



Canalta Elementary School



FRIDAY NOTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

We respectfully acknowledge that our school resides in Treaty 8 territory in which we live, work, learn and play.

Dates to Remember

September 25th – Terry Fox Run

September 29th – Orange Shirt day

September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, school not in session

October 7th – School Photos

October 12th – Thanksgiving, school not in session

October 23rd – Non-Instructional Days, student do not attend

October 28th – Photo Re-takes

School Supply Fees

Fees are \$40 per child and payable by cash, cheque or e-transfer to canalta@sd59.bc.ca

Please have your child's first and last name in the subject/message line and that the e-transfer is for school fees.

Class Configurations

Due to class size and configuration and as students move in and out of our building, please be advised that final class placements may be subject to change until September 30th.

Student Accident Insurance

Watch for pamphlets to come home with more information.

Student Pick Up and Drop Off IMPORTANT

Our parking lot is very congested at the end of the day. Please follow the posted signs and leave down the one-way alley not the street at the front of the school. This helps eliminate some of the congestion.

Please do not park on the sidewalk, block driveways or park in front of fire hydrants.

Thank you for slowing down, following the posted signs and keeping our students safe.

Inside Shoes

All students need non-marking, designated clean inside shoes. They will be asked to remove their outside shoes when they enter the school.

Walking Home

As the school year starts and students are walking home, please review your routine with them. If they are new to walking home, have they practiced walking the route with you? Is there a plan if no one is home?

For those who pick up their students, do they know what to do if you are late?

All students are asked to head home at the dismissal bell.



Signing In At The Office

All visitors/parents to the school must report to the office. If students are late they will need to sign in with Mrs. Hilderman *in the* office. If students are leaving early, they must sign out in the office. Parents should initial sign out time.

If you are picking up your child, Mrs. Hilderman will call them to the office. If you are dropping off items, your child will be called to the office to pick them up.

Please come into the office when you are picking up your child as Mrs. Hilderman is learning new names and faces. Thank you for your help!

Important - If You Are Away

If your child is going to be away, please email the office at Canalta@sd59.bc.ca or leave a phone message at 250-782-8403 so we can update our attendance. Please leave your child's first and last name when emailing or leaving messages. Remember, if your child is a bus student let both the office and the bus garage know you are not riding.

Disposable Cutlery & Cups

Please send cutlery (fork/spoon) in your child's lunch if they need one and a non-metal water bottle with their name on it. Disposable cups and disposable cutlery are not available this year.

Package of Permission Forms

A package of permission forms will be coming home for you to sign. Please ensure they are returned by Tuesday September 15th. If you are a new student, this year and have filled in the package please do not do a second copy. Please confirm with the office that they have been received.

Inside shoes

To help keep our school clean, all students need to have designated inside shoes that have non-marking soles. If you need inside shoes, please let the office know as we may have some available.

Please make sure names are on all personal items.

Toys and Special Personal Items

Please do not send toys, trading cards or special personal items to school. Items that are lost, stolen or broken are not the responsibility of the school.

Volunteers

We are always happy to welcome volunteers to help in classes, on field trips, with sports events or with a variety of activities around the school. All volunteers for school events must have a current approved Police Information Check on file with the board office and have completed an annual meeting with the principal to go over and sign the district Volunteer agreement. Watch for more information to come this month! We are a nut and scent aware school. Please do not wear scented products when volunteering or visiting the school.

Dress For The Weather

We go outside in all types of weather. Please be prepared for rain and wind and dress appropriately. We do not have inside supervision on outside days.



Newsletters

Newsletters are sent home on Friday by email and are posted on the school website. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please let the office know at Canalta@sd59.bc.ca or leave a message at 250-782-8403.

Arrival and Dismissal

Teachers meet their classes at their outside lineups in the morning and will be dismissing their classes outside from the line ups.

Allergies – Epi Pens

If your child has severe allergies that require an Epi pen, please contact the office to complete a medical form.
*Note: At this time of year the wasps can be very active on our playground.

PAC Information

(Parent Advisory Council)

Check out the PAC Facebook page at
Canalta PAC and Hotlunch.

The PAC is looking for committee members and volunteers for the Winter Market and Hot Lunch.

**Please contact the PAC at
canalta.pac@gmail.com**

Watch for an email with the first meeting date.



Bussing Information

Students riding the bus have a pass they need to scan when they get on the bus.

If your child is not riding the bus, please let the school office and the bus garage know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch is scheduled to start in mid-October if the PAC has enough volunteers.

Taking Medication at School

Any medication taken at school including inhalers, Advil/Tylenol, allergy medications and prescription medications require a signed form. Please check with the office to update or complete the required form.

Help Keep Everyone Healthy!

If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.

Should they become sick at school, you will be contacted to pick them up.



CANALTA IS
NUT & SCENT
AWARE



Head Lice

Please be aware it is that time of year. Please do regular checks.

DOGS



For the safety of our students and your pets, dogs are not allowed on school property during regular school hours.



School Communications

To help keep everyone informed of what is happening in the school and with upcoming events, we post information on our school website.

We post a weekly newsletter "Friday Notes" on the school website each Friday afternoon as well as email it to parents. If you do not receive the email, please contact the office to ensure you have a current email address on file. Please do not reply to the newsletter. If you have questions etc., please email

Canalta@sd59.bc.ca

The newsletter lists upcoming important dates, what is happening the following week in the school and other informational pieces.