



The Emmons Lake Scots Spotlight

Emmons Lake Elementary

Sept 11, 2026

Educational Excellence... Every Day, Every Child!

THE WEEK *at a glance*



MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	Thurs.	FRI.
9/14	9/15	9/16 Picture Day	9/17 PreK-OpenHouse	9/18
9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25 Half Day out @ 12:00

A note from the Principal:

As we are entering our final week of diagnostic assessments, we could not be prouder of our students! They have been working so hard and giving their very best effort to help us get an accurate picture of their current performance. This information is incredibly valuable as it allows us to meet each child where they are and provide instruction that best supports their individual learning needs.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our parents and families for your diligence in getting your child(ren) to school each day and on time over the past several weeks so we could complete these assessments. Your partnership and support make a tremendous difference

At Emmons, our staff utilize PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) strategies to explicitly teach students important school-readiness skills. These skills not only promote greater success with learning outcomes, but also help foster a positive, welcoming, and inclusive school environment for all students.

This week, we focused on practicing safe behaviors in the cafeteria. Students who were caught demonstrating these safe behaviors received a SOAR ticket and a chance to be selected for a prize on Friday!

We will continue practicing and reinforcing all of the components of SOAR behavior throughout the school year. Be sure to ask your child(ren) to share what it means to SOAR at school and what SOARing looks and sounds like in action!

Mrs. Tricia Maday, Principal

Contact Us:



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616-528-8100

Upcoming Events:

Emmons Lake Calendar

9/16 Picture Day

9/17 PreK Open House

9/25 Half Day

9/29 Kinder Dental Screening

Important Information

Safety, Ongoing Kindness, Act Responsibly, Respect

Table Talk :

Ask your child how they are S.O.A.R.ing at school this week.

[Emmons Lake Website Here](#)

[Mobile App Support](#)

[PowerSchool](#)

[Breakfast](#)
[Lunch](#)

[School Breakfast & Lunch Program](#)



Late/Absent:

Please contact the school whenever your student will be late or absent.

You can call the office 616-528-8100.

Or by emailing the teacher and both secretaries.

Please remember to include the reason for the being late or absent.

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PreK families, mark your calendars! 💜💛

Join us for our PreK Open House on September 17 from 9:00–10:30 a.m. at your child's elementary building.

Come visit the classroom, meet your teacher, explore the school and help your little one get ready for the start of PreK!

 Buses will also be available at each building, giving students and families a chance to check out a school bus and see what it will be like to ride.

We can't wait to welcome our newest Fighting Scots!

#WeAreCAL #ChooseCAL #calpride

We Are a Hand2Hand School





We have an exciting lineup of events and fundraisers ahead! We look forward to partnering with our families to make this year amazing for our students. Please check out our upcoming schedule below and see how you can get involved!

Upcoming PTO Dates & Events

September 18: First Popcorn Day! 🍿

September 22 @ 6:30 PM: First PTO Meeting
(See image below for details!)

Virtual link here <https://meet.google.com/nfk-fwqo-buw?authuser=0&hs=122>

September 23: Harvest Hustle fundraiser begins - more info to come 🛒

October 7: Harvest Hustle money due 💰

October 9: Harvest Hustle Walk Day! 🏃

Get Involved & Stay Connected Join our PTO Newsletter for full event details, announcements, and staff spotlights.

We are always looking for extra hands—fill out our Volunteer Form to lend a hand with upcoming events!

Amanda Jantz, Vice President
Candice Harig, Treasurer
Ashley Marchand, Secretary



WELCOME TO 2026-27

Same school Fresh ideas. New energy.



1 WELCOME

A FRESH START FOR PTO.

We love Emmons Lake and this community. This year, we're making PTO more flexible so more parents, guardians, grandparents and caregivers can get involved in a way that works for them

PTO shouldn't require a lifestyle change. You choose HOW. IF. WHEN.

2 HOW DO YOU WANT TO PTO?



SHOW UP

Meetings, events,
family activities



LEND A HAND

One hour, one event,
or behind the scenes



CHIP IN

Help fund field trips,
programs & experiences



JOIN THE CREW

Ideas, projects,
chairs or board roles

3 OUR FIRST MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:30 PM

IN PERSON + VIRTUAL OPTION

Come meet the team, hear what's ahead, share your ideas, and see what PTO can look like this year. No commitment required – just come see what we're about



4 STAY CONNECTED



WEBSITE
Home base



NEWSLETTER
Updates + volunteer info



FACEBOOK
Quick updates + community



OPT IN TO WIN!

Join the newsletter by **AUGUST 26** for a chance to win a Butcher Block Social gift card.

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**

Cal Community Events



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

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

For Community Events, Go To:

<https://www.calschools.org/community/community-events-flyers/>