



Weekly CES Update - Friday 27 /2024 / Ed #5

Note from the Principal

Reconciliation in Alberta, as well as across Canada, is a critical process aimed at addressing the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization on Indigenous communities. It involves acknowledging the injustices faced by Indigenous peoples, such as the legacy of residential schools, and working toward building respectful relationships, restoring rights, and ensuring equitable access to resources and opportunities.

Orange Shirt Day, observed annually on September 30, plays a significant role in this reconciliation process. It was established to honor the experiences of residential school survivors and to promote awareness of the harmful effects these institutions had on Indigenous children and their families. The day serves as a reminder of the importance of listening to Indigenous voices and understanding their histories.

In Alberta, where there is a rich diversity of Indigenous cultures, recognizing days like Orange Shirt Day fosters community dialogue, education, and healing. It encourages non-Indigenous Canadians to reflect on their roles in reconciliation and supports efforts to create a more just society. Celebrating this day helps to honor the resilience of Indigenous peoples and emphasizes the ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation in addressing past wrongs and building a brighter future together.

General Notes and Information:

- **Calmar Elementary School: Caught You Being Kind Program (CYBK)**
 - We are excited to continue our **Caught You Being Kind** recognition program for the 2024-2025 school year! This initiative highlights students who demonstrate kindness and use their social and emotional skills to positively impact our school community.
 - **Nomination Process:** Teachers and/or students will nominate students from each class who exhibit exceptional kindness toward others.
 - **Recognition:** Awardees will receive a certificate and will be celebrated during our monthly assembly. Their achievements will also be featured in the weekly newsletter.
 - **Monthly Assembly:** Held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **9:35 AM (Period 3)**
 - If your child is nominated, their teacher will reach out to inform you. We encourage you to join us in celebrating your child's kindness!



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- **School Council & PTA Meeting Wednesday, October 2 at 3:20 pm and the PTA meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 4:30 pm.**
 - We are having a HYBRID meeting, both online - and in person.
 - The link to our online meeting will be sent out on Tuesday, the day before the PTA / School Council meeting.
- **Thank you for participating in the Terry Fox Run and for your generous donations.** Our last day to accept cash donations at the school will be Wednesday, October 2nd. Our thanks to the Town of Calmar for providing juice and a snack at the completion of our run, and to Calmar Secondary for providing the corner workers.
- **PowerSchool problems you must contact the school office for assistance.** Teachers are unable to help with password or log-in issues.
- **Reminder Student School Fees are due September 30th.**
 - Log into your child's PowerSchool account at <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/>
- **Family Counselling Centres** has partnered with the Leduc Library to offer a series of free workshops for children ages 7-11 on the topic of anxiety throughout the month of November.
 - [More Information](#)
- Studyinsured is an **insurance company that offers a Student Accident Plan** that parents/guardians can purchase on a voluntary basis.
 - [Student Accident Insurance](#)
- **Google Classroom Update / that may affect you at home.** A large majority of teachers leverage Google Classroom for student assignments. As a guardian, you can receive email summaries of your student's work and progress, including missing work, upcoming work, and recent class activities. Starting in fall 2024 you can also get guardian preview capabilities to view their Classwork page through direct links in the email summary. Note that neither email summaries nor preview capabilities include grading, you'll need access PowerSchool to see that information. We plan to sync guardian emails with Google Classroom in early October. You may be receiving an email from Google asking you to sign up for these email notices. Please see this [help site from Google](#) for details.



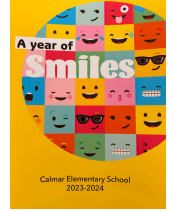
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- We have a limited quantity of 2023-2024 Yearbooks available to purchase for \$21. If you missed ordering a copy last year, you can log in to your PowerSchool account and order here. <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/> (As we have limited copies, orders will be filled in the order which they are received, until all copies have been purchased)



Important Dates:

- No School- September 30th (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
- Fire Safety Week is approaching and the Leduc County Fire Team will present to classes on Oct. 9th and 10th.

Check out our website at <https://ces.blackgold.ca/>