



SILVER CREEK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #1

September 2024

Welcome Back! The staff of Silver Creek School is pleased to welcome back all of our returning students and also extend a warm welcome to those students new to our school community. A special welcome to our new kindergarten students who are beginning their journey through school starting this Thursday. The teaching, support and administrative staff at Silver Creek Elementary have been working extremely hard to create a safe and welcoming environment and are excited for the upcoming school year. We are looking forward in seeing all the smiling faces on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.



Bell Schedule

8:05	Start
9:35 - 9:50	Recess
11:20 - 12:05	Lunch
2:00	Dismissal

* Please remember to pick your children up **after** the final bell. Final announcements and important information is announced at the end of each day.



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 Newsletters

Newsletters will come out once a month at the end of the month and will be sent home with the **youngest** member of the family attending our school. A calendar of events will be included with each newsletter. Please keep this handy so you are aware of what is going on at SCR The school calendar and newsletter are also on our web page, www.scr.sd83.bc.ca, if you misplace those sent home. Additional parent memos/newsletters may be sent home as needed.



Consent Forms

All consent forms are coming home this week. Please sign as soon as possible. We are hoping to get all forms back by Friday September 15. The forms allow us to start doing fun activities.



Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Kindergarten children have a gradual school entry plan to alleviate the transition to full days of instruction. The kindergarten schedule was given to families during K orientation in June. **Please contact the office if you have any questions, we are happy to help!**

School FEES

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 Mr. Ellis. Assistance is confidential and arranged through the principal. **Please e-transfer or send a cheque by September 30.**

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Important Student Items

Items that every student should bring to school are:

- a) Water Bottle
- b) Snack
- c) Lunch
- d) Boots (during Winter months)
- e) Indoor Shoes (gym shoes for PE)



2024-25 Staffing

Rob Ellis	Principal
Noah Ralston	Div.1/Library
Tasha Schneider	Div.2
Courtney Schindler	Div. 3
Katherine Ralston	Div. 4
Vannessa Hennessy	LRT
Counselor	TBA
Lori Webster	Secretary
Debbie Sprieszl	Early Childhood Educator (AM)
Shona Turner	Early Childhood Educator (PM)
Denis Tong	CEA
Lisa Gelineau	CEA
Bryce Kutcha	CEA
Patrick Larson	Music
Christine Blacklock	Literacy Support Teacher
Wes Sandy	Indigenous Education Worker
Bonnie Strotmann	Custodian



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 of these forms can be picked up at the office.



Parking Lot and Student Pick Up

In the mornings we appreciate the quick drop-offs to keep the parking lot clear & safe. Parents, please pick up your 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*



Criminal Record Check and 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. If you would like to be a volunteer driver, please contact the office for more information.



PAC News

Thank you everyone that supported our PAC fundraisers this past school year. It is greatly appreciated. **PAC meeting is Friday, September 13 @ 12 noon** at the school and we welcome everyone to come out, get involved and offer new opinions. If you can't have questions or ideas, please email silvercreekpac09@gmail.com



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Student & Family Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education and Child Care announced that we will maintain access to the funding provided to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns during the 2024/25 school year. This allows individual schools to help families with school fees, special events fees, transportation fees, school supplies and food when needed. We have provided several families with support in these areas. **Please reach out to the principal for confidential information and support.**



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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase)

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.



School Work Bee

We are hosting a school work bee on Saturday, September 14 starting at 10:00am to help clean the school grounds from accumulated weeds, debris, etc. If you would like to volunteer some time, it would be much appreciated. Please bring a rake, shovel or both if you are able to. Thank you from the Silver Creek Staff!



Important Dates

Sept. 13 th	PAC Meeting - 12:00 pm at school
Sept. 16 th	Seamles
Sept. 19 th	Welcome back BBQ - 5pm to 7pm
Sept. 20 th	Terry Fox Run - 1:25pm
Sept. 26 th	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 27 th	Pro-D
Sept 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Holiday
Oct. 1 st	Cultural Performance - 12:30pm
Oct. 7 th	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 8 th	PAC Meeting
Oct. 11 th	School Pictures/Hot Lunch
Oct. 14 th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 17 th	Family/Teacher Conferences



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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