

# Silver Creek Elementary Seamless Day Before & After School Child Care Program



Dear Silver Creek Elementary School Families,

We are pleased to announce that the Silver Creek Seamless Day Before & After School Child Care Program, offered by School District No. 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap, is now open!

The Seamless Day initiative is a unique program that provides before and/or after school care for Kindergarten students and other school-aged students, as space allows. Students connect with familiar educators throughout the day, which allows the educators to better meet the needs of the children and expand on their interests, curiosities, and wonders. The team of educators includes one classroom teacher and two Early Childhood Educators (ECEs).

## The SD83 Seamless Day Team:



**Debbie Sprieszl - Morning ECE**

Debbie has been an early childhood educator for 37 years and has always loved working with children. Her experience includes daycare, preschool, parent-child playgroups, StrongStart, and most recently Child Care Resource and Referral. Debbie has lived in the White Lake area for 27 years and enjoys kayaking and hiking the beautiful trails in the Shuswap. She is very excited to be a part of the Silver Creek team and the Seamless Day program.



**Sally McLean - Afternoon ECE**

After teaching and learning with many different people from kindergarten children to adults, and in many different places (the UK, Vancouver, Coquitlam, Northern Alberta, Edmonton and Nakusp), Sally left K-12 teaching in 2019 to train as an Early Childhood Educator. After completing her training, she moved to Salmon Arm, where she has been teaching preschool for the past year. Sally loves exploring, discovering, and creating together with children. Her interests include math, science, the outdoors, music, art, and really good stories.

**Katherine Ralston** - Kindergarten/Grade One Teacher, Silver Creek Elementary School

**Jennifer Findlay** - District Principal, Early Learning

**Kirsten Mazur** - Principal, Silver Creek Elementary School

**Lori Webster** - Secretary, Silver Creek Elementary School

**Joseph Wood** - Custodian, Silver Creek Elementary School

Below is some information about the Silver Creek Seamless Day Before & After School Child Care Program, as well as a link to indicate your interest in this program:

### **HOURS & DAYS OF OPERATION**

Before School Care begins at 7:00am. Students will be released to class at 7:57am.

<b>7:00am to 7:55am</b>	Welcome/open breakfast; indoor/outdoor exploration
<b>7:57am</b>	Students report to home room

After School Care starts at the end of the school day at 2:04pm and goes until 5:30pm.

<b>2:04pm to 3:10pm</b>	Welcome; indoor/outdoor exploration
<b>3:10pm to 3:30pm</b>	Snack time (snack provided by family)
<b>3:30pm to 5:15pm</b>	Indoor/outdoor exploration
<b>5:15pm to 5:30pm</b>	Clean-up and preparation for home time

**Silver Creek Seamless Day Before & After School Child Care Program will be open on all Early Dismissal Days and Professional Development Days but closed on all statutory holidays and school holidays.**

### **ENROLLMENT**

At this time, we have space for 12 children and priority will be given to children in Kindergarten. As space allows, siblings of Kindergarten students and children in Grade 1 to 3 will be eligible.

### **REGISTRATION**

Once the registration package has been received and is confirmed as complete, we will fill spaces based on the priority order for Seamless Day (full-time spots get priority over part-time spots):

1. Kindergarten students
2. Siblings of Kindergarten students
3. Grade One students
4. Siblings of Grade One students
5. Grade Two students
6. Siblings of Grade Two students
7. Grade Three students
8. Siblings of Grade Three students

## FEES AND PAYMENT

Demands for space may exceed our capacity. Once you receive confirmation from the Program Manager, you will be issued an invoice for payment:

1. Payments can be made to [scr@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:scr@sd83.bc.ca) via e-transfer or by cheque by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
2. Please indicate in the e-transfer descriptor: "Child's Name - Month - Seamless Day"

	Monthly Full-Time Fee	Part-Time Fee
Before School Care	\$50.00	N/A
After School Care	\$250.00	\$12.50/day
Before & After School Care	\$300.00	N/A

\*please note that fees will be pro-rated in March, as the program will be closed during Spring Break

## AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE BENEFIT (ACCB)

Affordable Child Care benefit (ACCB), administered by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, is a monthly payment that helps eligible families in BC with the costs of child care. Families fill out an application and provide supporting documentation to apply. Once the family is approved and authorization is established, the provider receives an authorization number and billing forms.

Child care cannot start until authorization and billing forms are received, unless the parent/caregiver agrees to pay the regular fee. Silver Creek Seamless Day Before & After School Child Care Program Staff are available to support parents with this application process.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

If you are interested in registering your child for this program, please complete this brief survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6zS9m2ETV4>

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Findlay, SD83 District Principal - Early Learning, at [jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca).