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the SILVER STAR News

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✧ Be the Best that you can BE! ✧

Silver Star Strong Be the Best you can BE!



Students are working hard with so many new and innovative learning opportunities. I hope that your children are sharing these exciting classroom and school events. You can ask them to share with you one positive thing that happened. This second half of the year is a push on academics. We believe all children can learn and we have the responsibility to ensure their success. Our staff works hard to give time and support to ALL students to help them grow. Both students and staff will be continuing to review their goals and work to gain the ability to be lifelong learners. We also believe that it is the shared effort of the school and family to promote respect for self, others and the environment. Each week our character development focus is either Safety, Teamwork, Achievement or Respect and Responsibility. Along with whole school assemblies, teachers continue to hold classroom meetings to discuss positive peer interactions and social skills. Our number one goal is to teach our students to "Be the Best that you can Be," in the classroom, on the playground, and most importantly in life.

Spring Musical Pirates 2 the Musical

Students have been practicing for the musical *Pirates 2* as an extra curricular activity. Students from grade 2 to 7 are working hard with Ms. Keay to prepare for the big event in March. Auditions for the main roles are happening this week and next.



Dance Classes at Silver Star

We will try again in February. Due to the weather in December and flights being cancelled we had to postpone our dance classes with Tyler from Jess Dance. Since 1998, Jess and her team have been committed to empowering and inspiring our next generation through dance experiences that develop self worth, self expression, and connection to one's body, and each other! We are proud to invite healthy role models that support our students in more than just physical learning. Tyler, the dance teacher for Silver Star, is a passionate dance educator dedicated to providing a meaningful and impactful week-long dance program with our students from Feb 21st to Feb 24th.



✧ Tomorrow's Stars are Here Today! ✧

Montessori Registration

Registration for students wanting to attend Montessori Grade 1 in September 2023 can apply now. Please see the district website indicating Programs of Choice. Families will be notified as soon as the lottery draw is completed and will have 24 hours to accept the space.



Kindergarten Registration

The staff of Silver Star Elementary would like to welcome those children entering the school system for the 2022/2023 year. The Kindergarten program operates for the full day on every school day. Priority in attending a specific school will be given to students living in the applicable catchment areas.

Important Information you need:

A Birth Certificate and Care Card/BC Services Card. Two pieces of proof of residency: a utility bill or tax notice that clearly identifies the current address. See registration guide at sd22.bc.ca

Care Fee Reduction Initiative

To ensure more families throughout B.C. are saving money on child care, fee reductions will be expanded to include children enrolled in half-day preschool programs and children in Grade 1 and up starting September 1, 2023. Families enrolled in approved Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) facilities will receive fee reductions of up to \$145 per child per month. Applications will be open on January 31, 2023, for all child care providers to apply to participate in the CCFRI for the 2023-24 funding year. Facilities offering licensed preschool and care for children in

Grade 1 and up are encouraged to apply early to provide child care savings to even more families by the next school year.

Chess Club



The Silver Star Chess Club has begun. Students interested are playing games at lunch with Mr. Hough and Mr. Wilson. If your child is interested in learning the skills and rules of the game, encourage them to attend the club with Mr. Hough.

Silver Star Wolfpack Basketball

Silver Star Basketball season is in full swing. We have 4 teams that are very keen and willing to learn. We are fortunate and thankful to have our very experienced teachers, Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Dalliston volunteering to coach the girls' grade 6 & 7 team. Mrs. Friesen & Mr. Kim, who are parent volunteers, are coaching the boys' grade 6 & 7 team. Our teams are working hard on learning the game and skills of basketball, as well as great teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.



The Leadership Team is in Full Swing

Our grade 7 Leadership team has been doing a great job in leading our Wolfpack community in many ways. A huge thank you to the team for the extra activities they are leading. If you are in the school first thing in the morning you will hear them on the announcements. Also, they have scheduled several Spirit Days. The next ones coming up are Crazy Hair Day on Feb 3, Hawaiian day on Feb 24, and March 6th is 100th day. The Leaders will be helping to sell kindness grams for the next 2 weeks and will be planning more events for the future.

✘ The Wolfpack Rocks! ✘

KINDNESS DAY

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND

Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over the Internet. Each year, on **Pink T-Shirt Day**, we encourage all of you to wear something pink to symbolize that we, as a society, will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long.

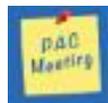
It is so important that victims of bullying know they are not alone and there is help and support available. Wearing a pink shirt on this day sends a strong message that others care. Often, the simple act of wearing a shirt can start conversations - conversations can be a big step towards healing and helping!



At Silver Star we will be selling **KINDNESS** grams the week of February 7th. They will be 2 for a \$1.00 and will be delivered the week of the 14th. **Please support Kindness day on February 22nd and have your child wear PINK.**

Tuesday, February 21st

Our next PAC Meeting is Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Library and on ZOOM. The link will be available on the PAC Facebook page. 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!**



Non Instructional Day

NO School

Friday, February 17th, 2023

On Friday, February 17th, teachers will be in learning sessions. Do NOT send your children to school that day. This non-instructional day will be designated for educators to take a deeper dive into areas that support student success.

Collecting Receipts

PAC is still collecting **Butcher Boys** and **Natures Fair** receipts. A percentage of each purchase comes back to our school!

We request that when handing in receipts that you keep each store separate and total your receipts into an envelope with the total amount written on the outside. Students can deliver to the PAC box in the office. We appreciate your help with this!

Parents/guardians please join our Facebook group to keep up with PAC efforts and school and community events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/silverstarpac/?ref=share>

PAC Spring Carnival

Our PAC is in need of volunteers to help with the Spring Carnival! They will need the help of many to plan and organize. Please email for more information to: silverstarpac@gmail.com.

Communication Protocols

Please see the link for the District guide on how to resolve issues or concerns. https://sd22.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/SD22-Brochure-Comm_Parents-v2.pdf

Be the Best that You can BE!

Happy Family Day! February 20th

Family Day is an event that is intended to allow loved ones to take a respite from their daily lives and spend quality time together.

One of the best things about this occasion is that there is no single “requirement” for the activities to be celebrated; Family Day is as flexible as it is relaxing.

Hike a mountain, or hill, or lake, or trail – not just any one, but one that by the end you feel you’ve accomplished something. Do something that pushes you, something you can look back on and feel proud!

Create a special family meal – Something perhaps everyone can contribute to such as a pot luck? Perhaps it’s making homemade pizza from scratch. It doesn’t matter what, just so long as it becomes an event to spend time together mindfully.

When dinner’s over, don’t turn on the television! Sit down and play a board game, or better still, ask the older members of the family to tell stories of what family life was like when they were young.

Family Day is a time set aside to focus on getting closer to your loved ones.

Parking at Silver Star

Parents, please **DO NOT** park in the staff parking lot at the end of the day to wait for your child. **This is** a safety concern. There is parking along the sidewalk fence in front of the school and along 35th Ave and 12th St.

Silver Star Parent Night March 8th, 6:00

Reading Partnerships at Home:

We will be hosting a parent session that will be hosted by our District Learning Teachers Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Jmayoff. This session will focus on ways to increase reading partnerships at home through building students’ reading identities. We will share strategies to promote a positive self-image as a reader through voice, choice, habits and supportive coaching. Please come and join us.

Up Coming Events February

- 1st Kindness grams on sale
- 14th Last day for Kindness grams
- 16th Last Day for Registration
- 17th Non Instructional Day-No School
- 20th Family Day - No School
- 21st PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21st Jess Dance this week
- 22nd Pink Shirt Day
- 24th Hawaiian Day
- 26th Grade 7 Bottle Drive

March

- 8th Pirates Musical Performance - afternoon for the school Evening for public
- 9th Spirit Day - Throw Back Thursday
- 17th Last Day before Spring Break

April

- 03rd First Day after Spring Break
- 7th Good Friday - NO School
- 10th Easter Monday - NO School
- 27/28 Early Dismissal 11:30
- 27th Parent/Teacher/Student Conference

Fun Times at Silver Star

