



Caudle Park Elementary

Newsletter 2025

Principal's Message

It was exciting to see returning and new students start a fresh new year! We have been busy establishing routines especially with the new **Safe Schools Strategy** now in place. September is the time that schools practice various safety drills and some will be sporadically practiced throughout the school year. Drills like Lockdown and Hold and Secure sometimes heighten students' awareness of community safety. We spend time assuring students that these practices are in place for so many reasons such as construction, an animal on grounds or to support a schoolmate in need. Drills help us know what to do to maintain safety for everyone.

Safe Schools

Last year the NS government introduced the Safe School Strategy to build consistency in schools across the province. There are many layers to the safe schools strategy such as Emergency Protocols, the new School Code of Conduct, as well as a School Matrix and Classroom Routines that promote positive, proactive strategies to build expected behaviors in the learning space. You can find the matrix on the last page of the Parent/Guardian Handbook. Each month we will highlight a section of our Strategy:

Last April we developed a school vision statement with consultation from the SAC committee as well as students during a town hall meeting.

To build a brighter future in a safe, respectful, and inclusive school where students, staff, and families work together in a collaborative and consistent environment. We are energized by learning, guided by structure, and committed to accountability and care for every child.

Staff work with students in all areas of the school to develop positive expected behaviors and to promote a problem solving approach for our wellbeing.

Parents are reminded to enter the school ONLY through the main office.

Grade 3-5 Woods

Due to supervision concerns, we will be closing the Grade 3-5 wooded area for the time being.

Toys

We ask that families keep all toys at home. Classes have fidgets and bins of activities for non academic times. Often toys become a distraction and go missing. There is an exception for classroom reward days.

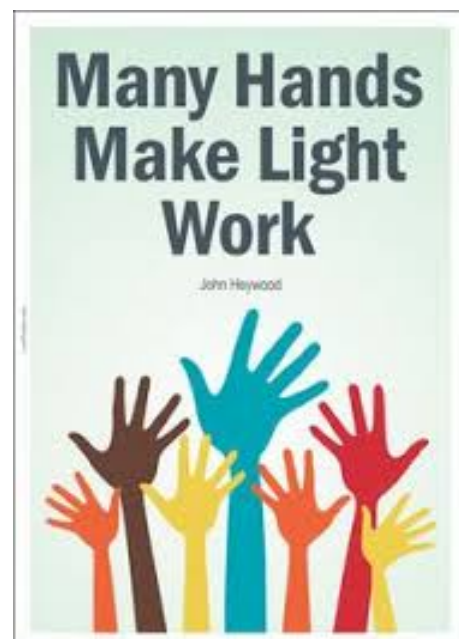
Breakfast Program

We are having high traffic at the breakfast cart each morning, which is to be expected at the beginning of the year. We are asking parents to review that the cart is available for students who are hungry and in need of food. Many students stop by to pick up a snack to supplement the breakfast they already had. They may need a reminder from home to consider others in need.

PTA

We are grateful to have a dedicated team to support our school community! If you have some extra time and energy to assist with fundraising, we will be looking for support for annual events. H. The PTA meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 7pm.**

Fundraiser	Month
DFS Catalogs	October 6-23
Halloween Dance	October 23
Christmas Store	December 17 (Collect and sort)



Winter Dance	February 13
Spring Fair	June 5/6

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Our SAC also meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 6pm** in the staff room. The Caudle Park School Advisory Council are responsible for:

- providing a voice in decision-making.
- working in collaboration with the principal and participating in efforts to improve student achievement and student and community well-being by receiving information on the school improvement plan and monitoring progress and improvements under the plan, assisting in developing policies that promote student achievement and safe and inclusive schools, and developing strategies to improve and support the extracurricular programs and special projects of the school
- maintaining effective communication with parents/guardians by holding regular public meetings and making copies of agendas/ minutes available upon request.
- advising the principal and staff on any matters that are referred to the school advisory council by the principal, the Regional Center or the Minister in accordance with the terms of the school advisory council agreement, determining priorities for spending the funds allocated to support the mandate of the school advisory council,
- advising the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or the Provincial Advisory Council on policy and other educational matters.

Mad Science



We will be offering Mad Science again this year during the noon hour. Mad science is a fun hour of science hands on explorations and experiments. The sessions will be running consecutively this year on Wednesday or Thursdays, depending

The link to the Parent / Guardian Handbook is [here](#).