

PARIS RIDGE NEWSLETTER

September 18, 2026

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Paris Ridge Families,

Walk the Ridge Update! We are off to a phenomenal start with our Walk the Ridge fundraiser. We have already raised over \$7,500! We are well on our way toward our schoolwide goal of \$20,000, and we are so grateful for your incredible generosity and support. Please make sure to log in to 99 Pledges as soon as possible to select your child's t-shirt size, as every student will receive a free shirt to wear during the walk. As a reminder, all donations and size submissions are due by October 9th, which is the day of Walk the Ridge!

A huge thank you to all the families who came out for our PTO meeting last night! Our students had a blast with the Caledonia High School cheerleaders and football players who led fun activities throughout the evening. During the meeting, we were able to review our yearly budget, outline our planned events for the school year, and answer questions from parents. We are so thankful for our incredible PTO and supportive school community!

Upcoming Calendar Reminder: Looking ahead to next week, please remember that **Friday is a half day for students** while our staff participates in professional development. Student dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for making this school year start off so strong.

Have a wonderful weekend, and as always...Go Scots!

Lance Jones
Principal





Paris Ridge Elementary

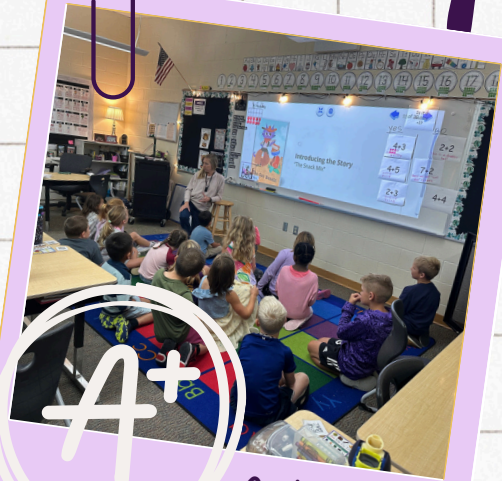
School News

SEPTEMBER EDITION

Office Reminders

Just a reminder if your child will be out of school for any reason please be sure to call the office before 9:15am
616-891-7033

If end of day plans are changing please call the office before 2:30pm to guarantee your child will get the message before the end of the day



2nd grade learners

What's Coming UP

1/2 Day for Students: Sept 25
Noon Dismissal

Walk The Ridge: Oct 9th



2ND GRADE LEARNERS

Office Staff:

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Paris Ridge Elementary School



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WALK THE RIDGE

Walk the Ridge is our one and only big fundraising event of the school year. This year, our walkathon will take place on Friday, October 9th! Y5, K, & 1st grade will walk from 2:00-2:30 and 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades will walk from 2:40-3:10. Families are encouraged to join us on the playground as we celebrate together! Continue to share your student's 99 Pledges link with family and friends! **We have raised \$8,000 so far!** Keep on pushing for those donations so we can continue to inch closer to our goal of \$20,000!

Parents/guardians: PLEASE indicate your student's t-shirt size using the link you received in the initial email on 9/8. If you can not find the email, please email the PTO at parisridgepto@calschools.org with your student's name and size and we will be able to update their profile for you!



Box Tops for Education App
If you have not yet downloaded the app, remember to use the referral code **DSFKIZVD**...using this code instantly earns our school bonus money!

During the month of September, we are hoping to get AT LEAST 5 REFERRALS for Box Top by using the Paris Ridge code! This will earn us additional Box Tops during the month! Thank you for your support of Paris Ridge!

Wednesday Snack for Staff

One way that we like to show appreciation to our staff at Paris Ridge is by providing them snacks & drinks on Wednesdays throughout the school year! If your family would like to sign up to provide a snack/drink, you can sign up here: Wednesday Snack Sign-Up

Please join our community Facebook group for discussion about school events and activities, questions with answers, and photo sharing, as well as PTO updates!

[Paris Ridge Facebook Page](#)

Dear Paris Ridge families,

We are so excited to kick off our **16th Annual Walk the Ridge Student Walkathon!** This is our **one and only fundraiser** of the year, and thanks to your support, we can fund the entire PTO budget, including all **field trip costs, classroom enrichments, and fun school-wide events throughout the year!** Every dollar goes directly back to the school!

This year we're making giving easier than ever by using 99 Pledges, a simple and secure online fundraising platform. Each student will get their very own fundraising page to share with family and friends.



How does 99pledges work?

Check your email – You will receive a message from 99 Pledges/Paris Ridge PTO with a direct link to your child's fundraising page. Check your junk mail if you don't see it in your inbox!

Didn't get the email? No problem! You can search for your child's page at: www.99pledges.com/fund/walktheridge2026 or scan the QR code below! If you have further questions, please email the PTO directly.

Share your student's fundraising page – Copy the link and share it through email, text messages, or on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

Ask for support – Friends and family can make a flat donation to your student. Online donations are easy and convenient, but cash or checks are welcomed and appreciated too...and they help us avoid processing fees!

Please send any physical donations to school in a sealed envelope with your student's name and teacher on it and we can add the donations manually to their 99 Pledges fundraising page!

Please make checks payable to "Paris Ridge PTO".

Track progress – Donors can see your child's progress toward their goal, and you can celebrate their success together!

Key Dates to Remember

Fundraising Kickoff: Tuesday, September 8th

Early-Bird Deadline: Friday, September 18th

Walk-The-Ridge: Friday, October 9th

Donation Deadline: Friday, October 9th

- **All students at Paris Ridge will walk, rain or shine, on Friday, October 9th**
- All families and siblings are welcome to attend and walk with the students.
- Walk times are as follows:
 - Y5, K, 1st Grade: 2:00-2:30 PM
 - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grades: 2:40-3:10 PM

flip over for more info! 😊

SCAN ME



Tips for Success!

- ✓ Share your link early and often!
- ✓ Encourage your child to ask grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors, & family friends for their support!
- ✓ Remind donors that no amount is too small—every little bit helps!

All students get a Walk The Ridge t-shirt!

Parents/Guardians: Please indicate your student's t-shirt size on the 99Pledges platform so that they can receive a free Walk the Ridge t-shirt! Just click the link in your welcome email and make your student's size selection! We are striving for 100% participation with this!



As an added incentive, if you fill out your student's t-shirt size on the 99Pledges platform by Friday, September 18th, your child will be entered into a raffle to win an extra recess for their whole class!

Student Incentives	Participation	\$35 donation	\$50 donation	\$100+ donation
EARLY BIRD BONUS: Sign in to 99Pledges and fill out your student's t-shirt size by Friday September 18 th to receive a raffle entry to win extra recess for your whole class!	✓	✓	✓	✓
Earn a raffle entry to participate in Paint the Principal (75 winners + all 4 th graders who donate \$35+!)		✓	✓	✓
light-up fiber optic hand-held wand			✓	✓
Pizza lunch & celebration party with our Principal, Mr. Jones				✓

Paint the Principal

Each student who raises \$35 or more will be entered into a raffle for the chance to make a Human Canvas out of Mr. Jones! The lucky winners will spray paint at him with water cannons to create a unique one-of-a-kind piece of Walk the Ridge art! This event is a fun school tradition!

2026 Fundraising Goals

The PTO's goal is to raise \$20,000 this year! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue to provide some amazing perks for our students, staff, & school family! Our participation rate as a school for 2025 was 80%...let's beat that in 2026! This year we are aiming for 100% participation! *Every dollar counts!*

If you have any questions or need assistance, or if you would like more information about volunteering at Walk the Ridge, please email us at parisridgePTO@calschools.org.

Thank You! We are so grateful for your continued support.
With your help, we can make this our best Walk the Ridge yet!

PARIS RIDGE ELEMENTARY

SPIRIT WEEK

OCT. 5 - OCT. 9

Monday

**Pajama/
Comfy Day**

Tuesday

**MiSmATch
Day**

Wednesday

Sporty Day
(Jersey, Number,
or Sports Wear)

Thursday

Hat Day

Friday

**Purple &
Gold Day**

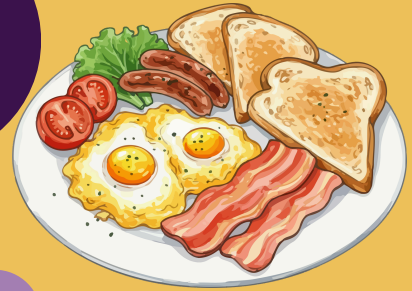


Cal **HOMECOMING**



September Breakfast

WHAT'S COOKING?



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!

7 Breakfast • Bagel • Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	8 Breakfast • Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese • Apple Cinnamon BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	9 Breakfast • Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese • Apple Cinnamon BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	10 Breakfast • Buttermilk Pancakes • WG Chocolate Chocolate Chip Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	11 Breakfast • Mini Cinnis • Apple Frudel Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms
14 Breakfast • Mini Confetti Pancakes • Oatmeal Chocolate Chip BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	15 Breakfast • Cinnamon Oatmeal • Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	16 Breakfast • Turkey Ham & Cheese Croissant • Apple Cinnamon BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	17 Breakfast • Whole Grain Waffles • WG Chocolate Chocolate Chip Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	18 Breakfast • Whole Grain French Toast Sticks • Apple Frudel Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms
21 Breakfast • Cinnamon Toast Crunch Mini • French Toast Bites • Oatmeal Chocolate Chip BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	22 Breakfast • Bagel • Whole Grain Blueberry Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	23 Breakfast • Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese • Apple Cinnamon BeneFIT Bar Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	24 Breakfast • Buttermilk Pancakes • WG Chocolate Chocolate Chip Muffin Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms	25 Breakfast • Mini Cinnis • Apple Frudel Alternate Entrees • Cinnamon Toast Crunch • Cocoa Puffs • Cheerios • Reduced Sugar Trix • Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms

3rd Graders Enjoying lunch time



September Lunch

WHAT'S COOKING?



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!

7 American Classics • Beef Taco Tots • Dinner Roll • Beef Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	8 American Classics • Beef Taco Tots • Dinner Roll • Beef Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	9 American Classics • Whole Grain Waffles • Jumbo Crispy Chicken Tenders • Beef Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	10 American Classics • Buttered Noodles • Beef Meatballs • Beef Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	11 American Classics • Classic Cheese Pizza • Beef Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch
14 American Classics • Hot Smokey Ham & Cheese Sandwich • Personal Cheese Pizza On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	15 American Classics • Chicken Nuggets • Fiesta Brown Rice • Personal Cheese Pizza On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	16 American Classics • Homemade Blueberry Muffins • Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese • Personal Cheese Pizza On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	17 American Classics • Popcorn Chicken • Seasoned Homestyle Mashed Potatoes • Chicken Gravy • Personal Cheese Pizza On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	18 American Classics • Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks • Marinara Sauce • Personal Cheese Pizza On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch
21 American Classics • Jumbo Crispy Chicken Tenders • Dinner Roll • Classic Chicken Sandwich On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	22 American Classics • Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla • Classic Chicken Sandwich On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	23 American Classics • Turkey Ham & Cheese Croissant • Classic Chicken Sandwich On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	24 American Classics • Popcorn Chicken • Brown Rice • Mango Lassi • Classic Chicken Sandwich On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	25 ½ day
28 American Classics • Classic Cheeseburger in Bun • Chicken Nuggets • Dinner Roll On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	29 American Classics • Soft Beef Whole Grain Taco • Chicken Nuggets • Dinner Roll On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch	30 American Classics • Buttermilk Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese • Chicken Nuggets • Dinner Roll On the Go • PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch		



3rd Graders Enjoying lunch time

Strive for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Stay all day every day
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school



Days Absent

Give a High 5 for higher success!

Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity.
That's why every student and every parent should
Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.



#StriveForLessThan5

Superintendents throughout Kent ISD adopted the Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!

Kent ISD
We Lead Learning



..... CAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION



FRIDAY, OCT. 9TH

3:00-7:00p @ The Ralph

Set Sail for CALAPALOOZA 2026

The Caledonia Education Foundation invites you to climb aboard for CALAPALOOZA 2026, Caledonia's biggest celebration of community, school spirit, and giving back! Grab your captain's hat and join us on Friday, October 9 from 3 PM to 7PM at the Ralph E. Myers Stadium South Parking Lot for an unforgettable afternoon featuring this year's fun and festive Yacht Rock theme.

With more than 5,000 attendees expected, CALAPALOOZA promises smooth sailing with:

-  13 food trucks
-  12 sponsor booths
-  Family-friendly activities

-  The Gameday Broadcast presented by Veurink's RV & Marina
-  Opportunities to connect with friends, families, teachers, and neighbors while supporting Caledonia students



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Why CALAPALOOZA Matters

While CALAPALOOZA is Caledonia's biggest community celebration, it is also the Caledonia Education Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Every food truck visited, sponsorship secured, and donation made directly supports teacher innovation grants, student scholarships, and emergency assistance for Caledonia students across the district.

Want to help make the magic happen? We need YOU Sign-up to volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444A4A829A5FBC43-65433993-calapalooza#/>

The success of this event relies on the hard work and dedication of our Planning Committee and volunteers.

Start the School Year *Connected & Ready!*

Your resources. Your updates. All in one place.



CCS APP

Your school & community information **all in one place.**

- Calendars
- Alerts & Updates
- School News
- Facebook Posts
- Resource Center News
- Community Events

Choose the schools & groups you want to follow & turn on notifications.



[App Support](#)



MEAL MAGIC

Check meal balances, add money for additional purchases, review account activity, and complete your **Education Benefits/Meal Application.**

[Lunch Menus](#)



Can't Access Your Account?

Before creating a new account, try the **"I need to unlock my account"** option on the Meal Magic login page.



MY RIDE

View your student's bus stop, route, and pickup information and receive transportation updates.

[My Ride Support](#)

Riding the Bus?

- ✓ **Route Information**
- ✓ **Pickup Time**
- ✓ **Bus Updates**



POWERSCHOOL

Complete your **annual forms** in PowerSchool, review student information, and make sure your contact information is current by **September 30, 2026.**

[PowerSchool Support](#)

District Code:

GHDL

Log in Today!



Before You're Done...

CCS APP

- ☐ Download or update the CCS App
- ☐ Choose schools & groups to follow
- ☐ Turn on notifications

MEAL MAGIC

- ☐ Check your Meal Magic account
- ☐ Complete the Education Benefits/Meal Application

MYRIDE

- ☐ If your student rides the bus, check your student's information

POWERSCHOOL

- ☐ Complete your annual PowerSchool forms

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**Together,
We're Ready**

*for a great
year!*

School Meals

Fueling Success Every Day!

Breakfast and lunch is currently **FREE for all CCS students**. Families should still complete the Education Benefits/Meal Application. It helps **support CCS funding** and **may qualify your family for additional benefits**.

6 Reasons to Complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application:



Increased funding to support your child's school



Discounts on ChromeCare Plans for qualifying families



Discounts for fees associated with college application process



Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP tests along with scholarship opportunities



Receive discount on fees associated with credit recovery



Discounts on pay-to-participate fees for qualifying student athletes

How To Apply

Log in to the Meal Magic Family Portal and select **Benefits**.



[Family Portal](#)

BREAKFAST IS SERVED DAILY IN CAFETERIAS

High School North/South: 7:00 AM | Duncan Lake Middle: 7:00 AM | Kraft Intermediate: 7:00 AM
All Elementary Schools: 8:30 AM | Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center: 9:00 AM



ChromeCare

Protect What Matters

Protect your student's district-issued Chromebook with optional ChromeCare coverage.

Cost: \$20 per year per student per device

Purchase by: September 22, 2026

[ChromeCare](#)



Community Events & Flyers

Stay Connected Locally

Looking for activities outside of school? Follow **Community** in the CCS App or visit our **Community Events page** for information on local programs, events, and community activities.

[Community Events](#)

NEED HELP? We've Got You!

Can't access Meal Magic? Need help with PowerSchool? Not sure how to set up the CCS App or MyRide?

Scan the QR Code to access **Resources** on the Caledonia Community Schools website.



[Resources](#)

Step-by-step help and tutorials for families.



#WeAre**CAL**



Registering is easy!

Online: www.calschools.org/resourcecenter

By phone: 616-891-8117

In person: 9757 Kraft Ave. SE (in the new Cal Community Center)

Chess Scholars (1st - 4th Grades)

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Thu 9/17 - 10/22 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$135

Location: Duncan Lake Middle School – door #9 Resource Center

Coding Club (Ages 8-13)

Laptop/Tablet Required. Headphones, keyboard, and mouse recommended

Your child will have a blast in this exciting new STEM program. Our innovative approach to coding is sure to spark your child's interest in computer science, using a simple, relatable, block-based programming system called Scratch, developed by the MIT Media Lab. The fun-filled curriculum stresses critical thinking, creativity, confidence, teamwork, and problem solving skills to prepare them for the 21st century and beyond. Class topics include video game design, loops, control structure, conditional expressions, control statements, object oriented design concepts, data structures and variables, and mathematical expressions.

Session 1 Wed 9/23 - 10/28 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Session 2 Wed 11/4 - 12/16 (omit 11/25) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Location: Duncan Lake Middle School – door #9 Resource Center

Stage Stars

It's time to raise the curtain on our Stage Stars class! This drama program introduces students to the craft of stage acting. During this exciting class, students will learn theatrical skills, improve basics and participate in interactive drama games. This is an opportunity for students to have fun, express themselves, and interact with others within the context of theatre arts.

Session 1 Mon 9/21 - 10/26 (K - 3rd grade) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Session 1 Mon 9/21 - 10/26 (4th - 6th grade) 6:45 - 7:45 pm \$139

Session 2 Mon 11/9 - 12/14 (K - 3rd grade) 5:30 - 6:30 pm \$139

Session 2 Mon 11/9 - 12/14 (4th - 6th grade) 6:45 - 7:45 pm \$139

Location: Duncan Lake Middle School – door #9 Resource Center