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SILVER STAR News

Principal: Mrs. Taylor

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✧ Spring is Here! ✧



Principal's Message



Dear Parents:

It was great to see the refreshed smiles on all those little faces after a well deserved spring break. We are on the last stretch home. This last bit of the year is filled with many exciting adventures for students.

Here is an interesting list that students shared suggesting things that parents can do for their children in order for them to be successful at school.

Often we hear that older students want parents to pull away, but reading this list, it looks like the students really want your support!

- encourage homework time
 - turn off the TV
 - sit with your child
 - if you were challenged by Math in school don't repeat that to your child, (students believe that this is genetic and if you couldn't do it then they feel they can't either)
 - don't show fear, if you can't help them, ask them to try and explain to you what they are struggling with
- remind them to look in their notes or textbook, Google is a great resource, but lots of times when students can talk out the problem they will find the solution
 - pack them a healthy lunch

- have breakfast together
- talk to them about the importance of education
- show interest in their assignments, portfolios, quizzes and projects
- give them some independence to make decisions, while giving some guidance
 - positive reinforcement- do a half hour of reading and get to play a half hour of video games
 - participate in school activities Parent Teacher/ Student goal setting, Student-Led conferences and Sports Teams

If you have not registered for Kindergarten, please contact the office for more information.



Our Silver Star Kindergarten teachers will be welcoming our new Kindies on Monday, May 29th between 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

All parents and new Kindergarten students will meet with our transportation department for our bus orientation, starting at 12:00 first before the 1:05 start time.



After the bus ride parents will meet in the Library and have a chance to visit the classrooms. Teachers are excited to welcome our new Kindies and give them a Silver Star gift bag.

More information to come.

✧ Tomorrow's STARS are here today! ✧

Student/Parent /Teacher Conferences

April 27th!

April is one of the five reporting periods for the school year. Notices through email went home last week with information on how to schedule your time for Student/Parent/Teacher **Spring conferences**. We will be hosting Conferences on Thursday afternoon starting at 12:30 pm. Some teachers will be scheduling their conferences on their own. Each teacher will be hosting parents in the way that best works for their students. Some will have an open Student Led type of format while others will have a sit down, set time, with stations.



If you have a conflict with times please contact your student's teacher to rearrange this conference. If you wish to have your conference on line please let the teacher know or indicate it when you sign up.

Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed
early on both

April 27th and April 28th
at 11:30

Busses will run 3 hours early

It's wet weather time!

Please check that your child's indoor shoes still fit! Please help your child remember to dress for all kinds of weather that might occur throughout the spring days as we will continue to be outside often.



Student Learning Surveys

Help us plan for the future! Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online survey about their school experiences. Your feedback is important to us! Parents of students in Gr. 4 & 7: Please go to the following page to participate by April 30th

****No logon number required****

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/
access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

Select the following:

Scroll down to Parent

Go to right that says Direct Access

District - find - 22 Vernon

School - find - Silver Star Elementary

If your child is feeling unwell...

- Please do a Health Check with your child in the morning before school.
- If your child is feeling unwell, please have them stay home.

All visitors

- All visitors ~ Thank you to all our parents who come to the office and sign in when coming to the school.
- For the safety of our students please continue to make an appointment at the office or email your student's teacher if you would like to talk or meet with them.

Dogs on the playground.

Thank you to all parents who do not bring their dog on the playgrounds between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. We appreciate your support with this.

✧ Silver Star Wolfpack Rocks! ✧

Water Bottles at School

Please ensure that your child is bringing a water bottle with them to school. As the days are getting warmer and more classes are taking advantage of the outdoor learning experience, students will need to hydrate.



Chess Club



The Silver Star Chess Club is well under way, at lunch with Mr. Hough and Mr Wilson. If your child is on the Chess team they are now learning advanced skills. Those who qualify will attend the District Chess Tournament on May10th.

Earth Day

BE THE CHANGE 2022!

Silver Star will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd in and around the school. Participating classes will present contributions to a better Earth and celebrate in a variety of activities within their classroom.



PAC Fundraisers

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Advisory Council by helping to make our school an even better place.

Our fundraiser right now is in time for Mother's Day.

Growing Smiles Spring Plant Fundraiser site is now set up! Orders have to be in by April 24th and Delivery will be Tuesday, May 9th (before Mother's Day). This is the same vendor as our Christmas orders and the quality was awesome!

Please share with family and friends and local businesses who may want baskets and planters.

As always our funds raised go towards classrooms, outdoor items, field trips, gym equipment, prizes, fun things for the kids and so much more!

Check out the details here and start planning for spring 

silverstar.growingsmilesfundraising.com

There are a few more events and fundraisers coming your way this last term.

Join us at the next AGM PAC meeting. Tuesday, May 16th

Our next PAC Meeting will be at 6:30 on ZOOM. As the parent of a child at Silver Star, you are already on the PAC - so come and join us to share your ideas about making Silver Star even better!



Join the PAC Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

Tomorrow's STAR's are here today

Track and Field at Silver Star Intermediate Students (Gr 4-7):



Dust off your runners ~ Track & Field begins in the last week of April! Volunteers ~ ~ we are going to need you for our school Track Meet on May 5th!

Work it Out

Work it Out is a school wide program all teachers are using here at Silver Star. It teaches our students the skills to help them learn self regulation skills, become better problem solvers, and create a common language within the school.

Walk, Ignore, Talk, Seek help

Part of the Work It Out program is to use WITS. WITS is a program created for educators to help children prevent victimization, such as bullying, discrimination and lateral violence. The WITS program gives children the tools to manage conflicts and empowers them to make safe, positive choices within their community.



X County Running

X Country running is off to a great start with more than 75 of the Wolfpack signed up. Practices are happening multiple days a week as students learn and practice their running skills and build stamina! Thank you to Mrs. Mazurak, Mrs. Lockhart and Mr. Williamson!

Parent Learning Session #2

Numeracy Partnerships at Home:

We will be hosting another parent session that will be hosted by our District Learning Teachers Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Jmayoff. This session will focus on ways to increase numeracy skills in partnerships with home through building students' numeracy abilities using fun strategies and games. We will share strategies to promote a positive self-image as a mathematician through voice, choice, habits and supportive coaching. Please join us for some apples, games and instruction.

Up Coming Events

April

20th	Drum Protocol
25th	Book Fair starts
26th	X Country Running - Marshall
27th	Conferences 12:30 - 7:00
27th/28th	Early dismissal - 11:30

May

3rd	X Country Running - Lumby
5th	Red Dress Day - Wear Red
10th	Parent Learning Session
15th	NO School Non Instructional Day
22nd	NO School Victoria Day

June

2nd	Spirit Day Inside out Day
9th	Donut Day with the Donut Truck
9th	Air Band
16th	Spirit Day Dress to Impress
13th	Talent Show
27th	Ice Cream Truck for all students
28th	Primary Fun Day
28th	Grade 7 Farewell 5-9
29th	Last Day of School Early Dismissal 10:30