Canalta Elementary School

FRIDAY NOTES: OCTOBER 30 , 2026

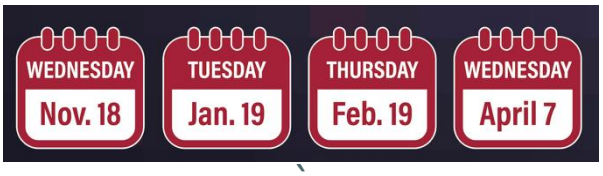
We respectfully acknowledge that our school resides in Treaty 8 territory in which we live, work, learn and play.

Dates to Remember

- November 4th – PAC Meeting
- November 11th – Remembrance Day, school not in session
- November 18th & 19th – Early Dismissal Days, students dismissed at 1:41 p.m.
- November 30th -Non-Instructional Day, students do not attend

"Parenting in the Online World" Webinar

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Morning Supervision Starts at 8:30 a.m.

For their safety, please do not have your child(ren) arrive before 8:30 a.m. as we often have moose and deer around the school or in the parking lot.
Please remind your children of what to do should they encounter a wild animal when walking to and from school.



IMPORTANT

To reduce distractions to classes and for safety reasons, ALL adults need to sign in at the office when coming to the school between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:45 p.m.

When you arrive at the school after the 9:00 am bell, ALL parents and students need to stop at the office to sign students in and so Mrs. Hilderman knows who is in the building.

If you are picking up your child early, please see Mrs. Hilderman and she will get your child. If you know in advance you are coming early, please call her at 250-782-8403 and she can have your child waiting at the office.

Thank you for your help with reducing interruptions to classes and for helping the office know who is in our building during the school day.



Halloween Candy, Energy Drinks and Pop

Please keep extra treats for home. Students are asked to limit their treats in their lunches to one per day.

Extra treats, pop and energy drinks will be put away and sent home at the end of the day.

IMPORTANT: We have staff and students with severe nut allergies. Please do not send products containing nuts to school. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe!

School Fees are Due by October 31st, 2026!

Fees are $40 per child and can be sent to: canalta@sd59.bc.ca
Please include the following in the heading:
"Fees for child's/children's first & last name, & the teacher's name.
EG.: Fees for Mickey Mouse, Teacher: Mr. Disney
Cash and cheques (made out to Canalta Elementary) can also be sent to school. Please make sure they are in a baggie or envelope and labelled with your child's first and last name.
Thank you to everyone who has sent them in!

Outside Gear

Our playground can be cold and windy. Please ensure students bring proper gear for the changing weather. There is no inside supervision on outside days. We go outside to -20 Celsius.



Head Lice

It is that time of year again. Please check your child's hair and remind them not to share hats, or brushes.

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

The next PAC meeting is November 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the staffroom.

SignUpGenius®

The PAC is looking for help with activities, hot lunch and events they are planning. If you can volunteer for one or two activities a year, it makes a difference. Check out the flyer that came home this week.

Sign Up Genius Is Open
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA9AE2BAAFEC25-66083797-fall



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

MunchaLunch

Hot Lunch is Ready
Munchalunch is Open!

The Munchalunch link is on the school website main page.
Remember to submit your payment on time to ensure your child receives a lunch.

Volunteers

Just a reminder to everyone as events are starting to happen in the school. All volunteers need to have an approved Police Information Check on file with the school district and have met with Mrs. Sutherland to complete a Volunteer Agreement form. Volunteer approval needs to be completed for all volunteers to help on field trips. With class special activities and helping PAC activities in the school including hot lunch.

As a reminder, please review the following with your child so they are clear on the expectations regarding cell phones and all digital devices while at school.

Personal Digital Devices including Cell Phone Use:

To align with policy 4370 effective as of July 1, 2024

Cell phones and electronic devices have become an increasing issue over the last few years – both as a distraction to the learning in the classroom and as an issue on the school yard. Technology is a wonderful tool but when misused, it can put your child in danger or cause difficulties for other children (cyberbullying). The laptops and Ipads we use in the school have high-risk sites blocked and we are able to monitor what students have access to.

It is not possible to do that with cell phones and other electronic devices. The district has amended the policy to help students learn, to keep them safe and to align with the provincial mandate. As of July 1, 2024, personal digital devices (including but not limited to: cell phones, smartphones, tablets, computers, smartwatches, Meta glasses and portable video game systems) will not be permitted at any time during the school day. This is from the arrival on school property to student departure from school property.

If parents feel they want their child to have access to their cell phone before arriving on school property and after leaving school property, cell phones may be brought to school and left turned off in the student's backpack once they are on school property, and not on their person during school hours.

The security and storage of personal devices is the sole responsibility of the owner, and the school assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair, or replacement of such devices.

Parents and caregivers needing to leave important messages for their child during the school day can do so by contacting the school office.

Students are not permitted to take photos/videos etc. or post photos video's etc. taken in the school, on the playground or of classmates. Should students not follow the cell phone policy, the following may occur.

<u>Consequences may include but not be limited to:</u>

Level 1: Should students have their phone or digital devices out of their backpacks, the first time they will receive a warning, review the expectations and the device will be kept with the teacher until the end of the day.

Level 2: Should it happen again, the phone will be sent to the office, and parents will be contacted to pick up the student's phone/device.

Level 3/4: Should chronic issues occur, they will be addressed individually, and a plan will be put in place with administration.

Note: *Students not leaving their cell phones in their backpacks, taking pictures, recording and/or posting images or content taken while at school, will be required to sign their phones in and out at the office daily.*