

the SILVER STAR News

2024 JANUARY EDITION



Principal: Mrs. Taylor Secretary: Mrs. Kadach Vice Principal: Mrs. Mallow

❖ Happy Holidays! ❖

Silver Star is a Great Place to Learn



At Silver Star, learning is at the forefront. We are working to support each and every student as they learn and grow.

Teachers are focusing on the importance of working on the SD22 Strategic Plan.

Student Success - To provide many pathways for all students to pursue and achieve desired outcomes.

Leadership Excellence - To empower all staff to contribute to organizational excellence in the service of student success.

Community Connections - To build strong relationships amongst all community members in the service of student success.

Our number one goal is to close the achievement gap. We are working really hard here at Silver Star to meet this goal. Some other goals are to enhance early learning experiences and improve literacy and numeracy. We are working together to see success in all of our students.

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registrations will begin on January 15th, for students entering the school system for the 2024/2025 year. The Kindergarten program operates for the full day on every school day. Priority in attending Silver Star will be given to students living in the catchment area.

Important Information you need to bring:

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 <https://sd22.bc.ca/parents-students/student-registration-transfers/>

Montessori Registration

Registration for Grade 1 students wanting to start Montessori in September 2023 will open on January 15th. Please see the school and 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.

❄️ **Happy New Year!** ❄️

Basketball Season for the Wolfpack is Underway!



Grade 6/7 girls and boys Basketball games will start next week. Practices will remain the same with games for boys on Wednesday and girls on Thursday. Please ask your child for the schedule so you can plan to come and cheer on our teams.

A Concert to Brag About

The Concert "Extra Yarn" was over the top incredible. It was written and directed by Mrs. de Dood our Music teacher. We are very proud of our student leaders and all the students that were involved in writing commercials, performing their parts and those that were behind the scenes running the music, lights etc. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Silver Star community. It was a fabulous day that we are all very proud of.



Next PAC Meeting

See you January 22nd
in the Library at 6:30!

Non Instructional Day NO School Friday, January 26th,

On Friday, January 26th, teachers will be in learning sessions. This will be a day off for students. This non-instructional day will be designated for educators to work with their school teams.

Fall Pop Up Market a Success



Mrs. Ladner's class would like to thank everyone for supporting our Fall Pop Up Market held in October. Because of your support, they were able to contribute to a number of community programs to make Christmas better for many in our community. The students did all of the budgeting and shopping. They sponsored two families through the Archway Society for Domestic Peace, purchasing items for two single moms and their young children. They also filled three boxes for seniors through the Nexus Community Resource Centre, and several backpacks for the Upper Room Mission full of items to help the unhoused in our community.

Dogs on the Playground

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds between 8 am and 5 pm. This is a district policy that allows for the safety of everyone. Also, if you do bring your dog to the school after hours, **please clean up after them.**



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NATURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring Nature in the Classroom for all of our Silver Star classes. Allan Brooks Nature Centre will come to our school to help our students learn about various topics. In this exciting program, an Allan Brooks Nature Centre host comes to visit classrooms to give a presentation focused on local wildlife and ecosystems, with engaging natural artifacts and activities.

New Playground



A new accessible playground will be built at Silver Star School. The district, staff, students and PAC have been planning for a new playground to be installed by the end of this year. It will be replacing the back playground that has some safety concerns. We are fortunate to be able to have some input to this project. See the photo above.

Cedar is at Silver Star.

We continue to have Cedar here at Silver Star. Cedar is our Certified Assistive and Visiting Dog. Mr. Wilson is his handler. Cedar continues to make an impact with our students in supporting them many different ways. Cedar is a working dog, and he assists with self-regulation, motivation, engagement, and attendance. Cedar and Mr. Wilson also teach students how to interact with dogs appropriately.



December

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| 18th | Spirit day - Christmas Hat Day |
| 19th | Spirit day - Crazy Sock Day |
| 20th | Spirit day - Christmas colours/
Winter Holiday Sweater day |
| 20th | Spirit day - Christmas/Winter
Festive day |
| 21st | Spirit day - Pyjama Day |
| 21st | Last day before Winter Break |

January

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| 8th | School reopens |
| 22nd | PAC meeting |
| 25th | Family Literacy day |
| 26th | No School - Pro D Day |
| 29th - Feb 2 | Nature in the Classroom |