

Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



October 2017

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Dear Silverdale Elementary Families,

The first month of the 2017/2018 school year is in the books. It was a great month with a lot of excitement, events, and opportunities for learning.

Here is a snap shot of what happened:

- On September 19th, we held a very successful welcome back BBQ. Many families joined us as we reestablished old connections and made many new ones.
- On September 22nd, the teachers, educational assistants, and I took the opportunity to further our knowledge about the Jump Math program we are using. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow educators as we continually strive to offer exceptional learning opportunities for our students.
- On September 23rd, the PAC organized a bottle drive raising funds for our school.
- On September 27th, our new cart of 30 touch-screen student laptops arrived ready for students to use.
- On September 28th, students, teachers, parents, and I participated in the Terry Fox Run raising awareness and funds for this important cause.
- On September 29th, our school participated in Orange Shirt Day learning about residential schools from our Aboriginal Liaison worker Joe Kelly.

This coming month will also prove to be quite exciting. In order to ensure that you don't miss anything, I emailed out a month-at-a-glance calendar to all parents/guardians on our email list. I have also asked teachers to ensure that, as events get closer, they are written in the kids' planners (planners were ordered for every student in the school this year).

As parents are an essential part of the education of children, I invite you all to come to assemblies and school events.

Sincerely,

Rob Clark

Principal

For those who missed the email, here is the calendar again.

October 2017							November 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 1 - 7	Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				9:00am 10:00am Speech and hearing screening for kindergarten		9:00am 11:30 am Silverdale Wetlands Field Trip Divisions 4, 2, & 1	
Oct 8 - 14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Thanksgiving - No Sch	8:30am 9:30am Grade 6 Vaccinations 8:30am 9:30am Photo Day	9:00am 12:30pm Divisions 5 & 3 Kwantlen Trip 2:30pm 3:30pm PAC meeting			
Oct 15 - 21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Hot Lunch - Sushi			8:15am 9:15am WITS training Assembly with RCMP 5:30pm 8:00pm School dance (School Gym)	Provincial Pro D	
Oct 22 - 28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Curriculum Implement				First off-site Forest Fri	
Oct 29 - Nov 4	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
		Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs					

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W.I.T.S. Program

Standing for **W**alk Away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out and **S**eek 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

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.

Student Verification Forms



Student verification forms will be sent home with your child in the first week of school. It has your child's demographic and contact information on it. Please check this information carefully and be sure it is correct and up to date. Make any changes right on the sheet and send it back to us so we can update our records. We need to have this information accurate in case there are any emergencies that happen while your child is at school.

Organization and communication begins with student planners

Studies show that people who plan are more likely to reach their goals. To help students plan, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 are required to purchase a planner from the school in September at a cost of \$8.00. Planners will be used for daily communication between teachers and families, a place to record homework as well as reminders. Please check your child's planner each night.

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 situation 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 October 11th at 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!

Orange Shirt Day



