

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mission Statement

Castlebay Lane is a suburban elementary school dedicated, through its curriculum programs and educational opportunities, to educate, challenge, and inspire our students to reach their full potential. This is accomplished through our unique community-based partnership.

***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*** – Victoria Littlejohn

Dear Castlebay Families-

November is National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month which honors the heritage of our continent's first inhabitants. What better way to honor them than to talk with our children about taking care of our earth? This week we will begin the conversation with our students about the importance of recycling. I hope you will continue these teachings at home by reducing, reusing, and recycling. We also want to teach our students about the responsibility they have in keeping their school and community clean. "That's not my trash" is not a reason to step over a piece of paper or a discarded bottle, and keep walking. Thank you for reinforcing these ideas.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you of my number one priority at Castlebay: To keep your children safe! Not everyone likes change, but in times of frustration, please remember the reasons for change are to make things better. We now lock our ramp gates to keep children out of the parking lot where they might not be seen by drivers. We should have a ramp at the school entrance within the next couple of weeks. We have put a key pad on our YMCA gate to prevent students from playing on the yard unsupervised (some were arriving as early as 6:45 am). If students get hurt before any staff arrives on campus, there would be no one to help them. All gates are now shut at 8:25 am so our campus remains secure. Please don't look for ways around our new policies- we need you to work with us.

As always, I thank you for all you do for our amazing school. I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want you to know how thankful I am to be a part of such an incredible place, and how especially thankful I am to be surrounded by parents and community members who continue to go above and beyond, for the good of our students. Your hard work never goes unnoticed.

### **EMERGENCY AND DISASTER CARDS**

It is very important that you notify the school office when there is **any** change of information on the emergency and disaster cards. Go to <http://castlebaylane.com/emergency> for the forms.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 11/5 Family Fun Day - 11:00 - 4:00 p.m
- 11/6 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 11/7 Patriotic Assembly - 8:30 a.m
- 11/11 Veterans Day - **No School**
- 11/14 PATH meeting 8:30 a.m
- 11/14 Consolidated Council Meeting - 2:50 p.m
- 11/14-11/18 Book Fair
- 11/18 Coffee with the Principal - 8:30 a.m/MPR
- 11/24 - 25 Thanksgiving Holiday - **No School**
- 11/30 ELAC Meeting - 8:30 a.m

### **THIS AND THAT**

Every six months, specially trained personnel will visit our school to check the condition of any asbestos-containing building material. A copy of the inspector's written report will be included in the school's Asbestos Management Plan. Minor asbestos abatement work may be performed due to normal maintenance activities during the coming year. Any large scale abatement, if such occurs, will be preceded by a specific notice at that time.

### **RECYCLING**

We are teaching our students what goes into the blue recycling bins at school and at home:

Clean Paper

Clean Plastic

Clean Metal

Clean Glass

Clean Cardboard

Clean Styrofoam (Styrofoam plates, cups and trays, packing materials, foam, etc.)

Aseptic Containers (Milk containers, juice containers, soy milk containers, containers made from a combination of paper, wax and plastic)

Please avoid contamination (No food, liquid of any kind, oil, oily or dirty paper, etc.)

\*All flyers regarding non-school and community activities are available in the school office.