



Dear Silverdale Families,

Another exciting year has come and gone. It was a year of transition and change for Silverdale Elementary; I have enjoyed being part of that change.

I had three goals coming to Silverdale Elementary:

1. Support and augment the programs that relate directly to student's success
2. Improve the use of and accessibility to technology in the school
3. Create meaningful relationships with the school community

To meet these goals a number of changes were made around the school. The first change was the creation of the Makerspace Learning Lab. It offers students the opportunity to apply hands on learning to their classroom activities.

Makerspace



Creating models of two interconnected neurons in the brain!

Mrs. Warmerdam

Creating Buildings and Doing Measurements



The second change was more subtle in nature; we created a book room to house the vast number of resources that were hidden away in different cupboards. Although the move seems small, it has proven to be an excellent way to ease the access to valuable resources for teachers and students.

A third change was started before I arrived; the new logo. With student input the following logo was created.



It speaks to the nature and identity of the students here at Silverdale; they display strength, courage, and heart. It is also easier to explain to other people than a Dolphin.

A fourth change was the purchase of a large number of resources for the school library. We are proud to say that there are more than 500 new books in the library since December.



There were many more changes behind the scenes related to processes and staffing that occurred as well (but you don't get to know the details about those things ☺).

In the 2017/2018 school year more changes are to come. The first change will be the introduction of a home reading program that is a partnership between the library and the classroom. Teachers and our teacher librarian will be meeting regularly to ensure that students are checking out books at an appropriate reading level for them. It will be tracked by the teacher and librarian in order to focus our efforts on improving the literacy skills of all of our students.

We will also be improving our Makerspace Learning Lab giving students more opportunities to learn and explore different areas of the curriculum. This will include the 20 new iPads that were purchased this year giving us the ability to introduce more advanced coding and some robotics to the mix. We will also be exploring some small building projects as a partnership between some parents and the school in the Makerspace.

We are also looking to expand our forest Friday program to include some older grades. My goal is to support any teacher who wants to take part in this excellent learning opportunity for students.

There are many more things that I can list but I think you get the picture. I am excited to begin my second year at Silverdale Elementary; I know it will be an exciting one.

Thank you for all of your support this year.

Have a great summer!

Rob Clark
Principal

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

*****Next PAC Meeting is September 19th 2:30 *****

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!

CLUB KIDS

Club KIDS is an afterschool program offered at Silverdale. The program runs from 2:15-6:00 pm on school days. Please refer to our school website or contact Club KIDS Coordinator, Nicole Spooner at 604-820-5360/nspooner@mission.ca for more details about the Club KIDS program.

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