

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message November 2023

Hello Everyone!



November is a month of Remembrance! We are planning activities that relate to Remembrance with several activities. We will observe Remembrance Day on Wednesday November 8 and we will host a Family Letter Writing Day on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Both events remind us to cherish our family members both past and present. Most importantly, we will be learning that it is helpful to reflect on the freedom and peace in our lives, and to remember the people who served and sacrificed for all we have today. Poppy campaign partners will be making poppies available from the last Friday of October until Remembrance

Day. Students will be able to donate and receive a poppy at the office for our ceremony day.

Silver Creek will begin preparing for our Winter Concert which will be held on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, it is a busy time! If you ever have any questions, or would like to chat, please feel free to give me a call, or e-mail me at [sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca) and we can arrange to meet:)

Sincerely,

*Sydney Griffith*

Principal



### Term 1 Report Cards -

Report cards will be sent home on **December 13**. We are encouraging all students to ensure their work is completed and submitted to their teachers so that the report cards can speak to their best efforts 😊

### Upcoming Dates

#### November 2023

Nov. 1 - Volleyball Game - away @ Eagle River

Nov 7 - Volleyball Game - HOME vs. North Shuswap

Wed. Nov. 8 - Remembrance Ceremony 10:30am in the Gym - *everyone welcome!*

Nov 15 - Volleyball Game - HOME vs. Eagle River

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

\*Nov 14 - FREE TACO Soup \* Nov 28 - FREE CORN CHOWDA'

Nov 21 - Volleyball Game - away @ South Canoe

**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 - *everyone welcome!*

#### December 2023

December 12 - Concert! Matinee and Evening - times will be confirmed ASAP.

December 13 - Report Cards come home

December 21 - Turkey Lunch - *everyone welcome!*

Thurs. Dec. 21 - Last Day before Winter Vacation

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

#### January 2024

Mon. 8 - Schools re-open after Winter Break

Wed. 17 - Kindergarten/French Immersion/Outdoor Learning registration opens for Sept. 2024

Mon. 29 - Non-Instructional Day (no school for students - Ministry designated day)

#### February 2024

Fri. 16 - Professional Development Day (no school for students - regional day pro d day)

Mon. 19 - Family Day (statutory holiday)

#### March 2024

Fri. 15- Last day before Spring Break

**Spring Break March 18 - March 28**

## Student Learning and Progress

Thank you to all the parents who were able to arrange a time in their schedules to meet with our teaching staff on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A few parents requested alternate times or dates and we always welcome the requests for alternate times/days.



Here is a reminder of how SD83 schedules the remaining times for Communication Student Learning.

### K to 8

Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> - Written Learning Update

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Written Learning Update

Early May - Student led Conferences.

Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> - Written Summary of Learning



## PAC Newsflash & Information

Thank you everyone that supported our PAC fundraisers this school year. It is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov 20 at 12noon at the school. We welcome everyone to come out, get involved and offer new opinions. If you're not able to come to the meeting and have questions or ideas, please email them to us at

[silvercreekpac09@gmail.com](mailto:silvercreekpac09@gmail.com)



## Student & Family Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education and Child Care announced that it has allocated one-time funding 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. At the school level, this allows individual schools to help families with school fees, special events fees, transportation fees, school supplies and food. We have provided several families with support in these areas. **Please reach out to**

**the principal for confidential information and support.**

## Helpful Website Link for Students and 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>

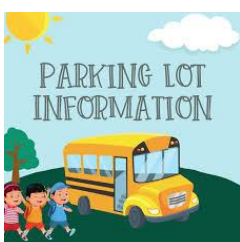
[erase = expect respect & a safe education - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase)

**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.



## 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

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!*

## Fire Prevention Week



*Thank you to our Silver Creek Fire Department for bringing your expertise to our school! We appreciate your time and kindness very much!*

## Volleyball is Here!!



## STAR Students' Prize Draw - Oct 22





Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie

## Roots of Empathy Begins this week in DIV 4!

The Roots of Empathy program is delivered to elementary school children. This experiential learning is accomplished with the help of a neighbourhood parent and infant. Through guided observation with trained Roots of Empathy instructor, Trish Olin (Shuswap Children's Association), our students label the baby's feelings and intentions.

Through these Family Visits the students are given opportunities to discuss their feelings and listen to the feelings of others. The instructor also visits the classroom the week before and the week after the Family Visit to deliver activities in preparation for and in reflection of the activities of the Family Visit. The curriculum is comprehensive and attuned to the development and interests of the students. The curriculum is divided into nine themes, with three classroom visits supporting each theme (a pre-family visit, family visit and post-family visit) for a total of 27 classes.

The Roots of Empathy activities have many links to the classroom curriculum. For example, students use math skills when they calculate and chart the baby's weight and measurements. Literature is used to open the door to feelings and perspective. Art and music play a large role as children paint their feelings which they cannot say with words and learn about singing to the baby.

Roots of Empathy is an international, evidence and empathy-based classroom program designed for children ages 5 to 13. In Canada, the program is delivered in English and French and reaches rural, urban, and remote communities including Indigenous communities. The program is also in New Zealand, the United States, the Republic of Ireland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Switzerland, and Netherlands.



## Thank you for the Book Donations!

Thank you to all the families and community members who brought gently used books to our school so that classrooms can build their class libraries for all our students to enjoy!



## Seamless Day

We are excited to see the growth of our Seamless Day, Before and After School care within the school setting led by Early Childhood Educators, Debbie Spriezi and Shona Turner is doing well. There may be more space available for children in both the before school and after school program. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more about this program.

## Improv Performance Tuesday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - 1:00pm

Rain City Improv is here at Silver Creek for a fast paced and highly interactive afternoon! Every show features fun, inclusive, improv scenes using volunteers and a variety of diverse audience suggestions. Our performers will adapt to and engage any crowd, whether it's a gymnasium full of elementary school students, or a small group of high school seniors. Students will gain confidence through the collaboration, creativity, and imagination of improv storytelling.

Founded in 2021 by Taz VanRassel, Rain City Improv focuses on unscripted comedy theatre geared towards ages 5 to 18. Each performance is heavily inspired by audience suggestions and volunteers that make every show totally unique.