



CATALINE ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Attendance

Did you know, students who frequently miss school, even as early as Kindergarten are more likely to have difficulty in school?

We're counting on you! Please contact the school if you require attendance support!

Encourage your child to be a Cataline attendance HERO – Here at school, Everyday, Ready to learn, On-time.

We will do an attendance prize draw every week recognizing students who are attendance **HEROS**.



Our Attendance winners for September and October:

- Sep 20: Ruby Dela Cruz, Faith Berg, Farrah Kohlen
- Sep 27: Dakota Pawloff, Colleen Fraleigh, Skyler Friesen
- Oct 04: Raelynn Sales, Ameila Ambrose, Owen Pierce
- Oct 11: Austin Grant, Avaline Ostrom, Wyatt Nielson
- Oct 18: Nathan Galliazzo, Ethan McIvor, Felicia Sutton
- Oct 24: Lukas Sill, Harper Barclay, Elle MacDonald

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.**

Just a friendly reminder that all Vistors/Parents must check in at the office for student safety.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be Monday Nov 4 at 5:30 in the library, all parents/guardians welcome.

Important PAC dates to remember

Nov 12th - Growing Smiles Winter plants due 2:55 pm

Nov 16-17 – **CATALINE CRAFT FAIR**

PAC is looking for volunteers to help with the Craft Fair Nov 16th-17th. If you can help that weekend for a 2-hour shift. Please reach out to Stacey Wilson at catalinepac@hotmail.com

Areas that need volunteers are 50/50, door prize, Loonie auction, set up or take down.

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=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQAABHVCL7wDUTm1cov4rOC1ynfTABSErCLFfswN4HbcQwXrjGUASQjfeVlxveA_aem_imlHOJFMVlw3Q-uglqFfGg using team code **7SYLDR**.

Munch a Lunch

All orders for December lunches are to be completed no later than Nov 22nd @ 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:
Cataline Elementary School P. A.C.

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cataline November 12-14th!
November 13th and 14th are early dismissal days so you can check it out during our parent night!



Parent/Teacher conferences – week of Nov 12th

Parent/Teacher night will be on Nov 13th, please watch for more information from your child's teacher regarding this.

Student of the week

Mrs. Dikur nominated Mallori Russell on October 2nd.
Mrs. Walsh nominated Sadie Wilde on October 8th.
Mr. Wilson nominated Violet Brooks on October 15th.
Ms. Eilers nominated Caleb Westerman on October 20th.
Ms. French nominated Jaxon Llewellyn on October 30th.



Grade 6 News

Gr. 6 Hoodie order forms have been sent home, please return the forms with payment by Friday Nov 8th. Please contact Mrs. Riley if you have any questions or require financial assistance.

The Grade 6 students have 3 Fundraisers coming up to raise money for their end-of-year trip to Vancouver.

1. We will be selling World's Finest Chocolates next week when they arrive.
2. This year the Grade 6 students will be running the concession at the Craft Fair. We are looking for students and parents to help run the concession and the popcorn maker throughout the weekend. We are also looking for parents that can make chili for either Saturday or Sunday. Since this is student and parent led volunteers are needed, please watch for a signup sheet coming home soon.
3. We will have a table at the Cariboo Hobby Con on November 23rd. If any Grade 6 students would like to bake goods or make Christmas crafts to sell, please contact Mr. Wilson. We will need students to run the table as well.

If you have any questions about any of these fundraisers, please contact Mr. Wilson at michael.wilson@sd27.bc.ca.

Interschool Sports

Volleyball is well underway. The season began on Oct 21 and runs until Nov 28. We have 4 teams: Grade 5 boys (Mon), Grade 5 boys (Wed), Grade 6 Boys (Tues), Grade 6 Girls (Thurs). Thank you to Mr. Wilson for helping coach our aspiring volleyball athletes.

Congratulations Cataline cross country runners. We sent over 30 runners for our District Cross country event placing 3rd in the district. It was a fantastic morning, filled with excitement and determination. Thank you to Mrs. Enns, Mr. Armstrong, and coach Tomlinson for preparing are runners.

Archery: Thank you, PAC, for your contribution towards our school's new archery equipment. It has arrived and we are just waiting for the final preparations in the gymnasium. Archery with Ms. Allan will begin shortly. Watch the Cataline Facebook/PAC pages for updates.

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!

Now that it’s colder in the mornings it’s very important that your child comes dressed for the weather. Please make sure your child has adequate winter clothing (warm jacket, snow pants, gloves, and a toque) also pack an extra set of clothing to keep at school as they will be outside in all weather conditions during learning time and during break time. If you need assistance with preparing your child for winter conditions, please contact the school.

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.

School Fees

Just a friendly reminder, if you have not paid your child's school fees please do so as soon as possible. If you need financial assistance with school fees, please contact the office.

Payment can be dropped off at the office anytime or e-transfer cat.finance@sd27.bc.ca. If you choose to e-transfer, please make sure you include your child's name.

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.

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.

Upcoming Field Trips

November 5	Ms. Allan – swimming	10:30-11:30
November 7	Mr. Wilson – swimming	10:30-11:30
November 12	Mr. Wilson – curling	9:30-11:30
November 15	Ms. Allan – curling	9:30-11:30
November 19	Ms. Riley – curling	9:30-11:30
November 27	Ms. Riley – swimming	10:30-11:30
November 29	Mrs. Smith – swimming	10:30-11:30



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



\$2 ADMISSION
Children 12 and under
and Seniors free

Cataline Craft Fair

Saturday, November 16 9-4
Sunday, November 17 9-2

40 Vendors

50/50 and Loonie Auction

Door Prizes

*Concession supporting Grade 6
trip to Vancouver*

Cataline Elementary School
1175 Blair Street, Williams Lake

