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## Principal's Message for April 2023



Hello Everyone!

It is great to be back with all the students and staff. Happy Spring to you! Please review the dates listed below. The next couple of months tend to get busy with activities and events. As plans are confirmed we will make sure to keep families up to date. Please check your emails each week for information and notices from the school.

March proved to be a very busy month. Our students have been busy in academic pursuits, sports, music, and somehow we found time to have fun during our teambuilding *Spring Break Out* afternoon too.

Thank you to all the staff, parents, and students who made our second term successful.

April is "Take Time to Connect & Care" month. We are encouraging students to contribute to lunch activities, take the lead to offer fellow students peer tutoring, and run some student games during recess too.

In addition, *Gymnastics & Fitness* is a big part of the Spring Season. It prepares us for the Cross-Country running and the track and field season that will arrive very soon. If you are available and interested in helping us with our running, jumping, and throwing... all help is greatly appreciated. We had a ton of fun playing basketball with our awesome parents - so please consider supervising at the long jump pit or timing our practice sprints on the field. It is fun in the sun for real! [sgriffith@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:sgriffith@sd83.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

*Sydney Griffith*

Principal



### PAC Meeting

Our next meeting is **Thursday April 6 @ 12 noon**. The meeting is at the school, and we welcome everyone to come out, get involved and offer new opinions. If you can't come to the meeting and have questions or ideas, please email them to us at [silvercreekpac09@gmail.com](mailto:silvercreekpac09@gmail.com)

### Student Learning Survey 2022/2023

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Early in 2023 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff.

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province - in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey) Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

**The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous login code** by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Griffith at the school.

## Upcoming Dates

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#### 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 (early dismissal)

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



### Important Date for our Grade 8 Students

There is one more date coming up in May for our Grade 8 students.

**May 2** - will be a **Jackson Transition Meeting** for our grade 8 students.

## 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.

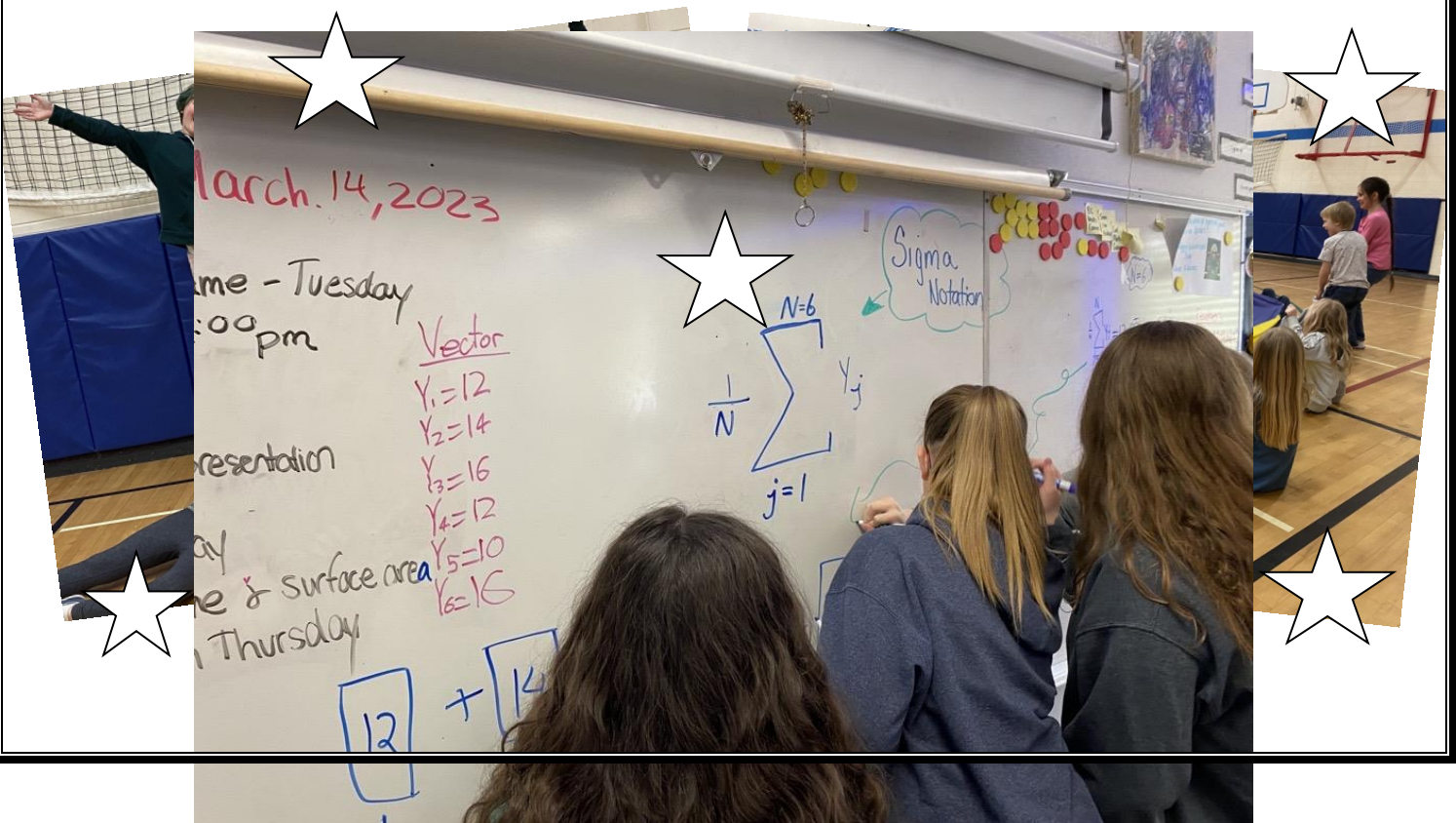
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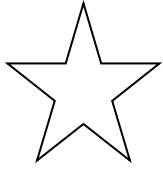
[erase = expect respect & a safe education - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase)

**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.

## April is "Connect & Care" Month!

Thank you to all the students, parents/guardians, and staff for making our March theme "Make Joy Happen" a success. We are proud of our accomplishments in academics as well as athletics and the arts! Congratulations to all the students who were recognized for their leadership as they helped others, did good deeds, and worked hard to bring joy to peers and staff each day. Well done Silver Creek S.T.A.R.s!





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## HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

DENTAL HEALTH

April 2023



### Springtime smiles: April is oral health month

April is oral health month in Canada and a perfect time to help children set new goals to help their smile shine. The theme of the month this year is “Oral Health for Total Health,” which is an important reminder that taking good care of our mouth, teeth, and gums benefits our overall physical and mental well-being.

The British Columbia Dental Association, [Brush2Win](#) contest, runs **April 1-30, 2023**, and is open to all BC elementary schools with children in Kindergarten through Grade 3. Schools registering during the contest period will be entered into a draw for **one of five \$1,000 prizes!**

The month-long contest promotes good dental health habits and challenges children to brush (and floss!) twice daily for a full month. Brushing twice a day is a simple step to help keep teeth clean and healthy and avoid cavities. Download and print a Brush2Win poster (PDF) for your classroom! ([English](#), [French](#))

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association's website, [Dental Hygiene Canada](#), also has several school-aged resources to create healthy lesson plans. You can also find educational [activity sheets](#) and [feature resources](#) that focus on sugar, diabetes, vaping, tooth brushing, and more.

Make sure to check out [Interior Health's Dental Toolkit](#) for additional resources.

Happy Oral Health Month!



## IMMUNIZATION



Have a student's record that needs updating or submitting? Updating or submitting your student's immunization records can be done online through the BC Provincial Immunization Registry at [www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca](http://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca)

To view immunization records and see if they are up to date visit [Health Gateway \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://Health Gateway (gov.bc.ca))

If you have questions about immunizations or would like to book an appointment – please call your local [Public Health Unit](#)