
Silverthorne Post

Silverthorne Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Happy October ☺. Hard to believe we are a month into the school year already! Despite the delay, we have had an outstanding start-up this year and are heading into a great year. We started out the year unsure of how things would roll out. I am so proud of our school community and the way we have pulled together to support our families in this time of uncertainty. Families have been great at following guidelines that have been laid out. We recognize the challenges created by this 'new normal' and we truly appreciate families keeping children home when they are ill, calling in for guidance when feeling unsure and remaining off the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. Children have adjusted well and are following the rules; they are starting to become more comfortable with movement patterns, staggered breaks and asking for help when they are feeling unsure. It is interesting to see some of the positive affects that our 'new normal' is having. With the staggered breaks, we are seeing a reduction in incidents on the playground. With fewer students on the playground at once, children that often become up-regulated appear to be managing much better with less stimulation. Children seem genuinely happy to be back at school.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

I am sure you are aware of the lunch and breakfast program that has been running in our school for the last few years. We will continue offering the same program and post a lunch menu for the upcoming week. This will allow families to decide ahead of time which meals their child might prefer and plan accordingly. As in the past, we will continue to apply for grants and accept donations so we can provide quality meals for all our students. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Amanda at the office.

Sports, Sports, Sports

Unfortunately, we are unable to run any sports events that would cross Learning Cohorts. As soon as we are able to, we will begin preparing for any upcoming events.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher interviews are complete and went relatively well. We have had some mixed feedback about the interviews. Some families really liked having the option of doing their interview via the phone or Zoom while others still prefer face-to-face. We are certainly learning there is more than one way of doing things that have been done the same way for years! If you did miss out on speaking to your child's teacher please reach out to them to arrange a different time.

Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated in different ways this year. Teachers will be planning things within their classrooms or learning cohorts. We will have a dress-up day on Friday, October 30th.

Terry Fox Run

Silverthorne Elementary will be taking part(safely!) in this year's Terry Fox School Run to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope. Let's show our support this year by donating online to:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/SilverthorneElementary>

Receipts are emailed immediately and there is no minimum donation! Please don't delay, donate today!
#terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

PAC News

The PAC will be holding their Annual General Meeting November 10th at 7:00 pm in the Silverthorne library. Please note, we will have to follow pandemic guidelines so be prepared to wear a mask and physically distance. We will also require an RSVP so we can manage numbers appropriately. Please send your RSVP to candisstumpf@outlook.com

Strong Start

Strong Start is a free drop in program for parents/caregivers and children age 0 to 5 years. Silverthorne Strong Start is running but it is being hosted outside. Our Strong Start Facilitator has weekly information posted on her Facebook page. If you need more information, please call the school and we can have Marlee contact you.

Reminders

- October 12th is Thanksgiving. Schools are not open.
- Book Fair – we are unable to do a regular Book Fair this year but we will be able to offer

you a virtual Book Fair in the new future. Please watch for notices ☺

- Photo retakes have been booked for Monday, October 19th.
- October 23rd is the non-instructional day. Students do not attend on this day.
- It is getting colder out. Please ensure your child is dressed warm enough to stay outside during lunch and recess.

Yours sincerely,



Bev Forster
Principal, Silverthorne Elementary

