

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message January 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

The highlight of our return to school is having the students back with us to learn, play, grow, and participate in healthy physical activity during the winter! A sense of personal well-being can be challenging, especially in the winter months. The Oxford Dictionary defines *well-being* as a noun that

refers to the "state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy." It seems simple and it is short. Well, we know that it isn't always simple!

We understand the importance of monitoring our physical health and the choices we make for exercise and nutrition. In addition, society is working to educate everyone, including youth, on how to forge the lifelong battle necessary to avoid addictions, of any kind.

There is a lot of information available to help students cope with stress and daily challenges. We learn about mindfulness, goal setting, regulating big emotions, and journaling. Teachers structure the days to include peer talk time, full class connection time, and we often use "class meeting" formats.

However, when developing a sense of belonging and a sense of place, it is amazing how a simple act, to reach out to others, can result in a powerful sense of well-being. For this reason, TEAMWORK will be our S.T.A.R. focal point this January.

Sincerely,

Sydney Griffith, Principal



K to 8 -Student Learning and Progress

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

March 6th - Written Learning Update

Early May - Student-led Conferences

Thursday June 27th - Written Summary of Learning (formerly report cards)



PAC Meeting Monday January 15

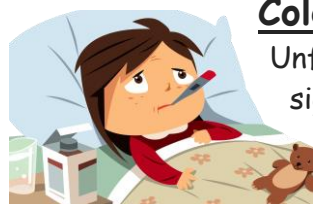
Thank you everyone that supported our PAC fundraisers this school year. It is greatly appreciated. **Our next meeting will be Monday, January 15 @ 12noon at the school.**

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



Congratulations! Class Basket Raffle Success!

Thank you for sending items for your child's baskets. We raised \$ 352 which went directly to families here in the Silver Creek Community.



Cold & Flu Season

Unfortunately, we had quite a few health issues last term. We have experienced significant illnesses amongst the student and staff population. Interior Health has guidelines, and we appreciate your help with health and safety by keeping ill students away from school until necessary, to avoid spread of illness.



Water Bottles & Indoor Shoes

Please make sure your child has their own water bottle. Students should not be sharing bottles and germs. Please pack indoor shoes for school days. Our custodian is making every effort to keep our school and our rugs (for carpet time) clean too.

Upcoming Dates

January 2024 - TEAMWORK is our S.T.A.R. Focus

Monday January 8 - first day back

Tuesday, January 9: Free Turkey Rice Soup

January 10 - Skiing/Snowboarding (Grade 6/7/8)

January 12 - X country ski practice grade 4 & 5 students (Larch Hills)

Monday January 15 - PAC Mtg. 12 noon @ the School

Wednesday Jan 17 - K registration Opens & X country ski practice for grade 4 & 5 (Larch Hills)

Mon Jan 22 - Fri Jan 26 UNPLUG & PLAY - Info regarding special activities will follow soon!

Tuesday, January 23: Free Chicken Noodle Soup

Thursday, January 25th Tubing/Skating (whole school)

Friday Jan 26 - X country ski practice grade 4 & 5 students (Larch Hills)

Wednesday January 31 - JOHS Committee Mtg.- 2:15pm

Monday January 29 - Pro D - (no school for students)

February - KINDNESS is our S.T.A.R. Focus

Thursday, February 1st, Skiing/Snowboarding (Grade 6/7/8)

Friday Feb 2 - Pirate Loppet - grade 4 & 5 students (Larch Hills)

Tuesday, February 6: Free Taco Soup

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

Feb 14 - Rainbow Dance Company Show @ Falkland (12:20 start)

Friday February 16 - Professional Development Day - Regional Indigenous Learning Day

Monday February 19 - STAT - Family Day

Tuesday, February 20: Free Stone Soup

Wed. Feb 21 - 100 Day (Div 4)

Wed Feb 28th - Pink Shirt Day

March - CARING is our S.T.A.R. Focus

Tuesday, March 5: Free Potato, Corn, and Bacon Chowder

Friday, March 15 - Spring BREAK OUT

Spring Break March 18 - April 2

Seamless Day

This after/before school care program is led by Early Childhood Educators, Debbie Spriezi, and Shona Turner. There may be more space available for children. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more.



Turkey Luncheon! Thank you, PAC!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who worked very hard to bring us a wonderful Turkey Luncheon on our last day of school, before our winter break. It was delicious and a lovely way to gather as community!

Student & Family Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education and Childcare has allocated funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families. Please reach out to the principal for support. 😊

**Charlie Brown
Sketches
December 2023**

