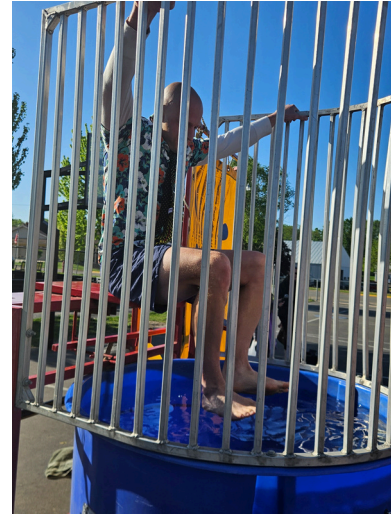


MAY 2025

CALEDONIA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER



Elementary students await the dunking of Mr. Wahlstrom. (left) as Mr. Wahlstrom waits to be dunked (right).

Be on the lookout for the Fall newsletter.

The May newsletter marks our final update for this school year. We will resume regular communication with the Fall newsletter, set to come out the first week of August.

Thank you for staying connected and engaged throughout the year. We appreciate your continued support.

We wish all our families a fantastic and safe summer.

Enjoy the time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back in August, ready for another great year at Caledonia Area Public Schools.

● Thank you for a great year!

As we wrap up another school year, I want to thank our students, staff, and parents for making this a year to remember.

To our students—your hard work, growth, and spirit make our schools great. You continue to impress us with your determination and character.

To our staff—thank you for your dedication, leadership, and care. You create a safe, supportive, and challenging environment where students thrive.

To our parents and families—your support, involvement, and trust play a vital role in our success. We appreciate the strong partnership we share with you.

Together, we've achieved great things—both in the classroom and beyond. I'm proud of all we've accomplished as a school community.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you next year, ready to build on this momentum.

With gratitude,

Craig Ihrke

Superintendent

Caledonia Area Public Schools

MAY 2025

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!



Above: 6th grade student pose in front of the "golden horses" as part of their field trip to the Twin Cities.

Below: 7th grade students at Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro participating in the survival skills class.



Congratulations, Class of 2025! We're so proud of your hard work, resilience, and accomplishments. As you move on to new opportunities, we wish you continued success and happiness. The future is yours—go make it amazing!

Mark Your Calendars

August 11th:
Back to School Night
New Student Orientation
Device Distribution

August 18th:
1st Day of School

MAY 2025

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DUNK TANK!



Elementary School Students and Staff had the opportunity to Dunk Principal Wahlstrom for reaching their school-wide reading goal! Students from each grade level, and two teachers had opportunities to dunk Principal Wahlstrom in some ice cold water! **Way to reach your goal, students!**

3rd Grade Students working up a good sweat on thier field trip to La Crosse!



Chess Club!

Pictured Left: Two students and Mr. Hebeisen study, and plan their next move...

What a great way to challenge the brain!

SPRAGUE WOODS SUMMER EVENTS

Location: Sprague Woods - near DNR parking lot

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

Ages: All ages welcome!

What to Bring: Water and Sunscreen

Cost: \$5/participant per event



JUNE 3RD - INTRO TO BIRDING WITH DAN WINKLER

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN BINOCULARS!

**LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY THE COMMON BIRDS OF SOUTHEAST MN
THROUGH FUN AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES**

JUNE 17TH - ORIENTEERING AND COMPASS BASICS WITH ROBBIE SOBCZAK

**WEAR CLOTHING FOR HIKING THROUGH THE WOODS, KEEPING IN MIND
THEY MAY GET BURRS AS THIS EVENT WILL HAVE PARTICIPANTS WALKING
THROUGH DENSE PORTIONS OF THE WOODS AND NOT ENTIRELY ON THE
TRAILS.**

JULY 1ST - PLANT AND TREE ID WITH DAN WINKLER AND JUSTIN NOOKER

**FIND THE INTRIGUE IN LEARNING ABOUT LOCAL NATIVE PLANT SPECIES
AND HOW THEY IMPACT OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH LOCAL EXPERTS.**

JULY 15TH - CAPTURE THE FLAG & OTHER NATURE-BASED GAMES WITH ROBBIE SOBCZAK

**PARTICIPANTS SHOULD EXPECT TO EMBRACE THEIR INNER CHILD AS WE
WILL BE PLAYING GREAT COLLABORATIVE GAMES SUCH AS CAPTURE THE
FLAG AND KICK THE CAN.**

JULY 29TH - NATURE BATHING WITH ALEXA SHAPIRO

**EXPERIENCE SHINRIN-YOKU...THE JAPANESE METHOD OF DECOMPRESSING
AND STRESS RELIEF THROUGH OBSERVING NATURE.**

CHILD AND BABYSITTING SAFETY CLASS

The Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) program from the American Safety and Health Institute provides everything you need to know for safe and successful babysitting. Students must be present for the entire class and complete achievement of the core learning objectives to receive certification valid for two years. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen.

Instructor: Lori Hameister (www.littlebitofguidance.com)

Date: Monday, June 2nd

Location: Caledonia Elementary Library

Time: 9am-12pm

Fee: \$50

Ages: 4th Grade and up

Minimum: 8 students

HOME ALONE CLASS

Is your child ready for the independence of being home alone? Parents need to be sure their children have the skills and maturity to handle the responsibility safely. This class for children will address several topics relating to being 'Home Alone'. Students attend this class independently and should come prepared with a notebook and pen. Parents are encouraged to review the take home information and discuss it with their child.

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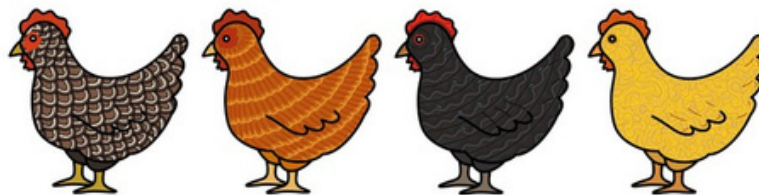
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm

Fee: \$30

Ages: 2nd Grade and up

Minimum: 8 students

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507-725-5139



THE MIKULA MINI FARM

MAKE AND TAKE

Focaccia Class

Learn how to make 2 different flavors of Focaccia Bread in this make and take class!

JUNE 28TH, 2025

9am-11am in Foods room at
Caledonia MSHS

Registration fee: \$40 per person *includes all materials

*Minimum of 6 people

Contact Caledonia Community Ed

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Sign up by June 20th!