

Catamount School News

February 15th, 2018

From The Principal's Desk

Parents,

I hope you're doing well. It took us a while, but we just passed our 100th day of school! As we've said all along, there are ups & downs and bumps & bruises in starting a new endeavor such as this. I'm so grateful to have such a great group of teachers, interns, students, and parents to help us along the way. We are moving closer to spring and a little more predictable weather. It's a nice feeling.

You'll be hearing announcements and ads soon regarding our 2018-19 enrollment window. It will start March 1st. We will be doing multiple information forums. More details to come next week. If you are currently enrolled in the Catamount School. You do NOT need to reapply.

Our new dismissal time has gone fairly smoothly, and we all appreciate your support with that.

I will do a One Call Now, but I do want to remind you that we will have a parent group meeting on Monday the 19th at the Catamount School (6 PM) in order to vote in a new treasurer and to possibly join the NC PTA. Joining the PTA will provide a support system for the parents group as they navigate obtaining non-profit status for fundraising. I have attached a flyer to this email regarding the Catamount Parent Group's March 17th Yard Sale fundraiser at Lifeway Church.

I hope you have a great day!

-Bob Dinsdale

From Our Catamount Parent Group

- *We will have a Parent Group Meeting on February 19th to vote for a treasurer and a vote to join the PTA. The Catamount School is currently blocked from doing traditional fund-raising due to legislation connected to the University. Joining the NC PTA will allow for flexibility in starting a bank account for the parent group and doing fund raising through the parent group.*
- Regular Parent Group meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting is March 1st. Email your grade level rep for more information.
- Please, email Melissa McCoy at mm251320@gmail.com with how you would like to volunteer and your availability.

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8th Grade Rep- Paula Fox: pfox@jcpsmail.org

7th Grade Parent Rep- Sonja Neal: neal_sonja@yahoo.com

6th Grade Parent Rep- Liz Wike: lizwike81@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator- Melissa McCoy: mm251320@gmail.com

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President- Heather Pendry

It's been quite the cold/flu season. We would appreciate any donations of wipes!

Scientists At Work!



Social Studies

6th grade has begun their exploration of Ancient Rome! We are learning about their government structures, achievements and society!

7th grade is wrapping up their WWII studies, culminating in mastery assignments and projects due next Wednesday.

8th grade is working on mastery writing assignments on the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Math

Starting Friday February 16th, all students should have a login for "Imagine Learning" Math. I'm hopeful that students can spend 1-2 hours a week on this resource at home to reinforce skills that are in their curriculum and can support what they are learning in school. If you'd like to plan out something more specific, please reach out to me.

ELA

6th is writing their own myths featuring a Greek god/goddess of their choosing.

7th is doing their literature circles with their Holocaust novels.

8th is writing a research paper related to Fever 1793.

We are accepting book donations for our class library. If you have books suitable for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, then just bring them to Ms. Poteat.

E-Books and E-audiobooks!

Our friends at the Fontana Library have worked to give all of our student access to EBooks and Eaudiobooks through their web site.

The link is <https://e-inc.overdrive.com/e-inc-fontana/content>

Students need to initially select their library (Fontana Library) and use their PowerSchool numbers as their "library card number." Use do need to have the Overdrive app installed. It's free.

Yearbook

\$30

Preorder via our online payment site for our yearbook is <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>
We will also take cash and checks (payable to WCU)
Yearbooks will arrive in the spring.

Ingles and Box Tops

Our school is on the Ingles Tools for Schools list. You just need to go to <https://ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools-link> and register. Also, we are accepting box tops and you can send those in to your child's homeroom teacher. Both of these programs help to provide money and resources for the school.

Upcoming Schedule

February 19th- Parent meeting @ 6:00 (Purpose- to vote to join the PTA)

February 27th- 6th Grade Trip to PARI in Rosman

March 17th – Catamount Parent Group Yard Sale (see flyer)

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Web Page-

<https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/ceap/catamount-school/>

Parent Portal Web Site-

<https://wculabschool.powerschool.com/public/home.html>