

Silverdale Elementary Newsletter



April 2023

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Dear Silverdale Families,

I am so glad to be getting to know students and their families in these first days of April, and the warm welcome from the vibrant school community is so appreciated! The many upcoming activities that are planned for students in the days, and months to come speaks to the shared vision of staff, families and community of bringing engaging and important learning opportunities to the lives of the students. Thank you for your part in the lives of the Silverdale learners.

Sincerely,
Lani Vetter,
Principal

UPCOMING DATES!

Monday, April 24, Hatzic Middle visits Silverdale Grade 6
Wednesday, April 26th - Wacky Hair/Hat Day
Friday, April 28, Salmon Release at Silverdale Wetland
Monday, May 1 - Bus Registration Opens
Thursday and Friday, May 4, 5 - District Track & Field Event
Thursday, May 11 - Moana Jr Musical at Hatzic Middle
Friday, May 19th - Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 22nd - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 23 - PAC AGM, 4:30
Thursday, May 25 - Pencil Patch field trip and Artstarts performance at Silverdale, "Digital Guise"
Thursday, June 8 - Welcome to Kindergarten!
Friday, June 9 - Indigenous Student Honouring Ceremony
Friday, June 16 - Planetarium comes to Silverdale
Friday, June 23 - Silverdale Sports Day!
Thursday, June 29 - School Send-Off Assembly





Wacky Hair/Hat Day - Wednesday, April 24, 2023

Show us your finest look!

In April, we will highlight the letter "V" in Silverdale - **you are valued as you make valuable contributions** to the school, the community and the world.

MISSION LIBRARY EVENTS

Pyjama Storytimes

Mondays, 6:45-7:30 pm

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, 3-4:15 pm

Puzzle Cube Drop-in

Wednesdays, April 19, 3:00-4:00 pm

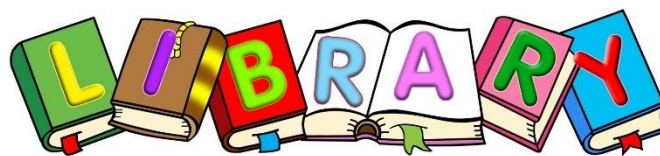
Paws 4 Stories (Registration required)

Thursday, April 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 29 and May 27, 11-11:30 am

For more details, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca > Events.

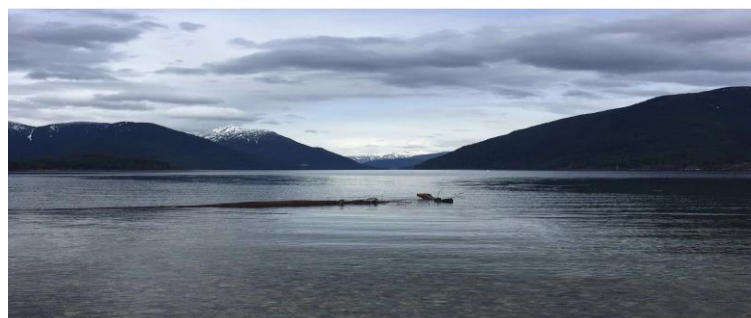


EARTH DAY

April 22nd is Earth Day! Please visit the below websites for events, activities and inspiration for how you can make a difference.

<https://www.mission.ca/event/celebrate-earth-day-green-living-event/>

www.pitch-in.ca



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2023/24 BUS REGISTRATION

Bus Registration opens on **May 1st, 2023**, and is done on-line by following the steps below:

1. www.mpsd.ca
2. Click on the Transportation Icon - Yellow Bus
3. Follow the prompts to the Bus Registration Form
4. Complete the Bus Registration Form
5. Scroll down and hit submit.

BEAR AWARENESS

It's that time of year again when we are starting to see more bears around us.

How to prevent conflicts with bears

To avoid habituating the bears in your area, follow these steps.

- **Make trash cans inaccessible.** Bring them inside at night or buy a bear-resistant trash can or an enclosure for the container.
- **Enclose your compost pile.** Open compost piles, especially those that include kitchen scraps, are an irresistible treat in bear country. Burying compost won't work because bears will easily find and dig it up.
- **Recycle wisely.** If you store recyclables outside, use enclosed bins. (Persistent bears will break into even ruggedly built bins.)
- **Keep your barbecue grill clean and as free of drippings as possible.** Move the grill away from your house when you aren't using it and clean it regularly with ammonia or bleach.
- **Rethink your bird feeders.** In the summer, birds can make do with naturally available foods. If you do set up feeders, install them away from your house.

Communities experiencing bear problems can take steps such as fining people who knowingly or unknowingly feed bears, requiring bear-resistant trash cans, distributing educational flyers and training police and animal control officers in aversive conditioning techniques that use rubber bullets, fireworks and pepper spray.

What to do if you encounter a black bear

If you see a black bear in your yard, don't fear the worst. A youngster may simply be passing through in search of a home of his own. Or an adult may be checking out an enticing smell or interesting sound. Usually when he finds out there are people around, he'll head for the hills, never to be seen again.

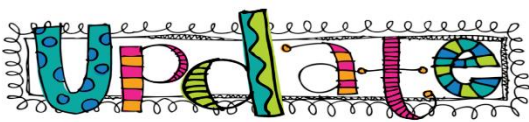
If you do encounter a bear, remain calm and remember that the bear is likely more scared of you than you are of him. Attacks by black bears on people are very rare and most black bears can be easily scared away with the following approach:

- Stand and face the bear directly. Never run away from or approach him.
- Make yourself look as big as possible by spreading your arms or, better yet, a coat.

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- Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging pots and pans or using other noisemaking devices.
- If the bear approaches and you have bear spray, spray the bear as he approaches.
- In the very rare case that a black bear does attack you, fight back (don't play dead).
- After the bear leaves, remove whatever attracted him to the location (barbecue grill, bird feeder, pet food or garbage).

Please be aware of your surroundings and keep your eyes on your path and your mind on your task.



UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please let the office know if you have moved since the start of the school year and have a new home address or have a new home phone number or cell number. The office needs to keep up to date information to be able to contact parents during the day in case their child becomes sick or there is an emergency. Also, if you have any new alternate emergency contact names and information for your child, please inform the office. Thank you!

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2022-2023 School District Calendar

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

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