

Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



December 2021

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Good afternoon Silverdale Families!

I am at a bit of a loss about what we can say about 2021. Not only have we persevered during the pandemic, there was a heat-dome that closed schools early in June, followed by a summer of forest fires, a fall that saw devastating floods, and today we have snow. I suppose the best way to describe it is "hopefully over soon".

Yet as we move into the Christmas season, I am encouraged as I reflect on all of the great things that we have experienced as well. This year we have an additional division and two excellent new teachers at the school. We have continued our learning in developing our positive character and school culture. We have grown deeper in our friendships and added new friends to our school. We have truly grown as a community, coming together to help whenever help was needed. As the principal, I know how blessed I am to have such an amazing staff, student population, and caregiver community. I have a lot to be thankful for!

I know that December is a fast-paced, fun, and at times, difficult month for children and families. It will be quite busy here at the school as we prepare for the Christmas Concert, classroom activities, and excitement about the upcoming holidays. I ask for your patience as your kids will come home excited, tired, and at times a little grumpy.

I am continually humbled by the connection we all have, the support you offer, and the genuine caring you continue to show for Silverdale Elementary.

Sincerely,

Rob Clark, Principal

Keep kids home when they are sick: When your child is sick, we ask you to keep them home, call the school to report the absence, and please don't send them back until they are better.

Indoor and Outdoor Days: Silverdale Elementary goes outside, rain, sleet, snow, as well as when the sun is shining. Our staff, including the principal, go outside in all types of weather with the students. We believe that there is no bad weather, just bad clothing. Make sure you send your child to school wearing clothing appropriate to the weather and activity they are doing. Extra clothing is always a good idea! Don't worry, we have covered areas where kids can keep dry, but let's face it...if there is a puddle, they will be in it!



PAC:

For the 2021 school year ensure that you connect with the Silverdale PAC to ensure you are up-to-date about information and events.

Email the PAC: silverdalepac@gmail.com

Family Contacts:

It is very important that the school has your up-to-date phone and email contact information. Do you have a new cell phone? Do we have the new number? If you have not been receiving our newsletters by email, please contact the school office.

Lost and Found:

If you can't find your child's lunch kit, jacket, backpack, or sweater, there is a possibility that the missing item is in our lost and found box. Encourage your child to take a moment to look through the box.



Masks:

Please ensure your child has a clean mask to wear each day at school and on the bus. ALL STUDENTS FROM K-6 REQUIRE MASKS.

Subscribe to our Calendar:

Please visit our website (<https://silverdale.mpsd.ca>) and click Subscribe to our calendar to get any calendar changes automatically uploaded to your smart phone.

School Closures Due to Inclement Weather:

If you are wondering if Mission schools are closed, you can go to www.mpsd.ca (Mission Public School website), scroll down the page to the heading "School Closures". There you will receive the most up to date information.

Check Out Our Website: <https://silverdale.mpsd.ca/>

Follow Mr. Clark on Twitter: [@TheRealRobClark](https://twitter.com/TheRealRobClark)

Upcoming Important Dates for the Month of December:

December 6th - 10th - Christmas Concert Practice and Filming

- Your child's teacher will connect about what outfits are needed

December 13th - Stage gets returned and the Gym is cleaned up.

- Anyone who would like to help clean up the stage and decorations it would be greatly appreciated!

December 13th to 17th - Lost and Found is on display in the foyer.

- Come see what your kids have lost so far this year!

December 16th - Virtual Christmas Concert Link Emailed to Families (check your junk mail if you don't get it)

- Please note that the concert will be available on a private YouTube channel that is only available to those who are emailed the specific link. The video will be removed on December 26th. Please ensure you watch it before then.

December 17th - Schoolwide Pajama Day!!!

December 17th - Christmas Clean Up!

- Although Christmas hasn't happened yet...it is over at school and we need help putting away all the decorations. If you are available to help just show up after drop-off and we will have stuff for you to do.

December 17th - Last day before Christmas Break!

- That's right, your kids will be all yours until January 4th 2022. We hope you have a great time as a family over the break.

There is likely more going on in your child's class, check with the teachers so nothing is missed!