

Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



October/November 2017

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Dear Silverdale Elementary Families,

The month of October was full of activities and opportunities for students at the school. Students in grade 4 began writing the Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) this month. The FSA is an annual assessment of students' reading, writing, and numeracy skills. Its intent is to provide an early indicator of student performance in order to support decision making in the areas of: interventions, planning, resource allocation, curriculum, local and provincial policies, and research. Although the FSA has been seen by some as a poor reflection of a student's ability, when taken as a whole it does provide important feedback to the teacher, the district, and myself in targeting areas where more focused interventions might be required. I appreciate the continued support of staff and parents as our students finish the assessment this month.

Earlier this month divisions 1, 2, and 4 participated in a Trees Canada event exploring the Silverdale Wetlands on a self-guided tour that was co-created by our wonderful kindergarten teacher Mrs. Warmerdam. Later in the month divisions 3 and 5 went to a tree planting ceremony with the Kwantlen First Nations. Both trips were excellent opportunities to continue to integrate environmental education and stewardship in our classes.

Silverdale Elementary W.I.T.S. Training



On the 19th of the month in conjunction with the Mission

RCMP we had our WITS training assembly. Its purpose was to continue to help students develop their skills in dealing with conflict. It was both educational and entertaining!

Silverdale Elementary continues to be a fantastic place to work and learn. I look forward to more exciting educational opportunities that are to come! As always, you are welcome to stop by the office if you ever have any concerns or questions.

Rob Clark
Principal

Silverdale Students at Kwantlen Tree Planting



Exploring Scale

Recreating a larger scale model in Makerspace



Silverdale Makerspace

Engineering Project: Bridge Construction



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.

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

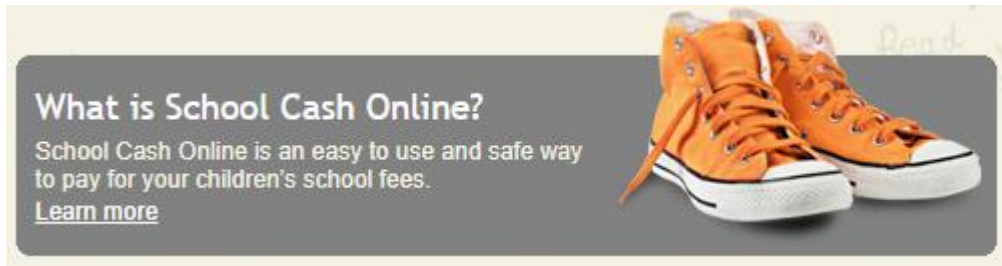
*****Next PAC Meeting is November 22nd at 6:30 *****

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!



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School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
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Below is a calendar of events at Silverdale Elementary, as changes arise I will email those changes to you.

Silverdale Elementary Parents Calendar

Friday, November 3, 2017 – Saturday, December 23, 2017

Time zone: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

(Adjusted for Daylight Saving Time)

November 2017

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December 2017

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- ▲ [Grade 6 Basketball](#) Thu, Nov 9 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM
Christine Morrison

 - ▲ [1/2 Day Assessment - Students dismissed at 11:00](#) Fri, Nov 10
 - ▲ [Remembrance Day Ceremony](#) Fri, Nov 10 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

 - ▲ [Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day](#) Mon, Nov 13

 - ▲ [Grade 6 Basketball](#) Thu, Nov 16 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM
Christine Morrison

 - ▲ [Parent Teacher Conferences](#) Wed, Nov 22 2:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 - ▲ [PAC meeting 6:30 - 7:15 in the Computer Room](#) 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

 - ▲ [Day in lieu of conferences - no school for students](#) Fri, Nov 24

 - ▲ [Basketball playoff week - times and locations to be determined](#) Mon, Nov 27 to Fri, Dec 1 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

 - ▲ [Ready Set Learn](#) Thu, Nov 30 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Strong Start Room

 - ▲ [Christmas Concert Gym Decorating - Parents needed!](#) Fri, Dec 15

▲ [Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal](#) Wed, Dec 20

▲ [Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:00](#) Thu, Dec 21

▲ [Christmas Concert Gym Clean Up - Parents needed!](#) Fri, Dec 22

[Last Day Before Winter Break](#) Fri, Dec 22

Details

Thursday, November 9, 2017

▲ **Time** 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Subject Grade 6 Basketball

Location Christine Morrison

Friday, November 10, 2017

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject 1/2 Day Assessment - Students dismissed at 11:00

▲ **Time** 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Subject Remembrance Day Ceremony

Parents, grandparents, and community members welcome!

Monday, November 13, 2017

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day

Thursday, November 16, 2017

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Subject Grade 6 Basketball

Location Christine Morrison

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Friday, November 24, 2017

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject Day in lieu of conferences - no school for students
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Monday, November 27, 2017

- ▲ **Time** 11/27/2017 10:00 AM – 12/1/2017 11:00 AM
Subject Basketball playoff week - times and locations to be determined
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Thursday, November 30, 2017

- ▲ **Time** 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Subject Ready Set Learn
Location Strong Start Room
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Friday, December 15, 2017

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject Christmas Concert Gym Decorating - Parents needed!
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Wednesday, December 20, 2017

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
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Thursday, December 21, 2017

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Subject Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:00
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Friday, December 22, 2017

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