

# the SILVER STAR News

2023 OCTOBER EDITION



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✧ The Fall Season is Here! ✧

## Message From the Office

We have had a great start to the school year. There is so much learning going on in our school. Staff and students have been taking the time to learn why we wear orange, about Truth and Reconciliation, and to acknowledge those who have been affected by residential schools.

I want to personally thank you for your support with the start up of school learning environments and activities. Silver Star is a great place. *When we work together, it benefits the whole community.*

**Our mission:** “is to inspire and develop a community of lifelong learners who can communicate, think creatively, problem-solve, collaborate, and understand their personal and social responsibilities.”

## Great BC Shake Out

October 19, 10:40 a.m.

Silver Star will practice and be prepared.

“Drop, Cover, Hold On”: Drop to the ground, take cover under a table or desk and hold on as if a real earthquake was occurring. *[Learn what you should do if you have a disability or physical limitation.](#)*

While taking cover, look around and imagine what would happen in a major earthquake. What would fall? What would be damaged? What steps can be taken to make your environment safer? Consider what to do after the shaking stops.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Silver Star Book Fair will be back in action later on this month. The Book Fair will run from October 23-26 it will be open to students at recess, lunch and after school (until 3pm) on Mon-Wed and will be open until 7pm during the parent-teacher conferences on Thursday. We'll see you there!



## Drop off and pick up routines School start time 8:25 – End time 2:29

As students arrive at school, they line up in their class line up at the bell.

**We encourage student drop off AFTER 8:10. Supervision at 8:10.** For safety we ask that you **hold off on dropping off** until supervision starts.

For those parents who need to park in the morning, we ask that you park on the road. **We do not have enough parking stalls for our staff so please avoid parking in the back stalls.** Please avoid **using the front staff parking lot** as there have been some safety concerns. We strongly encourage active travel with biking and walking to school.

At end of day there is no supervision, therefore all students are asked to leave the school grounds until the public access begins at 4:30.

# Tomorrow's Stars are Here Today

## Communicating Student Learning

### Student/Parent /Teacher Conferences October 26th!

October is one of the 5 reporting periods for the school year. Notices have gone home with information on how to schedule your time for Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. We will be hosting conferences on Thursday afternoon and into the evening, starting at 12:30 going to 7:00. Some teachers may have to schedule a few conferences on alternate days. Look for more information to come.

If you have a conflict with those times please contact your student's teacher to rearrange this conference.

## Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed on both **October 26th** and **October 27th** at 11:30.

Busses will run 3 hours early

## Staying Home when Sick

We ask parents to continue to ensure their children are in good health before coming to school. Students who are experiencing any cold and flu symptoms are asked to remain at home. If a student is experiencing symptoms at school, you will be contacted and asked to come and pick up your child.

**Non-Instructional Day**  
**Friday October 20th**  
**No school for students.**

## School Supplies:



Thank you to all the parents who paid their school fees. A **reminder letter** will come home to the families who have not paid yet. Please send your

money to the office.

**Kindergarten to Grades 7: \$70**  
(includes agendas and cultural activity fees)

## Next PAC Meeting Tuesday, October 23rd 6:30



Thank you to all that were able to make it our first meeting. The executive this year is very excited to make Silver Star the best it can be. If you are interested in helping us out or if you have any questions regarding our up and coming fundraisers please email us at [silverstarpac@gmail.com](mailto:silverstarpac@gmail.com)

## Hot Lunch's register and order now! <http://silverstar.hotlunches.net>

Place orders via the online system. All NEW and RETURNING families must register. Access Code is STAR (all caps).

**Spirit Wear** - There will be a Silver Star T-Shirt sale coming. You will be able to order T-shirt, and other items from the Hot Lunch link.

**Halloween Dance Oct 27th** - The PAC will be hosting a Halloween Dance on October 27th from 4 to 7pm. More information to come.

**PAC is collecting Nature's Fare & Butcher Boys receipts** - Please send them in an envelope to the office. The businesses will give a percent back to our school.

Domino "dough raiser" on sale through the hot lunch site.

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## Terry Fox Run:



All Silver Star students participated in running as Terry Fox did. We had an assembly honouring Terry Fox. The students had a warm up and headed out to the route. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. White and Mrs. Lockhart for organizing the run. We will be donating over \$1000 to Cancer Research. Way to go Wolfpack!

## Student Demographic Sheets:



Student information should be up to date at the office. Please review the information on MyEd and check to ensure the information is correct if you have not already done so. Please email the updated information to the office at lkadach@sd22.bc.ca. We request your email address as well. This will ensure that you are receiving all notices.

## Late Arrival

Please call the school if your child is going to be sick or absent. Please note that we do have an answering machine that will allow you to phone at any hour. We appreciate your attention with this. 250-549-4409. It takes our secretary well over an hour to call all those that are sick and do not let us know as we want to ensure your children are safe at home. Please help us out by phoning if your child is going to be away.

## Photo Day!

Photo day will take place on Tuesday, October 17th. Please remember to wear your best and avoid wearing green. Photos take place in the morning starting with our primary classes first.



## Upcoming Events

### Oct

09	Thanksgiving Holiday
17	Photo Day
20	Pro - D Day
23	PAC Meeting
26	Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences
26/27	Early Dismissal 11:30
27	Halloween Dance 4-7
31	Primary Halloween Parade

### Nov

08	Photo Retakes
10	Pro - D Day - No school
13	Remembrance Day - No school

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### **Halloween Costume guidelines - What Not to Wear**

#### **School District 22 – (Vernon) reminds students to keep it fun, not offensive**

Halloween is just around the corner and many schools throughout **School District 22 – (Vernon)** will be hosting activities, costume parades and extra-curricular events.

It is also an opportune time to remind parents and students about inappropriate costume wear and that sometimes, even with good intent, or without even fully realizing it, people wear costumes that can make others feel upset, insulted or humiliated.

While the District does not have an official policy regarding Halloween costumes, they ask that everyone be respectful and that costumes should not cross the line that might promote sexism, racism, or appropriating culture.

Here are some guidelines to consider when selecting costumes that will be worn at school:

- Students need to be identifiable and visible to ensure safety.
- Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature or employ questionable props will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Fake weapons should not be brought to school.
- Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted. A resource to help better clarify this concern is the #IAmNotACostume Campaign which can be found at:  
<http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

Another important reminder for older students that attend schools with younger grades, it is everyone's responsibility to create a safe environment for all students and to set a good example and think about how costume choice may impact others in the building.

With so many creative minds at work, there are a limitless number of costumes that don't offend, so why not pick one of those this year!

Happy Halloween and safe trick-or-treating.