



CATALINE ELEMENTARY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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November 27, 2024,

Partners in Attendance

Parents play an important role in the education of their children. Their involvement and encouragement can help a child excel. Other family members and friends also play a key role in making sure students understand why they need to attend school to succeed. A success in school starts with regular attendance from the early years right through high school completion. Did you know that even as early as Kindergarten, chronic absenteeism makes it more difficult to learn? Parents and schools can work together to find solutions that support children's success in learning. Please contact your teacher or the school if looking for attendance support.

What can you do?

- Make attendance a priority
- Be sure your child gets enough sleep
- Avoid screen time before your child goes to sleep
- Have a regular homework or home reading schedule
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Encourage your child to participate in school extra-curricular activities



Our Attendance winners for November:

Nov 08: Kohl Kunka, Rylee Judd, Bronwen Seidler

Nov 15: Lyra Cockwill, Angeliz Serrano, Sawyer Paul

Nov 22: Miles Johnson, Emmalee Burr, Braelyn Pierce

Safe Arrival Program

Please use the SafeArrival program to report your child's absence. There are 3 convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger app from Apple App or Google play stores:
<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
2. Safe Arrival website:
<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
3. Toll free number: 1-833-582-6894

****If you are picking up your child early from school – please DO NOT report this on the app. Please send a message to your child's teacher via their agenda.**

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be Monday Dec 2 at 5:30 in the library, all parents/guardians welcome.

New Fundraiser that will be running year-round!!

Use **Flipgive** when doing your online shopping and help earn money for our PAC! Digital Gift cards can also be bought and used for yourself or sent as gifts! **Download the APP Flipgive** and use team code **7SYLDR** or use the following link to register and start shopping
https://www.flipgive.com/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQABHVCL7wDUTm1cov4rOC1ynfTABSErCLFfswN4HbcQwXrjGUASQjfeVlxveA_aem_imlH0JFMVlw3Q-uglqFfGg using team code **7SYLDR**.

Munch a Lunch

All orders for January lunches are to be completed no later than Dec 20th @ 2:55 pm

Paper order forms will be available in the office.

Returning parents please use the link:

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

New parents please use this link to register:

<https://munchalunch.com/school/cataline>

Please follow us on Facebook:

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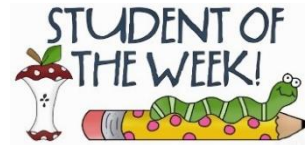
Interschool Sports

Congratulations to our grade 5/6 boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Our athletes had a very successful season, growing and developing their skills, while demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and fair play! Congratulations to all our volleyball athletes. Thank you, Mr. Wilson for all you support and volleyball expertise. Our next intra-school sport will be basketball. This will begin in the new year.



Student of the week

Mrs. Enns nominated Dawson Sellars on Nov 4th
Mrs. Hansen nominated Keira Smith on Nov 12th
Ms. Chelsea nominated Rylee Joe-Jeff on Nov 18th
Ms. Sam nominated Knox Sterritt on Nov 27th



Grade 6 News

We will continue selling World Finest and Laura Secord chocolates until they're gone. If you would like to purchase chocolate bars let us know, they also make great stocking stuffers.

A huge thank you to our parent and student volunteers that dedicated their time to help with the concession stand at the Cataline Craft Fair, with your help we raised **\$953.55**. These funds will go towards our end of the year trip to Vancouver.

Preparedness

Please ensure your child comes with a good healthy lunch to school. If students are not finished eating in the 15-minute eating block, they are welcome to take their unwrapped food outside to finish. We are strongly encouraging "naked snacks": Let's keep our playground litter free!

A Cariboo winter is finally upon us, and wintery weather has arrived. PLEASE ensure your child has a warm jacket and footwear as recess and lunch breaks are outside unless the temperature is deemed too cold by administration (wind chill is taken into consideration). Generally, *if it is colder than -15, students are permitted to stay inside.* Reminder, this is a guideline and not a hard and fast rule.

If it is an inside morning or recess and the decision is made to bring students inside, we will post it on the front door and office window.

Hopefully we do not have many inside days throughout the year as I would rather have students outside during play wherever feasible.

If you need assistance or support in clothing your child for the winter conditions, please reach out to the school. We want the students to be fully prepared for winter conditions.

Used Helmets

If you have any used helmets that are too small or not being used, we are always looking for extra gear that is in good condition. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Thank-You!

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering with field trips or working with children without direct vision of a teacher, it is school board policy that you have a criminal record check done. Criminal record checks are good for 5 years and are FREE of charge.

Here is the online link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/>

Access code: **JUV5QFPLWC**

****Only use the "Internet Explorer" browser. If you are having difficulties with the system, please call 1-855-587-0185 and choose option 2****

Newsletters

In addition to communication from your child's teacher, a monthly school newsletter and calendar will be emailed to you on the first day of every month. The newsletter will also be posted on our school's district website: **Cataline Elementary (sd27.bc.ca)** and on our school's Facebook page. Please mark it on your calendar to check the newsletter monthly for important information.

Family Handbook & Code of Conduct

Please check our school website under "About Us" to locate and save this important information. **Paper copies are also available at the school office.**

Strong Start

Parents interested in attending Strong Start are invited to register at the office (please bring your child's birth certificate and care card). We offer Strong Start 5 days a week from 9:00 am – noon. Strong Start programs provide a rich learning environment designed for early learning development-language, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional. Mrs. Schindle leads learning activities where children find opportunities to make friends and interact with others of similar ages.

Participate with your young child (aged birth to five) in play-based learning activities – including stories, music, and art. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in kindergarten.

Drop off and pick up

A reminder that all vehicles in the pick-up loop must have engines turned off when picking up or dropping off your children. This is an idle-free zone.

Please move forward as space opens to keep congestion to a minimum. The left lane in the loop is to be left open so you can pull out once your child is safely in the car. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in the parking lot adjacent to the bus loop.

Please avoid blocking the intersection of Blair St and 11th Ave during afternoon pick up. We need to respect our neighbors and make room for the school buses to pass. Waiting until after 3 pm to pick up your child is a viable option as this lessens congestion and most often, the parking lot is free and clear.

Noon Hour Supervisors

We are currently looking for another noon hour supervisor who can work Tuesday's and be on call. Hours for this position is from 12:05 pm-1:05 pm. Please email tess.riley@sd27.bc.ca or call the office and ask for Ms. Riley if you are interested.

Starfish Backpack program

Starfish backpack program is sponsored by the Daybreak Rotary Club of Williams Lake with the support of many community donors and volunteers. This program provides support to families in need with food over the weekend. Each student is provided with a backpack with sufficient food for the weekend. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program, please contact the office. A huge thank you to the Williams Lake Rotary Club for this support.

Learning Updates

First term learning updates will be sent home on December 11th. This report is a summary of progress for the first term, strengths, and ways to support learning. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions related to your child's progress this term, or to set up an appointment.

Communication Protocol

Communication between home and school is vital to your child's/children education. Teachers communicate about classroom learning and events through letters home, newsletter, emails, phone calls and your child's agenda.

To make arrangements for a meeting with a teacher, please contact the teacher. If you have concerns about anything having to do with your child's experience at school:

First: contact your child's teacher to share information, review the problem and discuss a resolution

Second: if, after meeting with the teacher, the problem is unresolved or you are dissatisfied with the resolution, contact the principal or vice-principal.

We will work with you and the teacher to resolve the problem or refer you to someone who can be of greater assistance. Please feel free to call the school and make an appointment to address any concerns at all.

Grade 5 Pass

Did you know... The Cariboo Memorial Complex offers a program for every grade five student in the Central Cariboo Recreation Taxation Area, a free membership for the duration of their grade five year. The Grade Five pass includes free admission to the following:

- ❖ Everyone Welcome Swims
- ❖ Rec Swims
- ❖ Toonie Swims
- ❖ Public Skates

Just bring in your child's birth certificate and a proof of residency to get your free pass. For more information contact the Cariboo Memorial Complex at (250) 398-7665.

Christmas Spirit week

Dec 16 – Red & Green

Dec 17 – Snowman Theme

Dec 18 – Christmas hats or socks

Dec 19 – Ugly Christmas sweaters

Dec 20 – Christmas PJ day

12 Days of Giving

On December 11th Mrs. Enns' Kindergarten class and Mrs. Dikur's Grade 4/5 class will be spreading Christmas joy at CDC, SD27 board office, Deni House, and City Howell from 1:00-2:45.

Cataline Christmas Caroling

Please join us in celebrating the holiday season during our outdoor Christmas Caroling Night

Tuesday December 17 from 5:30-6:30

Every class will lead a song, ending with a school wide sing along.

This will be a wonderful evening of smiles and songs!

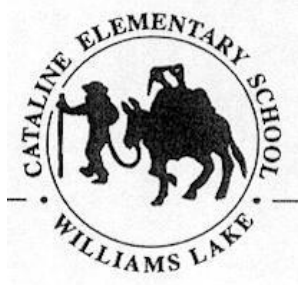
Upcoming Field Trips

December 2	Mrs. Serrano's class – swimming	1:00-2:00
December 3	Mr. Wilson/Mrs. Howell – skating	10:00 –11:00
December 3-6	Mrs. Hopkins – Swimming	12:30-11:30
December 10	Mrs. Tomlinson/Mrs. Hopkins – Skating	11:00 –12:00
December 11	Mrs. Enns/Mrs. Dikur – Kindness Tour	1:00-2:45
December 12	Ms. Allan/Ms. Bonnell – Skating	10:00-11:00
December 17	Mrs. Dikur – Swimming	10:30-11:30
December 18	Ms. Allan/Ms. Bonnell - Skating	1:30-2:30
December 19	Mrs. Dikur/Mrs. Howell – Skating	11:00-12:00
December 20	Mr. Wilson/Ms. Riley – Skating	11:00-12:00



CATALINE ELEMENTARY has a Facebook page: Cataline Elementary School
or check the website <https://www.sd27.bc.ca/CATALINE>





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Parents and Caregivers,

Re: Cataline Sliding Safety Rules

The snow may eventually find its way onto the ground this year, which means there may be an opportunity to slide at Cataline School. Below are the safety rules we are requiring all students to follow if they choose to slide at the school.

- 1) Only *crazy carpet sleds* are to be used and must be in good condition. We have lots of crazy carpets at the school for students to use. As well, there is a class set of foam sliders for teachers and classes (only) to sign out. Formed plastic sleds and foam sliders remain at home.
- 2) Sleds from home must be kept in entry bins during school hours as we do not want to track snow and water in the school. **PLEASE LABEL YOUR SLED!** The school is not responsible for lost sleds.
- 3) All sliders **MUST** wear snowpants, jacket, gloves, and boots.
- 4) Sledding **WILL ONLY** occur on the hill above the field. Sled away from the soccer posts (this area will be marked off).
- 5) Sliders must sit or kneel on their sled, facing forward, pointing downhill – **NO** sliding headfirst or standing on the sled.
- 6) No sliding down the hill on coats and pants if there is not enough snow. This will be determined by the school as we do not want students to ruin their clothing or get excessively wet or dirty/muddy due to lack of snow.
- 7) No crashing into other sliders/students, only go when the hill or run-out area is clear. Non-sliders should not be near the sliding area.
- 8) Walk back up the hill to the side of the run and avoid standing at the bottom of the hill.
- 9) No building of jumps on the sliding hill.
- 10) Student sliding privileges may be revoked for a period of time due to unsafe behaviour.
- 11) Sliding hill will be open, alternating days/times, for primary and intermediate students.

We understand that sliding is very fun activity for our students, but we also need to minimize risk of injury for all participants. If you would like more information, please contact the school (250) 392-7154.

Regards,

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