students)
- November 3rd PD Day (No School)
- November 10-14th November Break (No School)
- November 12th Admin Professionals Day





# 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 <a href="mailto:Jrcurling@calmarcurl.ca">Jrcurling@calmarcurl.ca</a> if you are interested! Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



# **Circle of Security Online**



Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking you and to help your child feel safe, regulate their emotions, and build their self-esteem.

In this seven-week program, we will explore practical strategies to recognize your child's needs and nurture secure attachment in both infants and children.

- Date: Tuesdays, Sept. 23 to Nov. 4, 2025
- Time: 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams
- Who can attend: Parents with young children, aged 0 -12-years-old
- Register: Register online by Friday, Sept. 19 at leduc-county.com/circle-of-security













# AGES AND STAGES DEVELOPMENTAL CHECK IN

#### Online

Have you ever wondered about your child's development? The Ages and Stages Questionnaire provides a fast and helpful look at how your child is doing in important areas like communication, social skills, motor skills and problem solving skills. Screening can identify your child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate and reveal any areas where your child may need support. It helps you understand your child's development and know what to look for next.

The ASQ and ASQ.SE questionnaires are designed to help you monitor your child's development at regular intervals from 2 months to 5 years of age. To access these questionnaires, go to our website below.

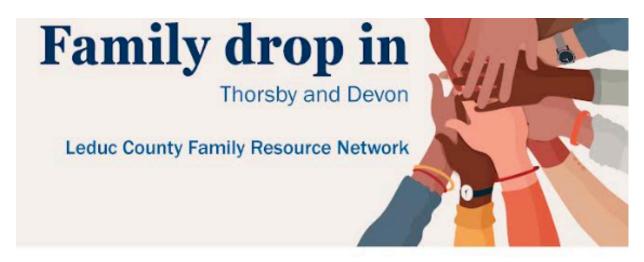
www.leduc-county.com/en/living-here/early-learning-and-care.aspx

For more information, please call 780-979-2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com.









Our Family Resource Network hosts weekly family drop-in programs offering a variety of activities, tools and resources to support childhood development. Get more information at www.leduc-county.com/frn

- Resources
- Referral
- Coffee
- Snacks

- Crafts
- Games
- ► Wifi
- Computer use
- Programs
- Supports
- Kid Kits
- Much more



In the modular building across from Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

Tuesdays from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Devon: 5 Jasper Court In the old Robina Baker School

Mondays from 2 to 8 p.m.

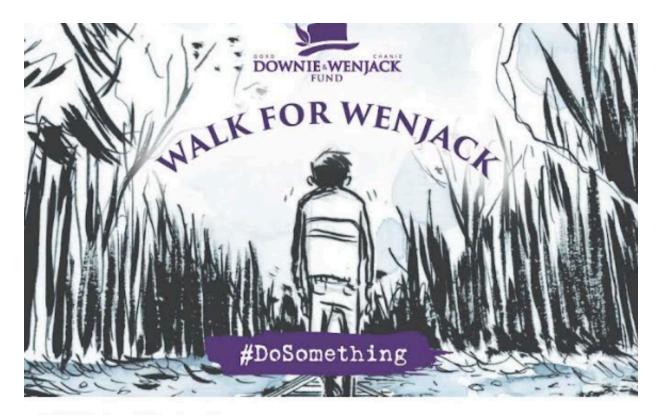
## All families welcome!











# Walk for Wenjack

Come spend the evening with us as we honour the story of Chanie Wenjack together.

We'll start by watching Gord Downie's Secret Path, share a light meal, and then head out on a walk – our own "Secret Path Walk" - to reflect and remember as a community.

- Date: Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025
- ► Time: 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- Location: Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave., Warburg
- Register: None needed!
- Fundraising link: walk-for-wenjack-2025.raiselysite.com/en/l-county





Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund



Winner of 50/50 Jackpot of \$1665.00