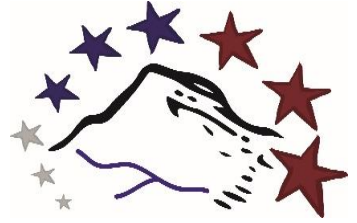


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May 22, 2023

MAY is "Together We Are Better" Month! (RESPECT and Teamwork)

Hello Silver Creek Families!

This month we are working together as a school team to strengthen our school-wide understandings of our S.T.A.R. behaviour expectations. Silver Creek has been the "Home of the Stars" for years. In honour of this tradition and in honour of learning together we are working on our S.T.A.R. behaviour expectations school wide. We are focusing on our STAR Matrix (attached). This Matrix was developed by staff and every two months, we focus on one of the STAR values.

We start each week with a school-wide Assembly to remind students of the expected behaviour and the theme of the month! Each week (on Fridays) we will draw for prizes from our STAR Tower of Power! (A glass jar where students put their STAR tickets) The plan is to reward as many kind, helpful, and respectful actions, and words we see every day in all our classrooms. Students have been receiving "STAR tickets" from all our staff when they are "caught" being respectful. This is part of the "STARburst" campaign 😊

We are attaching a copy of our Silver Creek S.T.A.R. Chart. The Silver Creek STAR Chart outlines some key expected behaviours that support the best learning and growing environment for our students. We are all using the language "Expected and Unexpected" to describe language and behavior. When everyone knows the expectations, we feel safe and are a stronger team. We are using W.I.T.S. as a strategy for solving problems. (Walk away, Ignore, Talk It Out, Seek Help). This is a powerful tool, especially for our younger students.

What happens if a child makes a mistake? The child will come 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.

In addition, we are using bathroom and break passes to keep the halls orderly and calm. Students wear the bathroom or lanyard pass when they have permission to leave their classroom. We also removed a lot of the items in the hallway, so it is a streamlined walkway.

We welcome your input and ideas! We welcome any questions and can provide clarification on items, as well. Please ask your child if they have received a S.T.A.R. ticket. The tickets will be drawn for prizes each week as a fun way to celebrate together - because... **"Together We Are Better!"**

We will continue to update our school community, as we add more changes to ensure behaviour is expected and positive at Silver Creek Elementary School. Thank you for being STAR parents, your support is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sydney Griffith

Principal



Staffing Updates

It is the time of year when staffing notices and opportunities for positions become available. Although it is hard to say good-bye, we offer a sincere **Congratulations** to Laura Martin and Kristie Clark who will be pursuing other career opportunities next year! We appreciate everything they have offered our students and wish them the very best in their new positions.



Seamless Day Program Update

Seamless Day Families have been notified of changes staffing changes as well. Kristie Clark, the after-school care educator, will be leaving the school district at the end of May to pursue other career opportunities. Kristie has been an amazing asset to Seamless Day and Silver Creek Elementary and, though we are sad to see her go, we wish her the very best! As such, due to staffing challenges, **Seamless Day after school care will no longer be offered this school year after May 26.** Before school care will continue to be available. We hope to find a suitable replacement so we may re-open in September 2023. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Allison de Boer (*she/her/hers*)

District Vice Principal- Early Learning & Child Care
School District No. 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap



Parking lot and Student Pick Up

Parents - please pick up your 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.

Upcoming Dates

May 23 - Sunnybrae fieldtrip - LUNCH is provided - THANK YOU PAC!!

May 24,31 (then June 7 and 14) Swim Lessons K-4 @ Vernon

May 26 - Hot Lunch - the Annual Taco Bar!

May 30th - 12:30pm - 1:30pm Welcome to Kindergarten

May 30 - DIV 4 to Silver Creek Public Library

Mon. June 5 - Indigenous Games Day & Bannock with Chili (Chili & Bannock provided at no cost)

June 6 - District Track n' Field Day

Thurs June 8 - Jump Rope for Heart 8:10 - 9:30am

Tues. June 13 - 10am - 11:30am Parent Appreciation Tea

June 16 - School Carnival - Annual Celebration hosted by the Silver Creek PAC!

June 15 - Kingfisher - Salmon Release (DIV 2 & 3)

June 21 - **SWIM DAY - DIV 1 Grades 5 - 8 Fun Swim Thank you PAC!**

June 22 - Salmon Arm Water Slides

June 27 - SAS Grads visit Silver Creek

Track and Field Practice Days (Grades 4-8) - Parent HELP Needed Please 😊

Thursday May 25, Friday May 26,

Monday May 29, Thursday June 1, Friday June 2

Monday June 5

Please let us know if you are available to help measure our jumps, or time some races or measure some shotput throws 😊 We have been practicing from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. If this time changes due to heat, smoke, or other circumstances we will notify everyone quickly.



PAC Annual General Meeting

Thank you everyone that supported our PAC fundraisers this school year. It is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will be Monday May 29 12 :00 noon (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



Helpful Website Link for Students and Student Safety!

"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.



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 2022/23 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 when needed. We have provided several families with support in these areas. **Please reach out to the principal for confidential information and support.** sgriffit@sd83.bc.ca



Term 3 Final Report Cards - Last Day of School

Report cards will be sent home on **Thursday June 29**. 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 😊