

Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



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Good afternoon Silverdale Families,

Growing up I always enjoyed parent-teacher conferences. It wasn't because I was an amazing kid who never got into trouble, we know that couldn't be true, it was because I was always compared to my older brother. To give some insight into our relationship, my brother and I joke that you can choose to live your life as an example or as a warning; he always chose to be the warning. (If he were reading this right now, he would ask me to clarify that he is much better now, but we all know that "better" is a relative term 😊). In the end, my conferences were always fine, I was a good student, made good choices, and fortunately for me, I had an extraordinary auditory memory which generally led to academic success; a claim my brother could not make. Looking back, I have come to realize how fortunate and unfortunate I was to be on the "good side" of the comparison. I regularly, and mistakenly, overplayed the value of my academic skills with my older brother (you can imagine how that went).

After high school my perspective and understanding changed. While attending university full time I worked in a shake and shingle shipping yard during the day and as a server in a restaurant at night. I was surrounded by extraordinary people who taught me that scores on math tests didn't matter, what mattered was the quality of my character, my work ethic, and being reliable. I learned that good people, solid people, people I enjoyed being around, were not necessarily those who got good grades, but those who were kind, honest, humble, showed integrity, and loved others.

This week, during your child's Parent-Teacher Conferences, I ask that you remember 3 things:

1. Remember to talk about those character traits that make them a good person, rather than just their grades.
2. Remember to compare your child with their potential, not their sibling.
3. Remember to celebrate the positives, because knowing your child, there is a lot to celebrate (Come ask me if you like).

As for my older brother, he is the Director of BIM/VDC Services - industrial division at Bird Construction in Alberta...ya, he is doing pretty well for himself.

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/>

Things to remember:

March 8th – Report Cards Go Home

March 9th – Parent Teacher Conferences Night

March 10th – Outdoorsy Day – Wear your camo, florals, or anything for being an outdoors person.

March 11th – No School –

March 12th -27th – Spring Break

March 28th Back to School

April 1st – Crazy Hat Day

April 14th – Pattern Day – Wear as many patterns as possible – clashing is ok...for once!

April 15th – Good Friday – No School

April 18th – Easter Monday – No School

April 21st – Ready Set Learn Event for incoming kindergarten students

Other events are happening as well, check with your child's teacher for more information!