

Cal Communicator

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Preserving Tradition, Pursuing Excellence

Fall 2018 - Electronic Edition



Homecoming 2018
King & Queen,
Reegan Zomer
& Gabe Schmader

Communications

from Superintendent Dr. Dedrick Martin



Dear Caledonia Community,

On November 6th, voters in the Caledonia Community School District will see the Non-Homestead Operating Millage proposal on the ballot. Before you head to the polls, I want to take this opportunity to make sure that you are informed on several key facts around the Non-Homestead Millage.

1.) **This “Non-Homestead” Operating Millage DOES NOT apply to your primary residence or qualified agricultural property.** The Non-Homestead Millage refers to the 18-mills that our schools levy on Businesses, Investment Properties, Vacation Homes and Rental Property.

2.) The upcoming Non-Homestead Operating Millage is one of the three essential components for funding schools. School funding within the state of Michigan is made up of three primary sources. The largest source of funding (approximately 60%) comes directly from the state of Michigan. **Our ability to levy and collect local taxes makes up the second largest source of school funding (approximately 30%).** The final portion of significance comes from the federal government (nearly 10%). Under the Michigan system for funding schools, in order to receive the full amount of per-pupil allocation for Caledonia Community Schools, we must levy the full 18-mills.

3.) **This is NOT A NEW TAX.** Caledonia Community Schools have levied 18-mills ever since Michigan went away from a strict reliance on local property taxes to fund schools in the 90’s, to that of the current system under Proposal A. This levy of 18-mills is required in order to receive the full amount of funding allowable under the Michigan Proposal A system for funding schools. **In Caledonia, we have levied 18-mills since 1994 until this current year. In fact, in 2015 the voters of Caledonia Community Schools passed a 5-year Operating Millage designed to levy 18-mills from the years of 2015 – 2020.** However, due to a little known law passed back in the 1970’s known as the “Headlee Rollback” amendment, the voters’ intentions to continue with the levying of 18-mills on Non-Homestead property until 2020 will not be realized. Unfortunately, no one was able to predict that this 1970’s law would eat away at the spirit and intent of the Caledonia voters in 2015.

Currently, due to the “Headlee Rollback” amendment, our schools took in approximately \$71,000 less than allowed under the Proposal A system this year. Furthermore, this loss of revenue could possibly increase over the final two years of the 5-year Operations Millage passed in 2015. The request on the November 6, 2018 ballot is asking the voters to restore the millage lost under this 1970’s Headlee Rollback provision. It is my belief that a restoration of the 18-mills on November 6, will allow us to continue with the intent and spirit of the voters in the passage of a 5-year, 18-mill Operations Millage back in 2015.

If you would like more information on the upcoming Operating Millage Proposal, please check out the November 2018 Election Information section of our website at calschools.org/election-information/

Thanks again for your continued support of Caledonia Community Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Dedrick Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Superintendent

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"COWEDONIA" HOMECOMING 2018 OCTOBER 1-5



Senior Court 2018
Jenna Flegal, Eliza Henry & Reegan Zomer
Andrew Oom, Gabe Schmader & Jeremy VandenHout

Grand Marshall - Pat Moll
Honored Alumna - Jane Greenfield, class of 1979

Thanks to CHS Student Council
for making this week a memorable success!

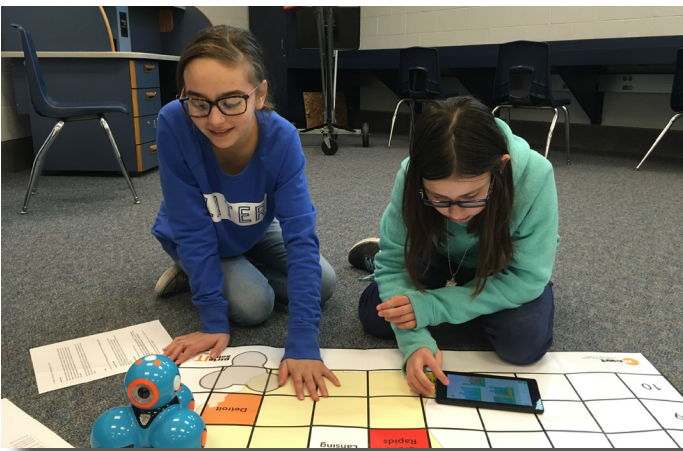


For a full list of 2018 Homecoming Representatives, and a recap of the weeks activities, please visit
<http://www.calschools.org/cal-hs/student-life/chs-student-council-new/activities/>

Kraft Meadows Middle School Team Wins State Girl's Solve IT Competition



Earlier this fall, the Computer Cookies, a team of five sixth grade girls from Kraft Meadows Middle School, were awarded first place in the 2018 Girl's Solve IT statewide competition! The contest, sponsored by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology (MCWT) required teams of girls in fifth through eighth grade to complete a series of four quests over the course of nine weeks, challenging them in the areas of programming, creativity and problem solving. Approximately 160 ladies signed up to participate on 38 teams from across the state. Of those 38 teams, 28 completed the first three quests successfully, qualifying them for the final round of competition.



Team members, Chloe Groves, Lauren Kosiorowski, Kendall Maynard, Alexa Pearson and Lily Vanderaa, set their goal on day one, to win, and worked at each practice to do so. Each challenge included a rubric, indicating the number of points teams would receive for accurately programming their Wonder Robot. Teams were also awarded bonus points for posting on

social media, creative ways they solved the problems. In an effort to earn as many of these points as possible (and the hearts of the judges), the girls went above and beyond, sculpting, crafting, writing songs, drafting choreography, acting in skits, and editing videos. Judges were especially impressed by their use of the green screen, watching in awe as the girls brought their solutions to life at Lake Michigan, on news sets, in laboratories and in parades!



The Ford Motor Company awarded MCWT a \$25,000 grant in November of 2017, to support the kick-off of this program. In addition to providing each team with the Wonder Robot and an Amazon Kindle Fire to operate it, the first place team was presented with a prize of \$1,000 at the awards ceremony held at the Silver Gardens Event Center in Southfield, Michigan on the evening of June 13.

“As their coach, I am very proud of the effort that these ladies put in. Watching posts shared by other teams each day, they knew competition was tough, but they rose to the challenge and reached their goal by thinking outside the box and working beautifully as a team,” commented coach, Stephanie Pearson.

Congratulations, ladies! Your hard work and dedication paid off!





Emmons Lake Elementary Veterans Day Celebration Monday, November 12 @ 2:15 PM Emmons Lake Gymnasium

Emmons Lake is looking forward to hosting their annual Veterans Day Celebration! Featured in the celebration will be the color guard from the Caledonia branch of the American Legion, the CHS band, a keynote speaker, the Veterans Day Rap, a video montage of our Emmons Lake veterans family, patriotic songs, a student feature and most important, Veterans from all around West Michigan! Please put on your red, white and blue, invite your friends, and join us as we honor our amazing veterans!



The Holidays are Coming!

Give a Gift that Gives Back!

Give a gift that makes a lasting difference long after the holidays have passed, through a donation to the Caledonia Education Foundation. The Caledonia Education Foundation exists to strengthen our community by supporting the students and educators of Caledonia Community Schools. The Foundation manages an endowment to support the funding of educational opportunities through grants and scholarships, now and in the future. It is through your generous donations and support, that the Caledonia Education Foundation can continue to help provide excellent educational opportunities for Caledonia students.

Many of you may be considering a gift to honor your child's teacher. We would like to suggest a tax deductible donation to the CEF in the teacher's name, on behalf of your child. CEF retains 50% of the gift for grant funds and gives the other 50% to the teacher's classroom fund to be used for supplies. It is simple to do and we believe it reflects our teachers' commitment to excellent educational opportunities. CEF will provide gift cards to you. Please order by December 12th.

Honor a loved one, or soon-to-be graduate with a brick paver. For \$100.00 you can purchase three lines of 14 characters that will be engraved on a Caledonia Monument Brick that will last forever. A great meaningful gift this holiday season for a family member, graduating senior, or alumni.

Give a donation that will fund our district grant program. Students take part in CEF funded programs and projects that provide exceptional learning opportunities. Give a gift on #GivingTuesday, November 27, 2018. Be part of a global giving movement that celebrates all types of generosity. Join individuals, organizations like ours and communities around the world in giving back this November 27th. Search **givingtuesday.org** online, or **@GivingTuesday** on social media, to learn more about the movement.

For more information on the Caledonia Education Foundation and how to give a gift, please visit www.caledoniacef.org/support

Happy Holidays!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

Caledonia Resource Center



Today is the day!
Join a class and get fit,
meet new friends, learn some-
thing new and have fun!

Programs We Offer

Adult Enrichment
Youth Enrichment
Youth Sports
Sports Camps
Community Theatre
Youth Theatre
Caledonia Theatre Guild
55 and Better Programs
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school coordinators, staff personnel and
community members for contributions
of time and information to this issue.

Your assistance is valued and
greatly appreciated.

Community contributions that
enhance the learning, safety and enjoyment
of all Caledonia students, regardless of
age, will be considered for community
connections by contacting the editor.

Although not every contribution
can be published due to space and time
constraints, information and articles will be
considered by the Caledonia Community
Schools' staff.

**Deadline for the Winter '19
issue is Friday, January 18, 2019.**

It is the policy of Caledonia
Community Schools that no person shall,
on the basis of race, color, religion, national
origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability,
height, or marital status be excluded from
participation in, be denied the benefits of,
or be subjected to discrimination during any
program or activity or in employment.

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CHS PLAYERS

Clue
ON STAGE

Purple Cast: Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM and Nov. 10 at 2:00 PM
Gold Cast: Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:00 PM

All tickets are \$9 at the door.

The events, information and people included in this newsletter are
only a representation of Caledonia Community Schools, and
in no way reflect everything taking place at any of the
schools/buildings or in the district.

CHS WINTER ATHLETICS

VARSIY BOYS BASKETBALL

11/30	Covenant Christian	7:00 PM
12/7	Byron Center	6:00 PM
12/11	WAYLAND	7:00 PM
12/14	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	6:00 PM
12/18	Thornapple-Kellogg	7:00 PM
12/20	Gull Lake	7:15 PM
1/4	EAST KENTWOOD	6:00 PM
1/8	HUDSONVILLE	7:00 PM
1/11	ROCKFORD	6:00 PM
1/18	West Ottawa	6:00 PM
1/22	Grand Haven	7:00 PM
1/25	GRANDVILLE	6:00 PM
1/29	LOWELL	7:00 PM
2/1	East Kentwood	6:00 PM
2/5	Hudsonville	7:00 PM
2/8	Rockford	6:00 PM
2/12	NORTH POINTE CHRISTIAN	7:00 PM
2/15	WEST OTTAWA	6:00 PM
2/19	GRAND HAVEN	7:00 PM
2/22	Grandville	6:00 PM
2/25	OPEN DATE - Wyoming	TBA
2/27	OPEN DATE - Wyoming	TBA
3/1	OPEN DATE - Wyoming	TBA
3/5	OPEN DATE - Regionals	TBA
3/7	OPEN DATE - Regionals	TBA
3/12	MHSAA QUARTER-FINALS	TBA
3/14	MHSAA Semi-Finals @ Breslin	TBA
3/16	MHSAA Finals @ Breslin Center	TBA

FRESHMAN/JV BOYS BASKETBALL

11/30	Covenant Christian	4:00/5:30
12/6	BYRON CENTER	5:00/6:30
12/11	WAYLAND	4:00/5:30
12/13	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	6:30/5:00
12/18	Thornapple-Kellogg	4:00/5:30
12/20	Gull Lake	4:15/5:45
1/3	East Kentwood	7:00/5:30
1/8	HUDSONVILLE	4:00/5:30
1/10	Rockford	7:00/5:30
1/17	WEST OTTAWA	7:00/5:30
1/22	Grand Haven	4:00/5:30
1/24	Grandville	7:00/5:30
1/29	LOWELL	5:00/5:30
1/31	EAST KENTWOOD	7:00/5:30
2/5	Hudsonville	4:00/5:30
2/7	ROCKFORD	7:00/5:30
2/12	NORTH POINTE CHRISTIAN	4:00/5:30
2/14	West Ottawa	7:00/5:30
2/19	GRAND HAVEN	4:00/5:30
2/21	GRANDVILLE	7:00/5:30

VARSIY COED BOWLING

12/1	Wyoming Invite @ Eastbrook	8:00 AM
12/10	LOWELL @ SPECTRUM	3:30 PM
12/15	Cedar Springs @ Westgate	9:00 AM
1/5	Jenison Invite @ Hudsonville	9:00 AM
1/12	Pre-Season @ Hudsonville	12:00 PM
1/14	Hudsonville	3:30 PM
1/16	East Kentwood	3:30 PM
1/21	Rockford	3:30 PM
1/23	GRAND HAVEN	3:30 PM
1/26	Rockford Invite	9:00 AM
1/28	Grandville	3:30 PM
1/30	HUDSONVILLE	3:30 PM
2/4	EAST KENTWOOD	3:30 PM
2/6	ROCKFORD	3:30 PM
2/11	Grand Haven	3:30 PM
2/13	GRANDVILLE	3:30 PM
2/16	Post Season @ TBA	TBA
2/18	Regionals Team @ TBA	TBA
2/19	Regional Individuals @ TBA	TBA
2/22	State Team @ TBA	TBA
2/23	State Individuals @ TBA	TBA

VARSIY GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/4	GULL LAKE	7:00 PM
12/7	Byron Center	7:30 PM
12/11	Wayland	7:00 PM
12/14	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	7:30 PM
12/18	THORNAPPLE-KELLOGG	7:00 PM
1/4	EAST KENTWOOD	7:30 PM
1/8	Hudsonville	7:00 PM
1/11	ROCKFORD	7:30 PM
1/18	West Ottawa	7:30 PM
1/22	GRAND HAVEN	7:00 PM
1/25	GRANDVILLE	7:30 PM
1/29	Lowell	7:00 PM
2/1	East Kentwood	7:30 PM
2/5	HUDSONVILLE	7:00 PM
2/8	Rockford	7:30 PM
2/12	North Pointe	7:00 PM
2/15	WEST OTTAWA	7:30 PM
2/19	Grand Haven	7:00 PM
2/22	Grandville	7:30 PM
2/28	SPRING LAKE	7:00 PM
3/4	MHSAA District	TBA
3/6	MHSAA District	TBA
3/8	MHSAA District	TBA
3/11	MHSAA REGIONALS	TBA
3/13	MHSAA REGIONALS	TBA

FRESHMAN/JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/4	GULL LAKE	4:00/5:30
12/6	Byron Center	5:00/6:30
12/11	Wayland	4:00/5:30
12/13	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	5:00/6:30
12/18	THORNAPPLE-KELLOGG	4:00/5:30
1/3	East Kentwood	5:30/7:00
1/8	Hudsonville	4:00/5:30
1/10	Rockford	5:30/7:00
1/17	WEST OTTAWA	5:30/7:00
1/22	GRAND HAVEN	4:00/5:30
1/24	Grandville	5:30/7:00
1/29	Lowell	4:00/5:30
1/31	EAST KENTWOOD	5:30/7:00
2/5	HUDSONVILLE	4:00/5:30
2/7	ROCKFORD	5:30/7:00
2/12	North Pointe Christian (JV)	5:30
2/14	West Ottawa	5:30/7:00
2/19	Grand Haven	4:00/5:30
2/21	GRANDVILLE	5:30/7:00
2/28	SPRING LAKE	4:00/5:30

VARSIY COED SKI

1/9	SWMSC Race 1 @ Bittersweet	4:45 PM
1/12	Norm's GS Championships	9:00 AM
1/15	Cadillac Invite @ Caberfae	10:00 AM
1/19	WOODEN SHOE SL CHAMP.	9:00 AM
1/21	Grayling Invite @ Schuss Mt.	9:00 AM
1/23	SWMSC Race 3 @ Bittersweet	4:45 PM
1/30	SWMSC Race 4 @ Bittersweet	4:45 PM
2/1	Benzie Invite	9:00 AM
2/6	SWMSC Race 5 @ Bittersweet	4:45 PM
2/13	Regionals @ Cannonsburg	TBA
2/12	State Finals TBA	TBA

VARSIY WRESTLING

12/5	Hamilton Quad	5:00 AM
12/8	Greenville Invite	9:30 AM
12/15	Kent Co. Champ @ FHC	9:00 AM
12/19	Grand Haven	7:00 PM
12/22	Brighton Invite	9:00 AM
1/3	West Ottawa/Hudsonville Tri	7:00 PM
1/5	Hastings (Individual Invite)	9:00 AM
1/9	ROCKFORD	7:00 PM
1/12	West Ottawa Invite	9:00 AM
1/16	East Kentwood	7:00 PM
1/23	GRANDVILLE	7:00 PM
1/26	Portage Central Corey Fuller Inv.	9:30 AM
2/1	Hudsonville	TBA
2/6	FH Central MHSAA Team Districts	TBA
2/9	Grand Haven MHSAA Ind. District	TBA

JV/VARSIY COMPETITIVE CHEER

12/8	Kenowa Hills CCCAM Sch. Inv.	TBA
1/4	Preseason @ EK	6:00 PM
1/8	EK Invite	6:00 PM
1/16	West Ottawa Mid-Season	6:00 PM
1/18	West Catholic	5:30 PM
1/26	LMCCOA SCHOLAR MEET	TBA
1/30	Grandville Invite (V)	6:00 PM
2/1	CONF. FINAL TOURNAMENT	6:00 PM
2/8	SCOTASTIC CHEER CLASSIC	6:00 PM
2/15	MHSAA DISTRICT @ (V)	TBA
2/16	MHSAA DISTRICT @ (V)	TBA
2/23	MHSAA Division 1 Regionals (V)	TBA
3/1	MHSAA State Finals(V)	TBA

VARSIY BOYS SWIM/DIVING

12/11	EK Christmas Quad	6:00 PM
12/15	West MI Relays @ EK	10:00 AM
12/18	Spring Lake	6:00 PM
12/27	Jenison Curt Pals Invite	11:30 AM
1/3	Grand Rapids Union	6:00 PM
1/5	EGR Pioneer Classic	12:00 PM
1/17	Mona Shores @ Muskegon	6:00 PM
1/19	East GR Invite	12:00 PM
1/22	GR Christian Quad	6:00 PM
1/24	TK/Hastings/DK@Hastings	6:00 PM
1/26	Hudsonville Invite	10:00 AM
1/31	WEST CATHOLIC @ GRCC	6:00 PM
2/7	Wayland	6:00 PM
2/12	GR Ottawa Hills	6:00 PM
2/22	Hastings Tier II Conf. Meet	3:30 PM
2/23	Hastings Tier II Conf. Meet	10:00 AM
2/26	Holland 2nd Shave Meet	TBA
2/28	MHSAA Regional Dive TBA	TBA
3/8	MHSAA State Finals TBA	TBA
3/9	MHSAA State Finals TBA	TBA

VARSIY ICE HOCKEY

11/9	Grandville @ Georgetown	5:00 PM
11/16	FOREST HILLS CENTRAL	7:30 PM
11/23	Birmingham Unified Thanksgiving	TBA
11/24	Birmingham Unified Thanksgiving	TBA
11/28	East Kentwood	7:30 PM
11/30	HOLT	7:00 PM
12/1	MANISTEE	3:30 PM
12/7	GABRIEL RICHARD CATHOLIC	8:00 PM
12/8	Portage Northern @ Wings	3:30 PM
12/14	GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN	7:30 PM
12/15	EAST GRAND RAPIDS	3:30 PM
12/22	DEWITT-ST JOHNS	4:00 PM
1/4	LOY NORRIX K-ZOO UNITED	7:00 PM
1/5	Forest Hills Northern @ Patterson	5:00 PM
1/11	JENISON	7:00 PM
1/12	East Grand Rapids	6:00 PM
1/18	CHELSEA	6:00 PM
1/19	SALINE	3:30 PM
1/25	BIRMINGHAM UNIFIED	6:00 PM
1/26	Grand Rapids Christian	5:00 PM
2/2	EAST KENTWOOD	6:00 PM
2/8	Chelsea Showcase	TBA
2/9	Chelsea Showcase	TBA
2/16	Forest Hills Central	6:00 PM
2/20	Kenow Hills	7:00 PM
2/22	FOREST HILLS NORTHERN	8:00 PM

JV WRESTLING

12/5	Hamilton Quad	5:00 PM
12/8	FHC JV Quad	9:00 AM
12/15	TK Invite	9:00 AM
12/19	Grandville	6:00 PM
12/22	Brighton Invite	9:00 AM
1/3	West Ottawa/Hudsonville Tri	6:00 PM
1/5	East Kentwood JV Invite	9:00 AM
1/9	ROCKFORD	6:00 PM
1/11	West Ottawa Invite	5:00 PM
1/16	East Kentwood	6:00 PM
1/23	GRANDVILLE	6:00 PM
1/26	Rockford	9:00 AM

Home events are listed in bold typeface.

Schedule subject to change.

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School Bus Safety

— What do bus lights actually mean? —

We are pleased to announce that you will start seeing some hazard light stops in addition to the traditional red light stops in our Caledonia community. Michigan law permits school bus stops to be made under certain prescribed conditions, which allow for either red light or hazard light stops as provided in MCL257.1855. There are many instances where a school bus can safely perform a hazard light stop and allow traffic to flow when students do not have to cross the roadway and all criteria are met according to Michigan law.

The Transportation Department is working together to provide the safest and most efficient transportation for our students, with safety being our number one concern. Please keep our kids safe by approaching school buses with caution and observing the light systems.

In the event that you observe a reckless driver ignoring the flashing red lights, please assist our transportation department by contacting the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-632-6100, to report the location, approximate time, make, color or model of the vehicle. While our drivers are trained to report these violations, we encourage everyone to be vigilant regarding bus traffic safety and our students.

SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD

Red and Yellow Lights

(With or Without Bus Stop Signs)



- ▶ **Yellow lights are flashing:**
Prepare to stop
- ▶ **Red lights are flashing:**
Stop no closer than
20 feet from the bus
- ▶ **Red lights turned off:**
Proceed



ALL SCHOOL BUSES

Yellow Hazard Lights

- ▶ **Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing:**
Proceed with caution



Thank you for taking extra care as you approach our school buses, ensuring the safety of all children.