

CALEDONIA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Sixteen students from Caledonia High School participated in the Minnesota Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference



Community Feedback Guides Next Steps for School District

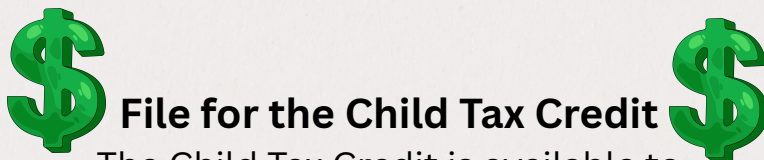
The school district recently completed a community survey to better understand support for a potential bond referendum.

We sent just over 3,000 postcards to residents across the district. More than 1,000 community members responded. This reflects a response rate of about 35 percent.

We thank our community for taking the time to share feedback. This level of participation shows strong interest in the future of our schools and the success of our students.

The input we received will help guide the School Board as it reviews the district's needs. This includes both student programming and facility improvements. The Board will use this feedback to narrow its focus and identify responsible options that support learning while addressing infrastructure needs.

We value this partnership with our community. Your feedback plays a key role as we plan for the future of our schools.



File for the Child Tax Credit

The Child Tax Credit is available to Minnesotans who have children under age 18. By filing a Minnesota tax return, you may qualify for \$1,750 per child with no limit on the number of children.

You can choose to receive part of your Child Tax Credit for the next year in three advance payments before you file your next income tax return. For details, visit

[Advance Payments of the Child Tax Credit.](#)

For more information, please visit the [Child Tax Credit webpage](#) on the Minnesota Department of Revenue website.

Congratulations to our State Tournament Wrestlers!

Caledonia/Houston Individual Results (2026)

- Cooper Allen (215 lbs): (Runner-up)
- Kiptyn Meiners (107 lbs): 4th Place
- Aiden Burns (114 lbs)
- Will Allen (172 lbs)



Cooper Allen Kiptyn Meiners Aiden Burns Will Allen

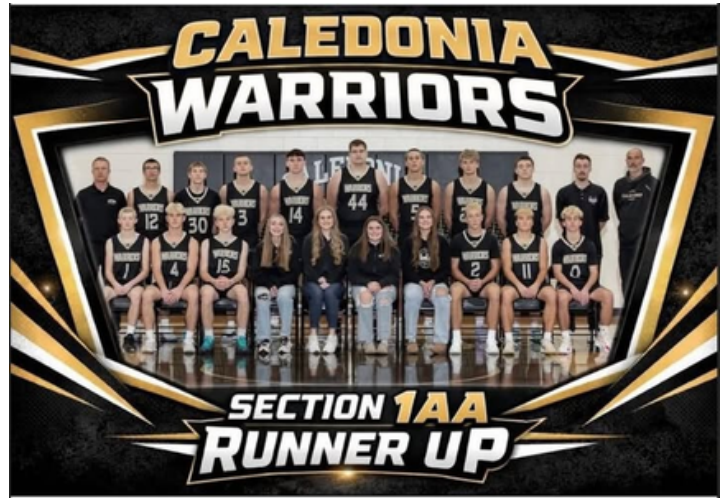
Upcoming Events

To stay up to date on upcoming events, please access the following web page:

<https://3riversconference.org/public/genie/20/school/2/>



Please contact Scott Sorenson if you would by chance be interested in doing some umpiring, or officiating. Spring is always busy and we could use the help!



Congratulations to the Section 1AA Runner Up Caledonia Warriors. They left it all on the court against a tough Goodhue team and made us proud!

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ELEMENTARY

Staff Spotlight

 **Trina Scanlan** 
Intervention Teacher

How many years have you been teaching in our district?

I have been teaching in the district for over 30 years. I began my career here in 1989 as a long-term substitute teacher.

What is your favorite part of teaching at our school?

As a people-oriented person, my favorite part of each day is connecting with both students and staff. I especially enjoy seeing students' faces light up when they learn something new or experience the excitement of reading. I also value the opportunity to collaborate and engage in meaningful conversations with colleagues.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would love to travel to Africa to visit "Penguin Town." Penguin Town is set on Boulders Beach in Simon's Town on the Western Cape of South Africa. I would also like to visit Norway in honor of my mother, who always hoped to see where her parents came from but never had the opportunity.



Dr. Seuss Week!

The first week of March was "Dr. Seuss Week" at Caledonia Elementary. Students and staff celebrated with fun dress-up days.



Green Eggs & Ham Day!



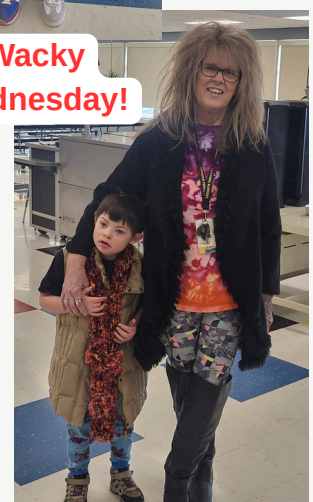
Wacky Wednesday!



Fox in Socks Day!



Oh, the Places You'll Go Day!

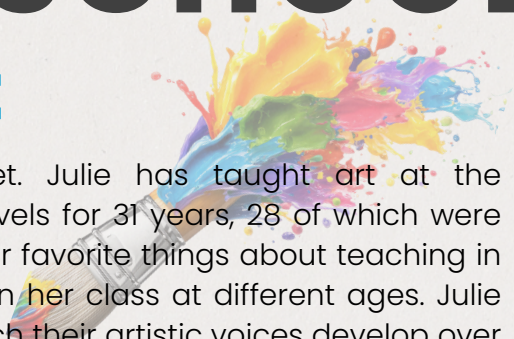


MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

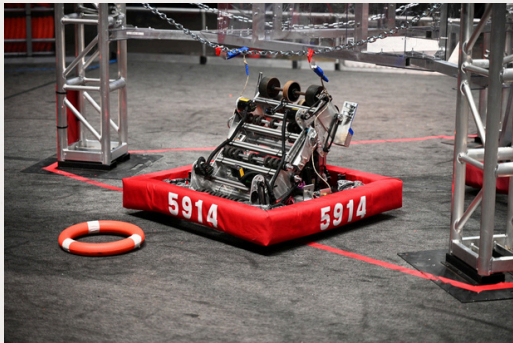
Staff Spotlight



This month we spotlight Julie Costet. Julie has taught art at the elementary, middle, and high school levels for 31 years, 28 of which were here in the Caledonia District. One of her favorite things about teaching in Caledonia is getting to have students in her class at different ages. Julie loves to see the students grow and watch their artistic voices develop over time. When asked for an inspiring quote, Julie chose the words of painter Bob Ross: "Talent is a pursued interest. Anything that you're willing to practice, you can do." One interesting fact is Julie met the actor who played Darth Vader in the original Star Wars movies. He was in full costume and standing with Stormtrooper guards - an intimidating moment for a 6 year old!



Inspired!



The Robotic Warriors had a great time at the Iowa Regionals, placing 23 out of 53 teams.

The Robotic Warriors are known for their nonstop hard work and the team sends a big thank you to all those who came to cheer them on - Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations!



**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS
of AMERICA**

We're proud to announce we have four high school students attending Nationals in Nashville this coming May 6-10th. Congratulations to Alex Henke, Morgan Novak, Morgan Northey-Kreibach, and Jarrett Stoltz.

APRIL COMMUNITY ED CLASSES

MN Highway Safety and Research Center's 55+ Driver Improvement Program

The Driver Improvement course is a state approved accident prevention/insurance discount course that is open to the public; pre-registration is required. A MN Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor teaches this class. By utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver and traffic safety, new laws, and vehicle technology.

Persons age 55 and older who complete the 4 hour course qualify for a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. The 4 hour class is required every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

4 Hour Course

For driver's over 55 years of age
Dates: Monday, April 13th
Time: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Location: CHS Auditorium
Cost: \$30
Instructor: Deanne von Wald

Minnesota Boater Safety Course

Instructors will go through the boating safety course. At the end of the course, students will take the Minnesota water safety operator's test.

Date: April 6, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Cost: Free
Location: Houston County Justice Center
E.O.C., 306 S. Marshall Street, Caledonia, MN
Maximum: 30 students
Ages: 12 years old or older to take the course

Child and Babysitting Safety Program

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. At the end of class, the students will receive their certification card along with instructions to access a digital copy of the Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS) Student book.

Instructor: Lori Hameister
(www.littlebitofguidance.com)
Date: Monday, April 6th
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: Elementary Media Center
Student class fee: \$60
Ages: 4th Grade and up
Minimum 8 students
Registration and payment due by Monday, March 30th

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" including age guidelines, safe habits, house rules, after school routines, phone calls and door knocks, dog emergencies, personal safety, handling the unexpected, gun safety, severe weather, fire safety, intruders, and first aid tips.

Instructor: Lori Hameister
(www.littlebitofguidance.com)
Date: Monday, April 6th
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm
Location: Elementary Media Center
Student class fee: \$40
Ages: 2nd Grade and up
Minimum 8 students
Registration and payment due by Monday, March 30th

**FALL 2026
HAND IN HAND
3K AND 4K
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN**

**CHILDREN MUST BE 3 OR 4 BY
9/1/2026**

**REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

WWW.CPS.K12.MN.US -->

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HAND IN HAND PRESCHOOL**

QUESTIONS?

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