



CATALINE ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Cataline!

Welcome to all our returning students and families, and a special welcome to our many new students and families. We are excited to lead your child's learning and look forward to an amazing 2024-2025 school year!

Ms. Riley and I are looking forward to connecting with you throughout the year! – Mr. Benvin

Welcome Back BBQ

We would like to invite all our students and families to our Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday September 26th from 4:00-6:00 to meet your child's school and administration team.

Attendance

School attendance is crucial in a child's development. Students who have the best chance to succeed in school are generally those who attend school on a consistent basis. Regular school attendance is an essential part of the learning process and crucial to graduating from school with a strong foundation for further studies and a successful career.

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

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

School Fees

School fees for 2024/2025 will be \$40.00. This will cover your child's school supplies. Payment can be dropped off at the office or e-transfer cat.finance@sd27.bc.ca. If you choose to e-transfer, please make sure you include your child's name.

Picture Day

Individual student photos will be taken by Right Photography on October 2nd with retakes scheduled for October 29th.

Grade 6 News

Field trip forms for the Grade 6 overnight field trip on Oct 16-18 will be sent home today. Please return the forms to the office as soon as possible.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be Monday Sept 16th at 5:30 in the library, all parents/guardians welcome.

The first fundraiser will be starting shortly, catalogs for Dielman's (DFS) will be sent home with your child. The link for orders is www.shopdfscanada.com please use code 6883 for your orders.

All orders must be in by Oct 21. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to **Cataline PAC** or e-transfer to catalinepac@gmail.com please include your child's name in the notes.

Munch a Lunch

PAC will be offering this program again this year.

All orders are to be completed no later than Friday Sep 20th at 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>

Look for the PAC table at the Welcome back bbq. Our PAC members will be available to help you register for Munch A Lunch and answer any questions you may have about this program.

Please follow us on Facebook:

[Cataline Elementary School P. A.C.](#)

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.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox run is scheduled for the afternoon of Sept 20/24 from 1:30-2:30. To make donations please use the school donation link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/73211> Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us on the route.

Apple Orders

Once again, we have teamed up with the Okanagan fruit growers of the Osoyoos Fruit Market and we are selling 20lb boxes to families as a school fundraiser. Apple order forms have been sent home with your child. Please have all orders with payment to the office no later than Friday Sept 20 at 2:55 pm. Hard copies of the order forms are available in the office. Good news! We now accept e-transfers! (cat.finance@sd27.bc.ca)

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****

Cataline Staff

We would like to welcome the following to our Cataline teaching staff:

Mrs. Marnie Howell will be teaching Grade 1/2

Mrs. Lacyann Tomlinson will be teaching Grade 2/3

Mrs. Virginia Estlin will be teaching Grade 4/5 and prep coverage.

Mrs. Jordan Bamsey will be teaching Grade 1/ 2

Mrs. Rebecca Eilers will be teaching Library & LST

Mr. Wilson will be teaching Grade 5/6

Mrs. Serrano will be teaching Grade 3/4

Mrs. Howell will be teaching Grade 1/2

Mrs. Judd – EA

Mrs. Gentles – EA

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.**

Consent Forms/Student Verification Forms

Just a friendly reminder to return your child's Media Consent, Computer Privacy and Verification forms, and Indigenous support forms as soon as possible so we can update your child's information.

Please remember to update the school on any information changes throughout the school year.

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.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as they will be outside in all weather conditions during learning time and during break time.

Interschool Sports

We are excited for the upcoming interschool sports season for intermediate students. More information will be coming as we prepare for the season. Cross country training begins next week. Our first event will be the annual district cross country run – **Friday, October 11th at Boitano Park**

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. **Strong Start starts: Tuesday Sept 24th.**

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.

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 Rotary for this support.

From the Orange Shirt Society –

We are thrilled to announce the 2nd Annual Every Child Matters Hockey Game is coming to Kamloops, BC on **Saturday September 21, 2024!** After an incredibly successful inaugural event in Williams Lake last year, we are excited to bring even more engaging activities and powerful moments to the community.

This event is more than just a gathering – it's a movement. It's a unique opportunity for families, friends, and communities to come together in spirit of unity and healing.

Please see attached poster for more details.

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.

Informal conferences to discuss student progress are held between November 13 & 14. More information about these conferences will come home at a later date.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20 – Terry Fox Run 1:30 – 2:30

September 23 – Pro D – students do not attend.

September 24 – First day of Strong Start

September 26 – Welcome Back BBQ 4:00 – 6:00

September 27 – Orange Shirt Day to recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day

September 30 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School

October 2 – Individual school photos

October 11 – District Cross country meet (Grade 3-6)

October 14 – Thanksgiving – no school

October 16-18 - Grade 6 Gavin Lake overnight Trip

October 21 – Interschool sports – Volleyball begins

October 25 – Pro D – students do not attend.

October 29 – Photo retakes

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



**SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
KAMLOOPS, B.C.**

JOIN US FOR THE 2nd ANNUAL EVERY CHILD MATTERS HOCKEY GAME!

EVENT BRIEFING

The inaugural event was held in Williams Lake in 2023 to encourage awareness and action for truth and reconciliation through sport. This family-oriented, catalyst event brought together residential school survivors, band and community officials, indigenous and non-indigenous spectators, and an array of sporting celebrities under one roof to cheer as one watching a celebrity-style hockey game between ex-NHL/WHL/elite players and an esteemed Orange Jersey Project team.

The expanded 2024 event will include a pancake breakfast, community powwow, bouncy castles, autograph signing (featuring Phyllis (Jack) Webstad – founder of the Orange Shirt Society), an action-packed evening hockey game, and energizing indigenous entertainment (featuring Jordan Hart, Susan Aglukark, and a not to be missed performance by Halluci Nation).

Truth and reconciliation can be achieved through dialogue, interaction, and education. Our mission is to create awareness of the intergenerational impacts of Indian Residential Schools.

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

- 9am Community Pancake Breakfast
- 10am Public Powwow/Children's Bouncy Castles/Face Painter/Food Trucks
- 1pm Autograph Session (featuring Phyllis (Jack) Webstad)
- 2pm Public Skate
- 6pm Hockey Game (ticketed portion of event)

Note: Community Pancake Breakfast, Powwow, Children's Bouncy Castles, Face Painter, and Autograph Sessions are all free of charge and do not require pre-registration. First come, first served while supplies last. Public skate is also free of charge, however, will be first come first served until max capacity is reached.

TICKETS

Tickets are ONLY \$15* each and will launch online via Ticketmaster on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 10am.

**plus GST and processing fee.*

Note: Please note this is a family-friendly event and will be alcohol/drug free. No sales/consumption of either will be permitted.

We invite you to join us and to help spread the word on our event as we honour the legacy of indigenous children and support the healing journey towards truth and reconciliation through sport, music, and unity!

ESTABLISHING A ROUTINE TO HELP GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME

- ▶ Give yourself and children enough time to get ready. No TV on school mornings can help.
- ▶ Provide students their own alarm. Teaching kids to set and use their own alarm can help them learn responsibility for their own personal practices.
- ▶ Try setting the alarm 30 minutes earlier for students who need more time to get ready for school.
- ▶ Plan ahead the night before, such as: identifying and pre-prepping breakfast, having kids choose their clothes and shoes the night before, and packing backpacks with completed homework and snacks/water.
- ▶ Set a regular bedtime schedule. Age should be a consideration in making decisions.
- ▶ Get proper rest and go to bed early yourself. Your health and well-being are important, too.
- ▶ Have your child go to bed 10 minutes earlier and get up 10 minutes earlier.
- ▶ Have kids bathe or shower in the evening.
- ▶ Help your child relax before bedtime with a story, instead of the stimulation of television.
- ▶ Have schoolwork and lunch ready and laid out, ready to go. Create a special folder for completed assignments.
- ▶ Provide regular study times and a quiet, clean area for doing homework so your children don't avoid school because their assignments are not complete.
- ▶ Have your child walk to school or the bus stop with another child who is always on time.
- ▶ Limit / balance extra-curricular activities.
- ▶ Have a back-up plan for cold weather and organize cold weather gear the night before.



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Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)

Fair Notice for Students and Parents
Cariboo-Chilcotin School District No. 27

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. This notice provides some information for students, parents and guardians about the approach to responding to potential threats.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or made by gesture.

Duty to report:

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat related behaviour to the school principal.

How to Report:

Members of the school community may contact the school office and ask to speak to the principal directly to report or make an online report through the [eRASE](#) link featured on the district and school websites.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

- To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others.

- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand the factors contributing to the person of concern's (threat-maker's) behaviour.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern.

- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others ("clear, direct, and plausible")

- Threats made via social media to harm, kill, or cause serious property damage
- Serious violence or violence with intent to harm and kill
- Indicators of suicidal ideation as it relates to fluidity (homicidal/suicidal)

- Weapon possession (including replicas)

- Bomb threats (or possession/detonation of devices)

- Hate incidents motivated by factors including, but not limited to: race, culture, religion, and/or sexual orientation
- Sexual intimidation, sextortion, extortion or assault
- Domestic, interpersonal, relational violence
- Gang-related intimidation and violence
- Fire setting (contextual)

Collection Notice:

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online sources is only collected from open-source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a threat exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.