

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message for September 2023



Hello Everyone!

Welcome Back! We are excited to see our students and staff enjoying their time together as we reconnect with our learning community. We certainly appreciate the difficult time families had facing the terrible fires this summer. If there is anything we can do as a staff team to support your child or your family, please contact me so I can work with our staff team to assist you.

In addition, we are welcoming new STAR team members including new students, staff, and families! On Wednesday Sep 6, we launched the school year with fun, educational activities.

Our **STAR** focus for September is **R-E-S-P-E-C-T**. Student agendas include a **STAR Chart** which outlines the **STAR** expectations of our school community. These are important when representing our school at events, on field trips, as well as at school each day. *Please review these important ideas with your children.*

If you ever have any questions or would like to meet, please feel free to phone me at the school and we will set up a time. I can be reached by e-mail sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Sydney Griffith

Principal

Signing of Consent Form



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 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 however, all K families received a phone call from Ms. Griffith the week before school started as well. **Please contact the office if you have any questions, we are happy to help!**

Student Supplies

School fees are \$62 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 Griffith. Assistance is confidential and arranged through the principal. **Please e-transfer or send a cheque by September 30.**



Important Items Every Student Needs

- a) Water bottle
- b) Lunch
- c) Snack
- e) Boots (during Winter months)
- f) Indoor Shoes (gym shoes for P.E. to avoid injury)





I hope you will join me in welcoming Breanna Harford to Silver Creek School! Breanna will be joining our Silver Creek staff team as the grade 2,3,4 (DIV #3) teacher this year.

Breanna brings several years of experience in rural settings and many years teaching various grade levels. Ms. Harford has great stories from her many adventures too! She has lived in 5 countries and has

taught internationally. She has visited 31 countries and has been to 5 out of the 7 continents! Can you believe it?

She enjoys sports and coaching, crafting, jewellery making, and even has a business making lovely jewellery. Congratulations Ms. Harford - we know you will really enjoy our STAR community!!

Silver Creek STAR Staff Roster

Sydney Griffith	Principal/Music	sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca
Noah Ralston	Div #1 Teacher	nralston@sd83.bc.ca
Tasha Schneider	Div #2 Teacher	tschneid@sd83.bc.ca
Breanna Harford	Div #3 Teacher	bharford@sd83.bc.ca
Katherine Ralston	Div #4 Teacher	kralston@sd83.bc.ca
Esther Winkelhorst	Learning Resource Teacher (LRT)	ewinkelh@sd83.bc.ca
Denise Billard	Teacher Librarian	dbillard@sd83.bc.ca
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Reta Moerike	Counselor	moerike@sd83.bc.ca
Lori Webster	Secretary	lwebster@sd83.bc.ca
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TBA	Early Childhood Educator (PM)	
Denis Tong	Certified Educational Assistant	dtong@sd83.bc.ca
Sara Martin	Certified Educational Assistant	smartin@sd83.bc.ca
TBA	Certified Educational Assistant	
Bonnie Strotmann	Custodian	bstrotma@sd83.bc.ca



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 2023/24 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.**

S.T.A.R. Draw #1

On September 11, your child will bring home the 2023-2024 Family/Student Handbook. We invite you to read through the handbook with your child to help highlight some of the most important S.T.A.R. Expectations that help each student succeed as part of our learning community. We encourage you to fill out the star ticket at the bottom of page 4 and return the slip to be entered into our STAR Tower of Power. **Draw Mon. Sep 25 - @ assembly (8:15am)**



PAC Newsflash & Information

Thank you everyone that supported our PAC fundraisers this school year. It is greatly appreciated. **PAC meeting is Monday September 11 @ 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

Upcoming Dates* (until December 2023 Break)

* dates may be subject to additions

September 2023

Mon. Sep 18 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)

Fri. Sep 22 - Terry Fox Run - 1:00pm

Mon. Sept 25 - S.T.A.R. Family Handbook Draw (see last page of this newsletter for details)

Tues Sep 26 - Photo Day!

Fri. Sep 29 - Orange Shirt Day - *All day*

October 2023

Mon. Oct 2 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (in lieu) (*schools closed*)

Mon. Oct 9 - Thanksgiving (stat holiday - *schools closed*)

Oct. 8 - 14 Fire Prevention Week

Fri. Oct 20 - Professional Development Day (*no school for students*)

Thurs. Oct 26 - Conference Day - Student, Parent, Teacher Learning Conferences (*no classes*)

Tues. Oct. 31 - Halloween Activities (Afternoon)

November 2023

Thurs. Nov. 9 - Remembrance Ceremony 10:30am in the Gym - *everyone welcome!*

Fri. Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day stat holiday (in lieu) *school closed*

Fri. Nov. 24 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)

Mon. Nov. 27 - Family Letter Writing Form due to classroom teachers.

Thurs. Nov. 30 - Family Letter Writing Day - 12:45pm - 1:55pm - *everyone welcome!*

December 2023

Thursday Dec. 21 - Last Day before Winter Vacation - please note this is a **SHORT WEEK**

Winter Vacation - Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, 2024

Helpful Website Link for Students and Student Safety!

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.



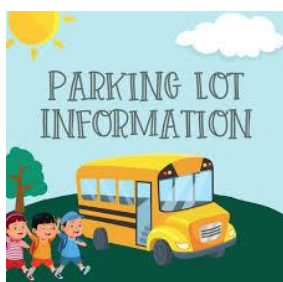
Safety Drills

Silver Creek will be holding several safety drills in September and October. There will be 2 fire drills in September and 1 drill during Fire Prevention Week in October for a total of 3 autumn fire drills. On October 19, we participate in the Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill - this is done across the province by thousands of schools and organizations. Families are welcome to participate at home, as well.



Criminal Record Checks and Driver Information

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.



Parking Lot and Student Pick Up

In the mornings we appreciate the quick drop-offs we are seeing 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*



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 Ms. Griffith sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca if you can make even one day a week work!



Silver Creek School

2023-2024

Bell Schedule

	Kindergarten to Grade 5	Grade 6-8
Welcome Bell	7:58	7:58
School Begins	8:05	8:00
Recess	9:35- 9:50	9:40-9:44
Lunch Playing	11:20- 11:45	11:26-11:45
Lunch Eating	11:45 - 12:05	11:45 - 12:05
End of Day	2:01	2:04

New Photographer for School Photos!

Ihana (ee-hunna) Images is an independent professional photography service based out of Salmon Arm, operated by Selina Metcalfe. Selina is excited to be joining the Silver Creek Elementary community for school photos this year!

School photos with Selina are different from the usual photo day experience. Her goal is to capture the true reality of your young person, whether that be silly or serious, or somewhere in between. Our plan to have photos done outside, in the beautiful natural environment that surrounds the school. Being outdoors tends to provide a more relaxed atmosphere for the students, which can help with more natural expressions.

Photo Day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th. Additional information will be sent out in the coming weeks to help students and families prepare for a fun photo day.

In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact Selina if you have any specific questions.

<https://www.ihanaimages.ca/schools/>

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Welcome Back BBQ - hosted by the Silver Creek PAC

All Silver Creek families are invited!

Tuesday Sep 19, 2023

4:30-7:00pm