



SILVER CREEK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #2

October 2024

This start-up has been very busy and fast paced, but we're off to a great start to the year. I'd like to thank our staff for all their hard work and caring dedication during our start up this year.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. I'd like to invite all parents, both our veterans as well as the rookies, to join us for our next meeting on October 8th at 7:00pm.



School Pictures

School pictures are scheduled for Thursday, October 10th. On this date we will be doing both individual and class pictures.



Shoe Reminder

In what appears to be a sharp contrast to the awesome weather we have been enjoying, we do anticipate having some wet-weather days this fall and would like to remind students and their parents that they need to have both inside and outside shoes.



Office Phone

Please remember that the phone in the office is for emergency calls only, not for making after school arrangements. After school arrangements are to be made the day before.

Arrive Safe Program

The Arrive Safe program ensures the safety of our students. If your child is not going to be at school or will be late, please call the school before 8:00 to let us know. At 8:15, Ms. Lori will check attendance and phone the homes of any students unaccounted for. Thank you.

School FEES

School fees are now due. Please e-transfer to scr@sd83.bc.ca or send a cheque' School fees are \$75.

This covers supplies and activity fees for each student child. Please see the form sent home. If you are unable to pay these fees, please contact Principal Ellis. rellis@sd83.bc.ca Assistance is confidential and arranged through the principal **using the Student & Family Affordability Funds** (explained below)



Student & Family Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education and Child Care announced that we will continue to maintain access to the funding provided to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns during the 2024/25 school year. At the school level, this allows individual schools to help families with school fees, special events fees, school supplies, and food when needed. We have provided several families with support in these areas.



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Family - Teacher Conferences

Student-Teacher-Family Conferences play an important role in establishing student learning goals for the year. **This year, Student-Teacher-Family Conferences will take place on October 17th, 2024**, at all Elementary and Middle Schools in SD83.

The conferences serve as an informal learning update (previously an "interim report") and provides an opportunity for students, teachers, and families to collaboratively engage in strength-based conversations around a student growth plan that focuses on student strengths, student goal(s), growth, and progress.

The process of the development of meaningful goals for student growth is guided by the teacher. This may be done with preparation before the conference and reviewing the goal(s) together during the conference or discussing and completing the goal development at the conference.

Students will not be in attendance this day, except during their scheduled conference time.



We are using W.I.T.S. as a strategy for solving problems. This is a powerful tool. Proven to be effective and flexible to implement, WITS is incorporated into our curriculum. The program is literacy-based using stories that align with Social Emotional Learning themes.

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What happens if a child makes a mistake?

The child comes to the office to sort out the problem and will fill out a reflection sheet, which will be sent home to parents. The office time and the reflection sheet are a chance for us to conference and talk about the positive choices your child is making and as well discuss the areas for improvement. This reflection sheet will show the problem, how your child tried to solve it and suggestions for the future. **Depending on the problem, other consequences may occur, and parents will be informed.**



Parking Lot Pickup

We are reminding parents to pick up their child inside the gate so staff can supervise and monitor the movement of children as they leave the school property. We will remind students to wait at the gate entrance and let the supervisor know before they leave the school grounds. Thank you for helping keep our students safe!



Criminal Record Checks/Driver Info

Volunteers who work one on one with our students or who drive other students will need to have a criminal record check completed. This is online and can be accessed by an online link that we will provide you with along with a secure password. Your criminal record check is good for five years. If you would like to be a volunteer driver, please contact the office for more information.

Allergies and Medication

If your child has a severe allergy, please let the office staff and your child's teacher know immediately. An epi-pen or other medication needs to be provided for the school and a **Request for Administration of Medical/Emergency Treatment of Anaphylaxis form** needs to be filled out by your child's physician and signed by you. Both forms can be picked up at the office.



PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th at the school starting at 7:00 pm. Valley Direct will be our first fundraiser. Order forms will be coming out in early October, so keep your eyes on the PAC Facebook page for more information.



Volunteer Readers Needed

Are you available for 60 minutes once or twice a week to help our students? We need volunteer adults to read with our students. Every session helps our students gain the decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills necessary to thrive in a world that demands literacy at every turn. Please consider joining us! Contact Mr. Ellis at rellis@sd83.bc.ca if you can make even one day a week work!



ERASE

It is important for parents to know about this resource. "Erase" is an effective and useful tool

for all students and families.

<https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>
erase = expect respect & a safe education - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

Erase is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators, and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.



Fire Prevention Week

A reminder that October 7th to 11th is Fire Prevention Week. Our local firefighters will be coming to the school to talk about fire prevention with our students.



Orange Shirt Day

It was a great day at our school as we celebrated Orange Shirt Day. Students met in the gym to visit 4 different stations celebrating our local indigenous culture, including a station of smoked salmon and bannock.



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Important Dates

Oct. 1 st	Cultural Performance - 12:30pm
Oct. 2 nd	Divs. 1 & 2 at movies
Oct. 4 th	Divs. 3 & 4 at Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 7 th	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 8 th	PAC Meeting
Oct. 10 th	School Picture Day
Oct. 11 th	Hot Lunch
Oct. 14 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 17 th	Family/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 25 th	Pro-D
Oct. 28 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct. 31 st	Halloween



At Silver Creek School
we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning

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