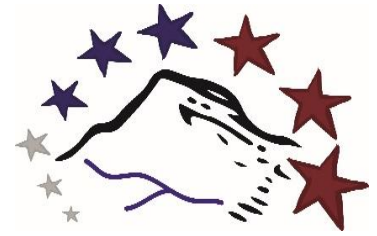


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## Principal's Message for February 2024



Hello Everyone!

February is KINDNESS MONTH! We are planning activities that relate to *Kindness*, with special activities on Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day. Random acts of kindness, daily kindness messages, and school-wide assemblies will help set our school-wide focus for our KINDNESS MONTH. There are many special days to celebrate in February and they are listed in our "Upcoming Dates" on page 2 of this newsletter. One of our favourites is called "Random Acts of Kindness Day".

This day is dedicated to promoting kindness and goodwill. It encourages individuals to perform simple, unexpected, acts of kindness, to brighten someone's day and create a ripple effect of good will. It's a day to celebrate kindness and compassion and the power these actions can have in our community and school.

Officially, Random Acts of Kindness Day is observed on February 17th each year. It provides an opportunity for people worldwide to come together and make the world a better place through their thoughtful actions. At school, we prepare for this international day by observing kindness throughout the month of February. Celebrating Kindness Month is all about spreading love and positivity!

We are reminding students that it is simple to be kind and there are a lots of suggestions provided on the Random Acts of Kindness Day website, such as:

**Give Compliments:** Offer sincere compliments to friends, family, and even acquaintances to brighten their day.

**Send Thoughtful Messages:** Send uplifting messages or notes to friends and family reminding them of your appreciation and support.

**Help Your Family or a Neighbor:** Assist with tasks like shoveling snow or putting out the recycle

**Volunteer Your Time:** Volunteer at local charities, shelters, or community/school events to make a positive impact.

We hope some of our students will take this opportunity on February 17th to perform random acts of kindness and inspire others to do the same beyond our school.

In other news, Silver Creek teachers are working hard to prepare written learning updates (formerly known as report cards) to be sent home March 6<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it is a busy time!

If you ever have any questions, concerns or just want to chat, feel free to give me a call, or e-mail me at [sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

*Sydney Griffith*

Principal



### Pink Shirt Day Feb 28

February -- is Pink Shirt Day. The 2024 Pink Shirt Day design was inspired by moments of kindness, empathy and understanding that can mean so much to children impacted by bullying. For bullied kids, it can be hard to know where to turn. This will be an important topic of learning this month as we prepare for this important day.

## Criminal Record Checks and Driver Information



Volunteers who work one on one with our students or who drive other students need a criminal record check completed. This is online and is accessed by an online link that we provide you with a secure password. If you can be a volunteer driver, please contact the office for more information.



## PAC Meeting Feb 12 @ 12 (noon)

Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb 12th at 12 at the school and 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)



## Term 2 Report Cards March 6

Report cards will be sent home on **March 6**. 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 😊



## Important Date for our Grade 8 Students

### Tuesday February 13 @ 8:30am - Course Presentations

Jackson Admin & Counselling Department will be meeting with our students to prepare the transition to their next school. This meeting provides an opportunity for students to ask questions of the Jackson Team.

## Upcoming Dates for Everyone

### February 2024

Monday Feb 12 - PAC Meeting

Tuesday February 13 - Grade 8 Jackson Course Presentation meetings

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day - Skiing/Snowboarding (Grade 6/7/8)

Wed. Feb 14 - Rainbow Dance Company Show (Falkland hosts Silver Creek)	12:20 start
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Fri. 16 - Professional Development Day (no school for students -Pro D Day)

Mon. 19 - Family Day (statutory holiday)

Tuesday Feb 20 - FREE Stone Soup

Tuesday Feb. 20 - Basketball Home Game vs. Falkland

Wednesday Feb 21 - 100 Day (DIV 4)

Friday Feb 23 - Hot Lunch Chicken Enchiladas w/ peppers

**Wed Feb 28th, 2024 - Pink Shirt Day (Anti Bullying Campaign)**

### March 2024

Friday, March 15 - Spring BREAK OUT

Fri. 15 - Last day before Spring Break (**Spring Break March 18-28**)

Fri. 29 - Good Friday (statutory holiday)

### April 2024

Mon. 1 - Easter Monday (school holiday)

Tues. 2 - Schools re-open after Spring Break

Mon. 29 - Professional Development Day (no school for students)

### May 2024

Mon. 20 - Victoria Day (statutory holiday)

### June 2024

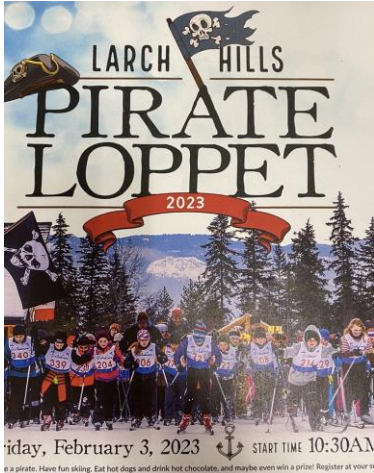
Thurs. 27 - Last day for students (early dismissal)

Fri. 28 - Non-instructional day (no school for students - administrative day)



### Staffing Updates

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Kerstin Ogloff has accepted the temporary full-time position here at Silver Creek. We are also looking forward to adding a new CEA in an additional posting very soon. The position is posted, and we hope we see applications come in soon!



### Silver Creek STARs Ski in Pirate Loppet 2024

Congratulations to all the Silver Creek S.T.A.R. students who participated in this year's PIRATE LOPPET! We were proud to hear that everyone tried their very best and many students completed their course with excellent results. We had a dozen S.T.A.R. students participate this year. Congratulations to everyone who did their very best and worked as a team to complete the challenging course! We are proud of you 😊

A professional photographer took a picture of our group. The Pirate Loppet will send us a copy for all the participants soon.



### 100 Day - DIV 4 - February 21st

The 100th day of school is here! It is time to celebrate the K/1 class and their progress! There will be a ton of fun and educational value during the 100th day of school activities. **We invite our DIV 4 students to dress up as if they are 100 years old!** The goal of celebrating 100 days of school is to reinforce reading, writing, and, most importantly, math skills while we engage kids with lots of different activities and ways to count to 100.



### Student & Family Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education and Childcare 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 2022/23 school year. At the school level, this allows individual school 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. We will try our best to help!**



### 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. 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. Allison De boer can be reached at the SD83 Educational Resource Centre and by email [adeboer@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:adeboer@sd83.bc.ca)



## Unplug & Play Week was a Success!

Thank you to all the parents/guardians, and staff for helping to provide fun-filled days as we celebrated literacy activities and healthy movement-based events. It was a very busy week! The Tube Town trip, Ice Fishing, board games, skating, buddy reading, and the "paint by music" afternoon, were enjoyable ways to gather and stay off the screens in the spirit of "Unplug and Play" time! Thank you to all the families who submitted their Unplug and play green passports to the office. They have been sent to the DESC and we hope to have some Silver Creek winners announced soon from downtown!

## SNOW FUN with our STARS!

