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# SILVER STAR News

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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 heading into the third part of the school year with lots of exciting adventures ahead.

Often parents feel that the older students want parents to pull away, but here is a list, of what students ask their parents to support with:

- 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

## What's New at Silver Star

The Silver Star staff would like to thank the PAC for all the fundraising raising efforts to better our school community.

Local Artist Christine Kashuba was hired to teach our students and direct our Kindness Project. Every member of our community has painted a puzzle piece to unify and connect us.

Our Outdoor Classroom has been fitted with beautiful benches for our students to sit on while the teacher is instructing.



Thanks to the Feeding Futures grant we now have A beautiful new kitchen.

**Registration for Kindergarten is still open. Please contact the office for more information.**

## Welcome to Kindergarten May 28th



Our Silver Star Kindergarten teachers will be welcoming our new Kindies on Tuesday, May 28th between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

Teachers are excited to welcome our new Kindies and give them a Silver Star gift bag. All parents will meet in the Library at 9 am sharp. There will be information to share and some fun activities are planned. All parents and students will have a chance to visit the Kindergarten classrooms.

# ✧ Tomorrow's STARS are here today! ✧

## Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

**April 25th!**

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 online please let the teacher know or indicate it when you sign up.

## Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed early on both

**April 25th** and **April 26th**  
at 11:30 am

**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.



## Battle of the Books Zone Tournament

Students in grade 3/4, grade 5 and grade 6/7 have been preparing for Battle of Books by reading and becoming experts on those 10 books. Silver Star will be heading over to Beairsto on Thursday morning to compete for the opportunity to qualify for the District Battle of the Books that will take place on April 18th in the evening at Seaton Secondary.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*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**

## All Visitors sign in at office

- 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 please see all signs on the fences. 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. Our school tournament will be on Friday April 12th. Those who qualify will attend the District Chess Tournament on April 23rd.

## Earth Day

### BE THE CHANGE 2024!

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 24<sup>th</sup> and Delivery will be Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> (before Mother's Day). This is the same vendor we used last year!

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](https://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. Monday, April 15th

Our next PAC Meeting will be at 6:00 pm in the library and 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/silverstarpac/?ref=share>



# Tomorrow's STAR's are here today

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



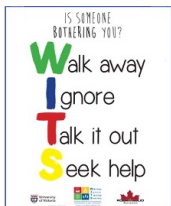
Dust off your runners ~ Track & Field begins in the next few weeks. Students must have appropriate footwear.

## 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. We now have grade 7 student leaders who are out supporting our younger students during lunch break.

## 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 100 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, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. White and Mr. Williamson!

## We need more Parents:

**Carnival Planning is underway.**

Watch the PAC Facebook page for updates. We need more parents to get involved and support this incredible evening of fun and games. Volunteers are needed and ideas are welcome for more creative activities.

## Up Coming Events

### April

- 11th Battle of the Books -Beairsto
- 12th Popcorn Sale \$1.00 per bag
- 15th PAC Meeting in person & online
- 17th X Country Running - DND
- 19th Ice Cream Sale 1.00
- 23rd Book Fair starts
- 24th Class Photos
- 24th X Country Running - DND
- 25th Conferences 12:30 - 7:00 pm
- 25th/26th Early dismissal - 11:30 am

### May

- 1st X Country Running - Lumby
- 13th NO School Non Instructional Day
- 20th NO School Victoria Day
- 27th PAC meeting - AGM - Elections
- 28th Welcome to Kindergarten 9-11
- 29th Montessori Meeting 6:00
- 30th Community Carnival 4:00