

# Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



January 2018

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**Dear Silverdale Elementary Families,**

Welcome back to what will be a very busy and productive next few months at Silverdale Elementary School. The Christmas break has always been a time of reflection for me and Silverdale Elementary was continually at the forefront of my mind. It has been more than a year since I came to Silverdale; a place that now feels like home. I enjoy coming here each day as I find myself surrounded by a dedicated staff and parent group as well as some fantastic kids. Each day is an adventure here, playing in the mud, tag, soccer, hockey, working in the MakerSpace, and participating in Forest Friday are all important parts of our weeks. This is an amazing place to be!

For the connections that we have created, I thank you. I appreciate the support of this exceptional community and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the education of the children in our care.

For those who forget to read my emails...

January 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Kindergarten Registration Opens for the 2018-2019 School Year ~ *Come in and sign-up your kids to attend Silverdale for the years to come.*

~ Skating all divisions ~ *Parent volunteers are still needed to help lace-up skates.*

\*\*\**Be at the arena by 8:50 for the primary grades and 9:45 for the intermediates*\*\*\*

~*PAC Meeting ~ 1:00 in the library*

January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am ~ ArtStarts Performance ~ *Parents are welcome to come and join us for the performance.*

January 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Hot Lunch ~ *Sushi*

February 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Red & White Day ~ *Dress up day!*

February 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Screening ~ *Conducted by Fraser Health*

February 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Circus Lab Presentation ~ *Details still to come!*

Thanks again for your continued support.

Rob Clark  
Principal



## Coding @ Silverdale Elementary



### Silverdale Library News

Have you visited our Silverdale Elementary Website lately? This site is a useful resource for our entire school community (students, parents, educators & support staff) that continues to grow and develop as we do. Have fun exploring all the items in our menu bar and try entering a topic in our search bar to see what you can find. Remember to check back regularly for updated information on all the amazing things we are doing here at Silverdale. If you have ideas or content you would like to share on this site, please contact Mrs. Bout via email [angie.bout@mpsd.ca](mailto:angie.bout@mpsd.ca), via Twitter @SilverdaleLib or pop into the library after school on Tuesday or Wednesday to share your ideas.

<https://silverdalelibrary.wordpress.com/>

## Smokey Valley

Drumming and Dancing



### **W.I.T.S. Program**

Standing for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek Help, W.I.T.S., originally developed by a Principal in Victoria with support from the University of Victoria and the Rock Solid Foundation, has evolved into a nationwide program. While we expect all of our students will treat one another in a respectful manner, we are all well aware that from time-to-time most students will find themselves in conflict and giving them a simple strategy to deal with that conflict will build the foundation for immediate use and lay the groundwork for more sophisticated strategies that they can adopt as they get older. For further information on the W.I.T.S. program log on to the W.I.T.S. website at [www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca)

### **Volunteers and Visitors**

Parent volunteers are invaluable and make a significant contribution to student learning. All parent volunteers need to

complete an application form and a criminal record check through the Mission RCMP. Many different volunteer opportunities are available. All parent volunteers need to check in at the office when they arrive.

## Attendance

School is a preparation for adult life and job experiences. Regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is vital for student success. Students who arrive late disrupt the classroom and the student misses important instructional time and information. If circumstances prevent your child from arriving to school on time, please have them report to the office so that we can adjust their attendance record.

## Office Telephone

Just a reminder, that our office phone may be used by students for emergency situations only. Arrangements for after-school care or visiting friends needs to be made prior to school. This will help us keep our phone available for real emergency situations or school business. Thanks for your cooperation in this.

## Limiting Screen Time

Too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically active, reading, doing homework, playing with friends, and spending time with family. Try the following tips to reduce screen time:

- Set limits on screen time.
- Your children should spend no more than two hours a day watching TV, surfing the internet and/or playing video games.



## Parent Advisory Counsel

**\*\*\*Next PAC Meeting is January 15th @ 1:00 \*\*\***

The Silverdale Parental Advisory Council (PAC) meets once a month. All parents of Silverdale students are encouraged to join us and have a say in activities happening in the school.

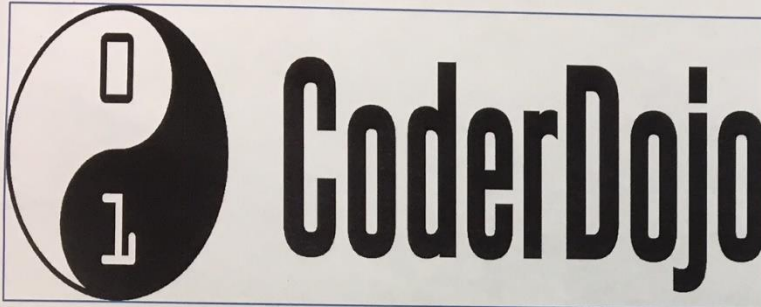
If you haven't already, please consider joining the PAC's Facebook group: Silverdale Elementary Parents. It's another great resource for information.

## Community Events Board

Many visitors stop by to post information about community events on our Informational Bulletin Board outside the Strong Start Room. Be sure to stop by and take a look!

A banner for School Cash Online. On the left, there is a dark grey box with white text that reads: "What is School Cash Online? School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. [Learn more](#)". To the right of the text is a pair of bright orange high-top sneakers with white laces and white soles. The background of the banner is a light beige color with a faint "Rent" watermark in the upper right corner.

<https://mpsd.schoolcashionline.com/>



## Workshop Dates:

- Tuesdays - January 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Heritage Park Middle School

## Two Sessions:

- Age 7+ yrs @ 3:15 - 4:15 pm

or

- Age 10+ yrs and able to keyboard @ 4:30-5:30 pm

## Registration:

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