

SILVER CREEK BULLETIN

"A mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size." - Einstein

Upcoming Events

Mar. 4 SYSA Soccer
Program @ SCR

**Mar. 7 - Div. 3/4 Field Trip to
Heslops' farm.**

**Mar. 7 - PAC Meeting @
8:05am**

**Mar. 11 - Term 2 Learning
Updates Sent Home**

**Mar. 11 - Free Mac and
Cheese**

Mar. 11 - Staff Meeting

**Mar. 14- School Wide "PI
Day": Taco Hot Lunch (\$5)
Tacky Tourist Day**

**Mar. 17 - Mar. 28 *Spring
Break***

**March 31 - *RETURN TO
SCHOOL!***

Pink Shirt Day

We recently had our Pink Shirt Day, which "officially" is known as "anti-bullying day." However, our approach has always been a focus on "who we aspire to be" as opposed to "what we should NOT do." As a school, we have been on a learning journey focusing on the Circle of Courage teachings, which help to support students in developing a sense of Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery. So, with that in mind, our assembly really tried to highlight what we can do to be kind, but also how we can create belonging at Silver Creek. Having a "spirit of generosity" also gives us pause to remind ourselves that we are often best served by imagining the positive intentions of others.



Basketball 3x3

On Feb. 26th, a group of our intermediate basketball players went to M.V. Beattie Elementary to play in a FIBA 3x3 jamboree. Our players rotated every four minutes to play with a new group of players. The kids also benefited by the presence of 6 members of the Salmon Arm Golds and Jewels who provided demos and then helped to coach/referee. We have a lot of talented kids who continue to improve in their skills and understanding of the game. A big Thank You to Mr. Ralston and parent drivers for taking them to this event. We will try to do another of these jamborees after Spring Break!



Winter Rec. @ Silver Creek

Winter appears to be making a quick exit, as lately we are often graced by sunshine and warm temperatures. However, a look in the rearview mirror and we can see that our kids had a wonderful winter rec. "season" at Silver Creek. Our students went skating, tubing, and skiing - enjoying both local venues and also trips to SilverStar. We cannot do these events without our school community support. Thanks to all of our organizers and chaperones!



A Few Friendly Reminders

First off, for the majority of students and their families, these reminders may seem obvious, but with new families arriving each year, it is always good to provide these reminders:

- **Please Bring Indoor Shoes** - We want to avoid bringing so much dirt/mud into the classrooms/hallways.
- **Please Show Off Your Great Manners** - We have so many staff and community members that help us out: from donating their time to support our learning to taking us on fun adventures. "Please" and "Thank You" go a long way to show people your appreciation for their support.
- **Bus Etiquette.** The bus is a privilege that our students are afforded...and if students routinely misbehave they will lose that privilege. We are fortunate to have great bus drivers, and after school our very own Dennis Tong accompanies the kids home. Lately, there have been too many reports of inappropriate behaviours, so please have a conversation with your child about the importance of being a model citizen.



2nd Term Learning Updates

In very short order, you will be receiving your child's 2nd Term Learning Update. We hope you take the time to review it with your child and talk with them about their goals and whether they need to "stay the course" or adjust them. Some academic goals, such as to improve **reading comprehension**, are well worth an entire year's dedication. Other goals may have been achieved, so take the time to celebrate those successes, and then consider what next steps would be a reasonable challenge to take on. Many of our students have been introduced to the idea of S.M.A.R.T goals, so when thinking about next steps consider that acronym. Are the goals:

Specific: The goal needs to be clear and easy to understand. For example, I would like to increase my reading fluency.

Measurable: The goal needs to have a way to measure progress. I will improve my timed reading by 25-30 words.

Achievable: The goal needs to be realistic.

Relevant: The goal makes sense and fits the purpose. If I want to improve my literacy skills, my goal should address specific aspects of reading and writing.

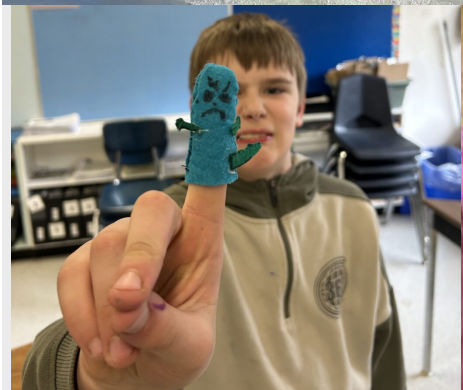
Timely: The goal must be given a reasonable deadline. For example, in two months, in a timed reading, I will achieve my goal. After that result, I will reassess my goal.

You are not alone in this, so please feel free to have conversations with your child's teacher to seek their input.

I would also like to thank our staff for the time and effort they put into creating meaningful comments to describe your child's learning journey.



Faces in a Constellation of STARS



Shine On, Stars!