

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message for October 2023



Hello Everyone!

Our STAR theme for October continues to shine light on R-E-S-P-E-C-T, which is directly related to gratitude. Gratitude wins trust and respect from our fellow team members. By respecting other individuals, we gain trust and respect in return. Not only does our attitude of gratitude lift the team, but it also lifts our own spirits.

Our STAR learning community is showing R-E-S-P-E-C-T in various ways. We actively listen to others, we thank people for their work at a personal level, we recognize hard work at the school level, we are polite to others, and we can model good behavior as an example to others. In fact, we are learning that it is easy to follow the lead of those we respect. We are learning that there are many benefits to gratitude! Practicing gratitude enables us to savor positive experiences, cope with stressful circumstances, find resilience when facing challenges, and strengthen our relationships.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school or I can be reached by e-mail.

Sincerely,

*Sydney Griffith*

Principal

## SD83 Student-Teacher-Family Conferences: Thursday October 26th, 2023



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 26th, 2023, 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.**

### **Student Supplies & School Fees are Due**

**Please e-transfer or send a cheque by September 30.**

**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. [sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:sgriffit@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 maintain access to the funding provided to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns during the 2023/24 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.

## Upcoming Dates

### October 2023

Mon. Oct 2 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (in lieu) (*schools closed*)  
Tues Oct 3 - Hot Lunch Chicken Noodle Soup (Free) (Salmon Arm Food Action Society)  
Thurs Oct 5 - Pillar Lake Trip (DIV 1)  
Mon. Oct 9 - Thanksgiving (holiday - *schools closed*)  
Thurs. Oct 12 - Pumpkin Patch DIV 3 & DIV 4  
Fri. Oct 13 - Silver Safety in the Kitchen Poster Winners Fire Truck to school ride!  
Tues Oct 17 - Hot Lunch Corn Chowder (Free) (Salmon Arm Food Action Society)  
Fri. Oct 20 - Professional Development Day (*no school for students*)  
Thurs. Oct 26 - Conference Day - Student-Teacher-Family Conferences (*no classes*)  
Tues. Oct. 31 - Halloween Activities & Improv Show - here at Silver Creek!  
**Tues. Oct 31** - Jack-o-licious Soup (Free) (Salmon Arm Food Action Society)

### 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*

### **Tuesday, Nov 14: Taco Biz Soup**

Fri. Nov. 24 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)  
Mon. Nov. 27 - Family Letter Writing Forms due to classroom teachers.  
Tuesday, November 28: Corn Chowda (contains bacon) (Free) (Salmon Arm Food Action Society)  
Thurs. Nov. 30 - Family Letter Writing Day - 12:45pm - 1:55pm - *everyone welcome!*

### December 2023

Tuesday, Dec 12: Gobble Gobble (turkey soup) (Free) (Salmon Arm Food Action Society)  
Thurs. Dec. 21 - Last Day before Winter Vacation - Winter Vacation - Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, 2024  
Thurs. Dec 21 - Turkey Lunch for Silver Creek students and families (Snazzy Dress time!)

## Terry Fox Run



Well done Silver Creek S.T.A.R.s - together we raised **\$123.45** Terry would be proud of you!

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### Signed Consent Forms - Due Now

All consent forms are due now. Please sign and return the forms to the school. If you have misplaced the forms, please contact Ms. Lori right away. The forms allow us to start doing fun activities.

### Team Building Activities (September)



### Helpful Website Link for Students - Student Safety!

Hello everyone:

We have given this information (listed below) to students during class time. I believe it is important for parents to know about this resource as well. "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.

What do you do if someone is **BOTHERING** you?



**Use Your WITS!**

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.

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.



### 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.



### Volunteer Readers Needed

Are you available for 30 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](mailto:sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca) if you can make even one day a week work!



### Parking lot and Student Pick Up

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!*

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### **Dear Parents and/or Guardians,**

This year, Silver Creek has chosen to participate in the **Soupermeals** program which provides a shared hot lunch experience for all students made from local ingredients. There is no charge for this program and it includes a bowl of home-made soup (made at Zest Food Hub), a bun and fruit.

### The dates and soups are:

- Tuesday, Oct 3: Chicken Licken'
- Tuesday, Oct 17: Veg "G" Diva
- Tuesday, Oct. 31: Jack-o-licious Soup
- Tuesday, Nov 14: Taco Biz Soup
- Tuesday, November 28: Corn Chowda (contains bacon)
- Tuesday, Dec 12: Gobble Gobble (turkey soup)

Soups are served with buns and fruit (or taco chips for taco soup).

### **"My child doesn't like soup."**

If you are worried about your child not liking the soup, feel free to send an extra snack. Gaining comfort around new foods is one of the goals of the program. Our experience has been that when surrounded by friends and peers many students will try the soup, even if they don't like soup at home.

### **"My child has food sensitivities and/or restrictions."**

Ingredient lists for all our soups are available upon request. We can offer a vegetarian, halal and gluten-free alternatives, upon request. If you do not want your child to participate, please notify the school.

### **Questions?**

Please Email [info@shuswapfood.ca](mailto:info@shuswapfood.ca)