

# Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



**September 2022**

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Good afternoon Silverdale Families!

Each year I attempt to write a heartfelt welcome letter setting the tone for the school year. In them I talk about how I want our students to show integrity and be respectful of others. I talk about the importance of kindness, forgiveness, and honouring each other's uniqueness. I even tell a joke or two, just subtle ones, to bring a smile to your faces as I attempt to reassure you that "everything will be ok" and that "your kids are in good hands".

After 6 years of being principal of Silverdale Elementary my hope is that you already know that your kids are entrusted to a dedicated, caring, and committed community of educators. You know that at Silverdale Elementary we focus on not only their academics, but their social, emotional, and character development. You know that at Silverdale we play as hard as we work and that we value what is important in life: family, friends, and community.

For those of you who are new to the Silverdale Elementary Community, you are in for an exceptional school experience. I look forward to partnering with you all this year in your child's educational journey.

Take care,

Rob Clark

p.s. The school supplies lists are on the website: <https://silverdale.mpsd.ca/>

[The First Day of School: \(grades 1-6, Kindergarten parents please refer to the gradual entry from June\)](#)

When you arrive:

Temporary class lists will be posted on a bulletin board at the front of the school on Tuesday Morning. I will be outside to help people find their name on the lists and where they will be going for the first day or two (or three). Like I said, these lists are temporary since there is a possibility that we need to make some moves if enrollment continues to increase. It is very important to remember that the classes are temporary until we confirm our enrollment. I don't want anyone getting upset if we need to do a shuffle because I didn't inform anyone of that potential. Did I mention that they are temporary?

What to expect:

School Starts on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 (well that's the first bell, it really starts at 8:20). After some welcome activities with your temporary teacher, we will all meet in the gym for our first assembly of the year. In the assembly we will be talking about what it means to be part of Silverdale Elementary and what we stand for! Following the assembly, it will be recess time where kids will run wild for 15 minutes (don't worry, they are supervised, and it is a controlled chaos). After recess they will go back to their temporary classrooms and spend some time learning before the 11:00 am dismissal.

The First Week at a Glance:

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| <b>Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School is closed</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts regular time: first bell is 8:15</li> <li>• Find your temporary class</li> <li>• Full School Assembly at 9:00 am</li> <li>• Dismissal at 11:00 am</li> <li>• Staff Training sessions</li> </ul> |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular School Day (8:15-2:13)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular School Day (8:15-2:13)</li> <li>• Classes will be finalized (hopefully)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular School Day (8:15-2:13)</li> </ul>   |

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## A little about Silverdale for new and returning families:

**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 2022 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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.

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## 2022-2023 School District Calendar

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| September | Tuesday, September 6, 2022   | Schools Open – ½ Day for Students – <b>ALL Students attend AM only</b><br>(Organizational ½ Day)  |
|           | September 23, 2022           | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b><br>(District Professional Development Day)   |
|           | Friday, September 30, 2022   | National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>  |
| October   | Monday, October 10, 2022     | Thanksgiving - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>   |
|           | Friday, October 21, 2022     | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b><br>(Provincial Professional Development Day)   |
| November  | Thursday, November 10, 2022  | Non-Instructional ½ Day – <b>ALL Students attend AM only</b><br>(Assessment/ Evaluation)  |
|           | Friday, November 11, 2022    | Remembrance Day - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>  |
|           | Friday, November 25, 2022    | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b><br>(in lieu of P/T Conferences)  |
| December  | Dec. 19, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023 | <b>Winter Break</b>   |
| January   | Tuesday, January 3, 2023     | Schools reopen after Winter Break   |
|           | Friday, January 27, 2023     | Semester Turnaround Day – <b>Middle/Secondary Students Not in Session</b><br>Professional Development Day – <b>Elementary Students not in Session</b> |
| February  | Friday, February 17, 2023    | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b><br>(District Professional Development Day)   |
|           | Monday, February 20, 2023    | Family Day - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>   |
|           | Friday, February 24, 2023    | Non-Instructional ½ Day – <b>Elementary Students attend AM Only</b><br>(Assessment/Evaluation)  |
| March     | Friday, March 10, 2023       | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session (except FLC)</b> .<br>(in lieu of P/T Conferences)   |
|           | March 13- 24, 2023           | <b>Spring Break</b>   |
|           | Monday, March 27, 2023       | Schools reopen after Spring Break   |
| April     | Friday, April 7, 2023        | Good Friday - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>  |
|           | Monday, April 10, 2023       | Easter Monday - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>  |
|           | Friday, April 21, 2023       | Non-Instructional ½ Day – <b>Middle/Secondary Students attend AM Only</b><br>(Assessment/Evaluation)  |
|           | Friday, April 28, 2023       | Non-Instructional Day – <b>Middle/Secondary Students not in session</b><br>(Professional Development Day)   |
| May       | Friday, May 19, 2023         | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b>  |
|           | Monday, May 22, 2023         | Victoria Day - <b>ALL Students not in session</b>   |
| June      | Thursday, June 29, 2023      | Last Day of School for all Students   |
|           | Friday, June 30, 2023        | Non-Instructional Day – <b>ALL Students not in session</b><br>(Administrative Day)  |

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