



# CAL-MUM CHRONICLE



## Mascot Selection Committee Seeks Designs

The Mascot Logo Selection Committee met for the first time on March 29th. The committee is a nice representation of our stakeholders. We are excited to announce the next phase of this project– the Raider mascot concept/design submission process! The entire Raider community is invited to participate. You can create your own original artwork, submit concept ideas describing the mascot you'd like to see or send examples of ideas you've found on the internet and share those.

We asked the community what characteristics or attributes you want to see reflected in the new Caledonia-Mumford Raider mascot? In other words, how do we define the word Raider? You defined a Raider as resilient, proud, strong, connected, courageous, united, intelligent, compassionate, brave, reflective, inclusive, and champions.

All concept/design submissions should capture the essence of a Raider. With your submissions and the work of this committee, our next mascot will unite our school community and foster the incredible spirit and pride that is Cal-Mum.

- The committee encourages students, parents/guardians, staff, alumni, and community members to submit a design concept that can be described in writing or a visual artwork design
- Submissions are due no later than Friday, April 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.
- Submissions can be electronically submitted or delivered to the District Office.
- Please refer to the website for submission guidelines. Late submissions will not be considered.
- We are the Raiders and our colors remain maroon and white.

We are excited to see your ideas. Go Raiders!

Any questions can be directed to [mascotlogo@cal-mum.org](mailto:mascotlogo@cal-mum.org).

### Submit Your Mascot Design!

- Describe it in writing OR
- A visual artwork design
- Submit it no later than April 22, 2022 at 5 P.M.

Complete mascot/concept submission guidelines and details on how to submit your design at [www.cal-mum.org/domain/374](http://www.cal-mum.org/domain/374).

# A New Way to Connect CMCS and the Community

If you are a community member who does not have children enrolled in our school district but you would like to be connected to Caledonia-Mumford Central School information, now there is a way!

By registering your email and mobile phone number with us, we can now send school-community communications directly to your inbox and texts to your mobile phone.

You will be included in our updates about music concerts, plays, sports, the high school musical, commencement, mascot development, budget topics and more. You will also receive an email with a link to our digital newsletter.

Signing up is very quick and easy. Go to **calmum.parentlink.net** (do not put www) and you will arrive at this webpage. You do not have a login ID or password yet. Look at the bottom and see the message to sign up. Click the sign up box.

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That's it! When we have communications for the community, it will be delivered to your email and a text to your phone.

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# Cal-Mum Elementary School Named to the U.S. News & World Report's Best Elementary Schools

The badge has arrived and it's official!

You may have noticed a new badge icon on our school website. U.S. News & World Report named Caledonia-Mumford Elementary School among the best elementary schools in New York State. We recently received the badge to make it official!

Visit Cal-Mum Central School's website to see all of our school district recognitions including the U.S. News & World Report's Best High School in 2020 and 2021 and the Democrat & Chronicle's Top Workplace Award in 2021! [www.cal-mum.org](http://www.cal-mum.org).

## Whatever You Like to Do - Cal-Mum Has a Club for You!

Expanding our extracurricular opportunities for students is part of our strategic plan. We began to develop the clubs prior to the Covid pandemic interruption. Once the NYS Dept of Health guidance allowed for students to gather together, plans for several new clubs finally became a reality.

The club ideas came from teachers with an intention to provide enrichment opportunities for our students in the area of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics). Elementary School students are taking part in one or more of the following after school clubs:

Ukulele Club, Lego Building, Keva Planks, Indy Car, Chess Club, Rigamajig, Sphero Club, Building Club, Virtual Reality, Girls on the Run, Creativity, Student Council and Page Turners.

We have had such extensive participation that some clubs needed to create additional dates and multiple groups in order to accommodate the interest of our students.

In the middle/high school, students have several after school clubs to choose from including Tech Club, Baking Club, Page Turners, Chess Club, and Archery Club. A Cooking Club and American Sign Language club may be added.

The funding for many of these programs is provided by Covid federal grant money that was given to our school district.





# You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

## Four Delightful Performances

Due to the Covid pandemic, it's been three years since Cal-Mum High School students stepped onto the auditorium stage for a musical. This has been a highly anticipated return for the Cal-Mum High School Music Department.

Eleven high school students made up the cast of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and those 11 performers made the beloved Peanuts gang come to life. The audience loved it!

The characters' wonderful vocal performances resulted in lively musical numbers from start to finish. Who knew that a dog could sing so well. We love you Snoopy! Lucy may call you a blockhead Charlie Brown, but you both gave great vocal performances! Linus, your blanket gave you the confidence to sing so wonderfully! Sally, you may be Charlie Brown's little sister, but your voice is BIG! Schroeder, you should consider adding vocals when you play Beethoven on the piano!

Hats off to the very talented ensemble of Peppermint Patty, Pigpen, Marcie, Woodstock and Violet, who were amazing together!

**"Happiness is singing together when the day is through,  
and happiness is those who sing with you."**

### Cast of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown - Thomas Murdock  
Snoopy - Cam Roberts  
Lucy - Aaliya Kocher  
Schroeder - Markus Phillips  
Linus - Elliot Dietrich  
Sally - Leah Brabant  
Woodstock - Dani Draskowski  
Peppermint Patty- Ryann Murdock  
Pigpen - Casey Decker  
Marcie - Bella Pillittere  
Violet - Mya Rodger

### Production Team

Artistic Director - Erin Hodge  
Music Director - Jason Mincer  
Choreographer - Briana Blair Kelly  
Technical Director - Kayla Yeng  
Orchestra Director - Matthew Trost  
Costumer - Amy Hanley- Dykstra  
Set Design & Construction - Mike Draskowski,  
Candace Brabant, Kayla Yeng  
Sound Design - Thomas Toyama  
Photography - Eric Dykstra, Tim McArdle

### Pit Band

Matthew Trost, Orchestra Conductor  
Keyboard - Maria Neale  
Electric Bass - Mark Bocko  
Alto Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, Clarinet - Julie Daley  
Flute - Margaret Bubel  
Violin - Milli Lake  
Percussion - Matthew Trost

### Student Stage Crew

Kelsey Curtis, Joslyn Curtis, William Dietrich,  
Sam Dietrich, Greyson Funk, Jackson Funk,  
Alden Hatch, Hannah Harmon, Khione Lindsey,  
Gabrielle Martin, Cheyenne Middleton,  
Archer Sullivan







## Middle School Tech Club Goes to Tech Wars at GCC

Middle School Technology teacher Mr. Steve Muehleisen took the Middle School Tech Club to Tech Wars, a daylong competition for the GLOW region schools, held at Genesee Community College.

The students competed in several categories including CO2 cars, bridge design, catapult, Rube Goldberg machines, skimmer cars and paper airplanes.

Tech Wars participants – Gavin Warner, Ashtin Cooper, Caiden Ingerick, Ezekiel Bulkley, Chris Knass, Joe Gnanaraj, Rachel Gnage, Isabella MacLauchlan, Laura Reynolds, Ryan Years, Olivia MacLauchlan, Sam Dietrich, Devin Brown, and Maeve Nothnagle.

Mr. Muehleisen said the young students learned a lot about the design, planning and development phases of engineering. “They all had a really great time being in the presence of so many other students from throughout the GLOW region. They witnessed some very advanced technology projects and enjoyed being at the competition,” said Mr. Muehleisen.





# What A Fun Spirit Week!

Cal-Mum Elementary School PTO hosted a fun spirit week, March 14 - 17, 2022. Each day featured a different theme including monochromatic color day, and in celebration of the high school musical, Thursday was dress up like the Peanuts gang. The cast of the high school musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* visited the elementary school to perform several songs for the students.

One class from each grade level was chosen to receive the grade level spirit stick.

The spirit stick class winners are:

Third Gr. - Mrs. Cornwell
Pre-k - Mrs. Toy
First Gr. - Mrs. McMullen
Second Gr. - Mrs. Wade
Fourth Gr. - Mr. Yaekel
Fifth Gr. - Mrs. Harmon

The class that exhibited the most spirit during the week was the winner of Spirit, the Cal-Mum spirit horse. That class was Mrs. Toy's kindergarten! Elementary School Principal Mr. Bulter and Assistant Principal Mrs. Meyer presented Spirit to the kindergarten students. Thank you Cal-Mum PTO for a fun week!



Mr. Bulter and Mrs. Meyer present Mrs. Toy's kindergarten class with Spirit the Cal-Mum spirit horse.



The cast of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* visited the elementary school during spirit week, which was dress up like the Peanuts gang day.



## Elementary School Girls on the Run - More than a Running Club

Elementary School girls are thrilled to have a Girls on the Run club back at school. The students meet after school with coaches Mrs. Melanie Tresco, Mrs. Sarah Toy and Mrs. Erin Streb, a parent volunteer.

Girls on the Run is a wonderful way for young girls to get outdoors, learn the proper skills of this lifelong sport and improve their physical fitness.

The advisors say that Girls on the Run is much more than just a running club for girls. The program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that integrates running into the lessons. Girls on the Run will be training for a June 5, 2022, 5K race.



# Cal-Mum Archery Club in First Competition

Caledonia-Mumford Middle/High School started an archery club in January 2022. About 20 students have been meeting on Sunday evenings at school to improve their shooting skills. Physical Education teacher Mr. John Walther coaches the archery club.

On March 22, 2022, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation hosted the 14th Annual Archery in the Schools Tournament, held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY.

Cal-Mum sent a team of 14 archers to the competition with about 450 other students from all around NY state. The kids did a great job representing Cal -Mum at the shoot and had a great time.

In the Boys Middle School Division, Kyler Leonard finished 23rd, Ryan Years 24th, and Chadwick Littleton 26th out of 104 archers.

Our top finisher for the Middle School Girls Division was Kylie Padlick-Field in 37th place out of 94 archers, and for the High School Girls Division Faith Manchester finished in 47th place out of 67 archers.

Coach Walther said next year he hopes to grow the program by competing in more events and recruiting more students to join the club.



## Chess Club is back at Cal-Mum

Cal-Mum Chess club competed in March at the Genesee Valley BOCES chess tournament.

Students from elementary, middle and high school are invited to be part of the Chess Club.

The team's advisor and parent, Mark Greenlaw, said the students are just getting back to playing chess together after nearly two years that the club was not able to meet during the pandemic.

Two students finished in fourth place - Sean McNear in the Middle School Division and his brother Wesley McNear in the Intermediate Division.

In the Beginner Division, Duncan McNear placed second. Torrin Carnes finished in first place.

Mr. Greenlaw said the students had a great experience and they are eager to keep playing chess and improving their games.



# Elementary School Students Dive Into the World of Virtual Reality

Have you ever wanted to swim with seals? What about diving with sharks? Ever dream of blasting off into space and exploring the solar system?

Well, third graders in VR (Virtual Reality) Club have done all of those things and more! After learning how to control their VR headset, scholars explored a world outside of Cal-Mum across multiple VR Club sessions. Students learned so many facts about a variety of animals and many different places. Students also shared their ideas for explorations with Mrs. Cornwell and Mrs. Rogers and then were able to explore their interests as well.



Here's what some third graders had to say about their VR Club experience:

"I loved it all! The dinosaur experience was my favorite!" - Eli Tate

"I liked VR Club because it was so fun and you got to see different places in different countries! My favorite part was seeing the penguins!" - Juliana Zehr

"My favorite part was swimming with the sharks on the first day!" - Jerod Nickerson

"My favorite part of VR Club was when we went into the volcano and you could teleport from place to place in the volcano! I also liked exploring space!" - Kennedy Hopkins



## Middle School Pi Day

**Happy Pi Day from Mrs. Geary's math whizzes!**

The eighth graders celebrated Pi Day with various stations including writing pi poetry, making pi chains and memorizing pi digits.

Keira won by memorizing over 50 digits!





# Second Place for Our Elementary School Page Turners

As we slowly return to regular school activities after a two-year pandemic pause, our Cal-Mum Elementary School Page Turners team has been reading and participating in regional competitions this school year.

CM Elementary School Page Turners took second place at the spring competition at Avon Central School on March 9, 2022. Page Turners is an enrichment program offered through Genesee Valley BOCES. Congratulations Page Turners!



*Learn  
Lead  
Inspire*

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**Congratulations to all 6 of our varsity winter athletic teams who earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award**

**Boys Basketball 95.46**  
**Girls Basketball 95.33**  
**Girls Indoor Track 95.3**  
**Boys Indoor Track 93.68**  
**Wrestling 91.53**  
**Competitive Cheerleading 91.08**



*Home of Champions*



## PROPOSED 2022-2023 SCHOOL BUDGET

### Presentation

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7 P.M.**

(Following the 6 p.m. regular board of education meeting)

Middle/high auditorium

Followed by

**Meet the Board of Education Candidates Forum 7 P.M.**

**Budget vote, Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**12 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the District Office**

To follow the budget process, [www.cal-mum.org/domain/242](http://www.cal-mum.org/domain/242)

*Proud of Our Past.....Excited About Future*

## Second Graders Observe Life Cycle

Second grade classrooms are excited to be participating in the Incubation and Embryology project provided through the Livingston County Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is the second year in a row that Cal-Mum students have participated in the project.

Students are excited to observe and track the progress of the eggs through candling; live, and staff-led virtual lessons.

Jennifer Schwab from Cornell Cooperative Extension visited the second grade classrooms to present a lesson on egg dissection. This is an extension of the Egg-cellent Adventures in Incubation Project we are doing in the classroom.

The Incubation and Embryology project ties in with the second grade Cycles in Nature domain and provides an opportunity for the students to witness the life cycle first hand.





# Varsity Cheer Coach Michelle Carson Earns LCAA Coach of the Year

Cal-Mum Varsity Cheerleading Coach Michelle Carson earned the Livingston County Athletic Associations Coach of the Year award for Division 2 small schools.

The Cal-Mum Varsity Cheerleading team also earned the Sectional Championship block this season.

Congratulations to the Cal-Mum cheer team and Coach Carson on your successful season.



The Raider Boys Basketball players came out to welcome home the Section V Cheer Champions, CM Raiders!



## Varsity Cheerleader Gianna McCowan Recipient of the Nancy Saxton Leadership Award

Congratulations to Sophomore Gianna McCowan, who was awarded the Nancy Saxton Leadership Award following Cal-Mum's Sectional Championship at AvonCSD on February 26, 2022. Nancy Saxton was one of the original members of the Section V Cheerleading Committee. She worked tirelessly to support all cheerleaders in Section V and worked tirelessly to promote cheerleading as a sport.

It was important to Saxton that although cheerleading was becoming a sport, the athletes should continue to be good leaders, not only on their teams, but also in their schools and community.

"Gia is an exceptional athlete, student, and leader. She is not only a leader on our Varsity Winter Competitive Cheer team but the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team and our Fall Varsity Cheerleading team as well. Gia is regularly on the high honor roll and has volunteered several years for our Caledonia Summer Recreation Program," commented Varsity Cheer Coach Michelle Carson.







## Senior Tyler McCowan Sectional Champion in 300M Dash

Senior Tyler McCowan finished a successful indoor track season by achieving a personal record of 38.52 in the 300 M dash, earning a sectional championship in Class A4.

Congratulations Tyler and Coaches Dan Freeman and Steve Harrington.





## Big and Little CM Raiders Celebrate 100 Days!

On February 14, 2022, elementary school students celebrated completing 100 days of school...100 days of learning...100 days of creating...100 days of friendships and fun!

The students celebrated the day in many ways that included math practice with the numeral 100 and dressing like they were 100 years old...and drawing pictures of what their teachers might look like at 100 years old.



Just a few weeks later, in mid-March, the Senior Class of 2022 celebrated a 100 day countdown to graduation from Caledonia-Mumford High School! Their principals Dr. Rebekah Chenaille and Assistant Principal Mr. Tim McArdle celebrated with the Seniors at a breakfast held in the cafeteria before school.

Let the countdown to June begin!

## Welcome to the Raider Family

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Wendy Villone and Mr. Philip Keenan to the Raider family. Mr. Keenan started his new position as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds in mid-February, succeeding Mr. Ernie Whaley who retired after many years at CMCS.

Mr. Keenan had been employed at CMCS for three years as a Maintenance Mechanic prior to his new position.

Mrs. Villone started her new position as the Director of Technology in mid-March. She comes to CMCS from the Edutech Regional Information Center where she was the Coordinator of Data Governance.

Welcome to the Raider family Mr. Keenan and Mrs. Villone.





## High School Art Students Experience Van Gogh

Cal-Mum Middle/High School Art teacher Mrs. Vicki McArdle took some of her high school students to the Dome Arena for Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience.

They really enjoyed the unique art exhibit which continues at the Dome through April 24, 2022.



## School Social Worker Stacey Tallon Spends Recess in South American Refugee Camp

Stacey Tallon, District Social Worker, spent February break "social work style." She and her partner, Jim, a registered nurse, traveled to Tijuanna, Mexico to volunteer at the Refugee Health Alliance (FHA.)

RHA provides refugees with health care at no cost. All medical staff need to be proficient in Spanish in order to volunteer at RHA. Jim has not missed a single day on Duolingo over the past three years. This demonstrates that it is never too late to learn something new! In the month of February 50% of the RHA patients were from Haiti, 5% were local and homeless, and 45% were from Honduras/El Salvador. Essentially, most of the patients were from Northern South America. There were a total of three volunteer nurses during their time at the clinic and the three nurses, on average, treated 65 patients per day. The most consistent treatments were for pregnancy, infections, wounds, UTIs, malnutrition, Alopecia due to malnutrition, parasites, and hormonal therapy for transitioning.

While Jim was treating patients, Stacey performed clerical duties for the RHA. She helped the organization move their pen to paper documentation procedures into an electronic format. Stacey is hoping that on their next mission she will have more face time supporting people. Next time, Stacey would like to volunteer at a summer camp in South America that has a proficiency in Spanish requirement. Stacey will need to start her own Duo Lingo streak soon! #Lifelong Learners.





# Cal-Mum Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Dickens Earns LCAA Coach of the Year

Cal-Mum Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Dickens earned his fourth Livingston County Athletic Association's Coach of the Year Award for Class C3. With 21 years leading Cal-Mum Boys Basketball, Coach Dickens made the 2021-2022 season his last. Congratulations Coach Dickens.

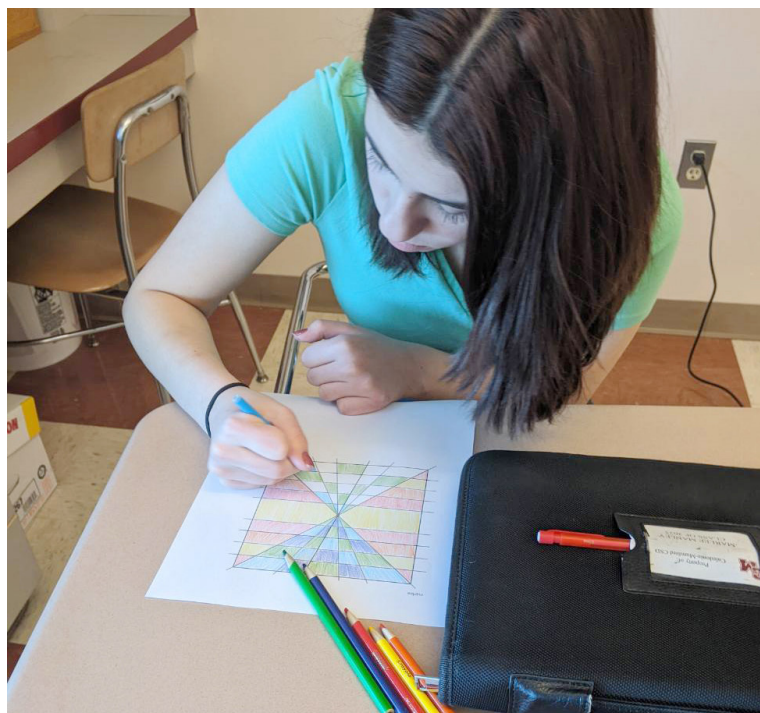


## High School Algebra Students Use Transformations to Create Pinwheels

Mrs. McKay's and Mrs. Warren's Algebra class created pinwheels using the computer program Desmos and Transformations.

The students learned about transformations in one of the modules. The main focus was algebraic parent functions that have particular shapes. The students learned how to apply a set of transformations by adding, subtracting, or multiplying these functions to move them around a graph.

They applied the knowledge they learned about transformations and created a design. Each student picked two or three parent functions and transformed them into a design on their pinwheel. They printed their graphs and colored them, then bent them into pinwheels with tacks and pencils. The students had so much fun being creative and seeing their transformation designs come to life.





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**Caledonia NY 14423**

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## **Community Education Springerle Class**

Cal-Mum Community Education has resumed a full schedule of opportunities this school year.

Several New York State DMV 5 Hour Pre-licensing classes have been held with at least one more planned for the spring semester.

We had about 30 community members registered for the indoor walking program.

In March we held a unique workshop with instructor Amy Hanley-Dykstra, who showed us how to make Springerle cookies. Amy teaches this German technique of beautifully molded cookies at the Genesee Country Village and Museum and we thank them for sharing her with us for this workshop. The class was open to adults and children.

April means it's time to begin thinking about the garden. We were pleased to have the Professional Domestic, Mary Margaret Ripley here for a gardening workshop. She talked on several topics including soil, container gardening, types of plants that grow well in our region, tips for care, and preserving the harvest. Mary Margaret has a blog, The Professional Domestic, at [www.marymargaretripley.com](http://www.marymargaretripley.com).

If you have an idea for a Community Education workshop or class, please let us know! Contact Sarah Santora, Coordinator, at **585-538-3449** or email [ssantora@cal-mum.org](mailto:ssantora@cal-mum.org).