

# Catamount School News

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## From The Principal's Desk

Parents,

I hope you're doing well. We have got a lot of great things going on! At the regional science fair held today, our own Riley Suitt won the Dr. Bryan Woosley Award for her science fair project!!

**Starting Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, Catamount students will be released at 3:15 for the car rider line and bus lot. Adding 15 minutes to our instructional time will allow us to not have to make up the snow days. Please be aware that if we miss more days, there is a chance that days in April and Spring Break in March may be affected. I will let you know if we get to that point.

All of Catamount School is spending some time in advisory exploring the concept of mindfulness and self regulation. Specifically, we are working on identifying and exploring "struggle strategies" that can help us when we get stuck on things academically. We are also trying to emphasize strategies to help manage our stress through mindfulness exercises that include reflection, managing our thoughts, and breathing. Students are also using their planners to keep track of work/projects. Feel free to ask them about it!

I hope you have a great day!

-Bob Dinsdale

## From Our Catamount Parent Group

- *We will have a Parent Group Meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. The next meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Email your grade level rep for more information.
- Please, email Melissa McCoy at [mm251320@gmail.com](mailto:mm251320@gmail.com) with how you would like to volunteer and your availability.

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## Math

Sixth graders are working on fraction concepts so that they can develop an algorithm for division of fractions. Seventh and Eighth grade continue to develop their understanding of equality with the use of creating and solving equations of varying complexity. Math one continues to explore exponential and quadratic functions. All students will be getting login information for our new progress monitoring system, Imagine Learning that can be utilized at home to practice skills and concepts.

## **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.

## Science

Science has been busy! The six finalists competed at WCU today with the support of the whole school.

The eighth grade has started a revitalization project for the outdoor classroom, and the worm composting program is starting this week to start the sixth grade garden project. Seventh grade starts human body systems next week.



## ELA

6th grade is continuing to work on mythology and will write their own myths at the end of this week.

7th grade started their Holocaust novel literature circles with the novels Night, The Devil's Arithmetic, and Number the Stars.

8th grade continues to work with the novel Fever 1793.

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

## **Enrichment**

Art classes this week have included the final stage of our mosaic project; students learned to grout and cement their tiled designs. We also begin exploring patterns and printmaking.

Music classes continue, students are exploring different genres in music appreciation, as well as using visual art and technology to understand rhythm, notation, and sound waves.

Electives News-

\*Theatre Arts: Students began initial readings of "Hoodie," the play they will produce this spring. Casting and rehearsals to begin next week during electives!

\*Team Sports: Students are enjoying and learning basketball skills and games with Ms. Poteat and Ms. Swanger.



## 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.

## NC Check-Ins

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the NC Check-in for math and our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the NC Check-in for ELA. These benchmark exams mirror the EOGs and give us data on how students are progressing. They are online and students need a charged laptop ready to go that morning.

There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> NC Checkin done in early April. EOGs will be the last two weeks of school.

# Upcoming Schedule

**February 12<sup>th</sup>- Catamount School switches to a 3:15 release**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>- Parent meeting @ 6:00 (Purpose- to vote to join the PTA)**

**February 27<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to PARI in Rosman**

## 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.

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