



# Falkland Elementary School

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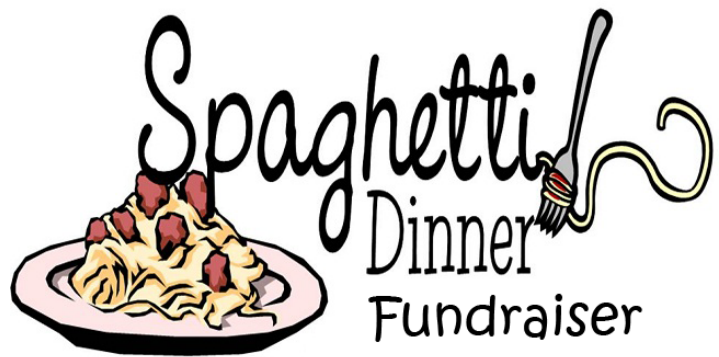
Monday, February 19, 2018

Newsletter #6

## ***TOP 10 Happenings at Falkland School***

1. Our PAC's **Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dance is on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic toast, Caesar salad and drink for \$7.00/person or \$25.00/family. A bake sale will be available as well for dessert options.

**This is a family event. Children of all ages are welcome as long as they are accompanied by their parent or designated adult for supervision.**



2. Our **PAC group** is always looking for help. If you would like to help out, please contact our very friendly president, Jodie Gillman at 250-540-6762 or Vice president, Jen Hurren 250-550-4662. Many hands make light work. PAC is a wonderful way to be involved in making this the best school possible for our children. ☺ PAC is currently accepting donations for the Spaghetti Dinner and Dance on February 22<sup>nd</sup> including baked goods for the bake sale.

**The NEXT PAC MEETING will be on WEDNESDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** in Room 29, the StrongStart room. Babysitting is provided so parents can attend the meeting.

**Our NEXT HOT LUNCH** is on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. On the menu is Beef Stew with a biscuit! YUM! Thanks to Karroll Brosnan, our PAC hot lunch coordinator, and her team for their hard work. Our last Hot Lunch Day before Spring Break is on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Our NEXT POPCORN** day is on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your advance orders! If you did not pre order and pre pay, and would like popcorn on this day, please see the office for an order form.

3. Thank you so much for participating in the **Parent/STUDENT/Teacher reporting conferences**. Research shows that involving parents in student learning makes a big difference with engagement and progress. We hope that you feel both informed and included. The staff are excited about this goal-setting opportunity with you and your child and look forward to reporting on growth in our third and final formal report at the end of June. If you haven't yet met to develop goals, please be sure to contact your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time. We will have information out soon about our second informal report card, which usually takes place in April.
4. **Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year.** If you know of any child that will be kindergarten age in September, and is not yet registered, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. It is important that we have an accurate estimate of enrollment and this usually starts with our kindergarten registration. For your information, kindergarten registration opens the start of October. If you know that you are moving, please advise the school as soon as possible. If you know of any new families moving to the area, please encourage them to contact our office for registration information. Thanks so much.
5. The following notice is for parents interested in sending their child to French Immersion at Shuswap Middle School in Salmon Arm.



**The Board of Education of  
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)**

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The district believes it is important to ensure that all parents of students who will be in Grade 6 next year have every possible opportunity to find out about the available French Immersion programs and decide whether or not this program is of interest to you and your son or daughter. Please find attached a pamphlet with French Immersion information.

We have changed the format for the Grade 6 Late Immersion registration as in previous years it has not been necessary to lineup at the DESC.

If there are between 24 and 28 (1 class) or between 48 and 56 (2 classes) students with their parents at the March 6<sup>th</sup> information session, all students will be automatically registered. **Therefore, it is essential to attend this meeting with your interested student.**

If the numbers do not work out for either 1 or 2 classes, a process will be discussed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM  
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

LATE IMMERSION INFORMATION / REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018, 6:00 P.M.

SHUSWAP MIDDLE SCHOOL  
171-30<sup>TH</sup> ST. SE, SALMON ARM

The Late Immersion program is housed at Shuswap Middle School. Entry to this program occurs in Grade Six.

**Transportation to French Immersion programs is the responsibility of the parent(s).**

For any questions regarding these programs, please contact Carl Cooper or Bonnie Kelly @ 250-804-7826.

6. **Fair Notice** is meant to provide parents, students, and staff clear intent on actions associated with violent acts at school.

# Student Threat Assessment Protocol: Fair Notice

## **What behaviours initiate a student threat assessment?**

A student threat assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, Internet website/MSN threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

## **Duty to report**

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours.

## **What is a threat?**

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

## **What is a Threat Assessment Team?**

Each school has a Threat Assessment Team which is multi-disciplinary. The team may include Principal, Vice-Principal, District Resource Counsellor, School Counsellor and Police.

## **What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?**

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- To understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behavior.
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

## **What happens in a student threat assessment?**

All threat making behaviour by a student shall be reported to the Principal who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

## **Can I refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?**

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment for all.

## **What do I do if I have witnessed firsthand a threatening act of violence on school property?**

1. **Make sure you are safe.**
2. **Contact the School Principal and/or the RCMP and file a report regarding what you witnessed**
3. **The Principal will then investigate the report, depending upon the outcome, the Principal will contact the RCMP and the District Education Support Centre will determine next steps.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In Support of Safe Schools,

Ms. Dianne Ballance  
Director of Instruction – Student Learning  
School District #83, Salmon Arm, British Columbia

7. Upcoming School Spirit Days. Show your school spirit!

Twin Day – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Find a partner or group and dress alike.



Canadian Day – March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrate being Canadian



8. Our Basketball season is well underway. Thanks very much to Coach Clarke and Coach Gingras for all their time and efforts to help our players grow.

Upcoming games for Boys:

February 21<sup>st</sup> - Falkland versus North Shuswap Elementary at Bastion Elementary in Salmon Arm

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Falkland versus Len Wood Middle School at LWMS in Armstrong

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Zone Finals, more information to come.

Upcoming games for Girls:

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Falkland versus Len Wood Middle School in Armstrong

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Falkland versus A.L. Fortune at ALF in Enderby

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Falkland versus Shuswap Middle School at Shuswap Middle School in Salmon Arm

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Zone Finals, more information to come.

9. The annual North Okanagan Shuswap School District **Art Fair** will be taking place at the Piccadilly Mall between March 2 – and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Art work from our students will be displayed there. Art Fair workshops are taking place on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in Salmon Arm and if your child was one of 15 selected to attend, information will be coming home soon once workshops and times have been determined. If there are parent volunteers that can help with set up on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and takedown on March 9<sup>th</sup>, please let me know.

10. **Swimming and Gymnastics** dates have been confirmed...

Swimming will be \$40.00 per student and include students in grades k-5. While there is a slight increase from previous years (\$3.00 increase), this cost is significantly offset by PAC covering all transportations costs, which is approximately \$2700. Permission forms and payment for swimming will be requested at the beginning of May. Swimming will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 29, 31<sup>st</sup>, June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, and 21. Please mark these dates in your calendars.

Gymnastics k-8 will be paid for with funds from PAC. THANKS PAC! Gymnastics will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Please mark these dates in your calendars.

## ***Important Dates***

Please take note of the upcoming events and record them in your calendars. Please also check out the school calendar on our website as this is updated on a regular basis. The student planner is another great reference for parents to find out about the upcoming events in your child's classroom.

Mon., Feb. 19	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 2 Session 7 Textiles and Drama Girls Basketball at Len Wood Middle School (Armstrong)
Wed., Feb. 21	Earthquake Drill Boys Basketball vs North Shuswap played at Bastion Elementary (Salmon Arm)
Thurs., Feb. 22	PAC Spaghetti Dinner and Dance – doors open 5:00 Girls Basketball Game at A.L. Fortune (Enderby)
Fri., Feb. 23	Professional Development Day – students do not attend school
Mon., Feb. 26	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 2 Session 8 Textiles and Drama
Tues., Feb. 27	Leadership Spirit Day – TWIN DAY Div 4 visit to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45
Wed., Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day – to be aware of anti-bullying PAC Hot Lunch – Beef Stew Boys Basketball at Len Wood Middle School (Armstrong)
Thurs., Mar. 1	Girls Basketball at Shuswap Middle School (Salmon Arm)
Fri., Mar. 2	POPCORN DAY
Mon., Mar. 5	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 2 Session 9 Textiles and Drama Leadership Spirit Day – CANADIAN STEREOTYPE DAY
Wed., Mar. 7	School District 83 Art Fair – Picadilly Mall in Salmon Arm Boys Basketball Zone Finals (location to be announced)
Thurs., Mar. 8	Girls Basketball Zone Finals (location to be announced)
Mon., Mar. 12	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 2 Session 10 Textiles and Drama
Tues., Mar. 13	Div. 4 visit to Regional Library 12:30 – 1:30
Wed., Mar. 14	PAC Hot Lunch
Fri., Mar. 16	Leadership Spirit Day – GREEN DAY Last Day before Spring Break
Sat., Mar. 17	SPRING BREAK – schools are closed; students do not attend through Mon., Apr. 2
Tues., Apr. 3	School Reopens – first day back after Spring Break No StrongStart today – facilitator meeting
Fri., Apr. 6	POPCORN DAY
Mon., Apr. 9	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 1 Digital Media and Dance
Thurs., Apr. 12	Leadership Spirit Day – BOOK CHARACTER DAY
Mon., Apr. 16	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 2 Digital Media and Dance
Tues., Apr. 17	Div. 2 visit to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45
Mon., Apr. 23	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 3 Digital Media and Dance
Tues., Apr. 24	Cultural Performance – Speed Control – 1:30
Thurs., Apr. 26	Leadership Spirit Day – SUPER HERO DAY
Fri., Apr. 27	Pro D Day – students do not attend school
Mon., Apr. 30	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 4 Digital Media and Dance
Wed., May 2	Cultural Performance – Aix Theatre Company – 8:30
Thurs., May 3	Leadership Spirit Day – CRAZY HAIR DAY
Fri., May 4	POPCORN DAY
Mon., May 7	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 5 Digital Media and Dance
Tues., May 8	Gymnastics (schedule to be announced)
Wed., May 9	Gymnastics (schedule to be announced)