



# Falkland Elementary School

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Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Newsletter #9

## **Top TEN + 1 happenings at Falkland School**

Please remember to check out the following to keep up with the happenings at Falkland School:

1. School website: [www.fal.sd83.bc.ca](http://www.fal.sd83.bc.ca)
2. Like and follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Falkland-Elementary/264923487025152](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Falkland-Elementary/264923487025152)
3. Email: Newsletters and reminders are emailed home. If your email address has changed recently, be sure to contact our office to update our records. Thank you! If you would like a paper copy, please also contact the office so we can add you to our list.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, questions, suggestions or any concerns regarding all aspects of Falkland Elementary School. I invite you to call if something is on your mind, however big or small you feel it is. It provides an opportunity to better understand each other. *Mrs. Cull* ☺

### **1. Falkland Stampede Daze – Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please participate in our spirit event. All guests are encouraged to show school spirit and support the rodeo by dressing up as a cowboy/cowgirl. Students are asked if at all possible to bring a small donation.

All students are reminded to stay outside and line up at the bell. Students will be invited to the gymnasium AFTER attendance in classrooms.

8:18	Students report to classrooms for attendance as usual
8:25	Community Breakfast (by donation please)
9:00	Cross Country Running Students leave for Cross Country – Salmon River Run at Silver Creek Elementary (permission forms due Monday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> )
12:25	Return to school from Cross Country Race



12:30	Div 1 leaves for visit 12:40 – 1:00
12:45	Div 4 and 5 leaves for visit 1:00 – 1:20
1:10	Div 3 leaves for visit 1:20 – 1:40
1:30	Div 2 leaves for visit 1:40 – 2:00
2:11	Dismissal

Parents signed a walking field trip form for all students at the start of the school year, so no permission forms will be sent home for this off school grounds activity.

## **2. Class Photos – Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Fiona Hook, from Image Studios, is returning with her team to do class photos. Just a reminder that this is a gymnastics day as well.

## **3. News from PAC**

If you would like to help out with PAC initiatives, 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. ☺

Volunteers are also needed for the bottle drive scheduled on Sunday, May 27 in the Falkland School parking lot. Students, unless plans in advance were made to assist parents in the bottle drive, are asked to stay off school grounds during this time. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this. Thanks Yvonne Logan for taking this big job on. ☺



**SAVE THE DATE:** PAC is organizing a Garage Sale on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. More information from PAC coming soon.

PAC has arranged participation in the **Falkland Stampede Parade on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Jodi Gillman is looking for parents and students to walk alongside the PAC, staff, and our new mascot (name to be announced soon) in support of our community school. If you would like to participate please contact Jodie Gillman. Parents are asked to walk with their child. Please meet Mrs. Cull at the school parking lot (gates will be closed) between 12:30 and 12:45. The parade starts at 1:00pm.

**The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** in Room 29, the StrongStart room. Babysitting is provided so parents can attend the meeting. **This is the last meeting of the school year.**

**Our NEXT HOT LUNCH** is on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the menu is a chicken, mashed potato and gravy bowl. YUM! We are now using reusable plastic dishes for our hot lunch. Please send your child with a Tupperware dish on Hot Lunch day if they wish to bring any leftovers home. Thanks to Karroll Brosnan, our PAC hot lunch coordinator, and her team for their hard work. Upcoming Hot Lunch Days are May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 27<sup>th</sup> (Fun Day). If you are interested in helping out please contact Karroll at 250 – 938 – 4096.

**Our NEXT POPCORN** day is on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. An order form can be obtained from the office if you haven't already placed your order on the pre order form. This has moved to Thursday to accommodate our Outdoor Awesome Day scheduled on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the forest.

A big **THANK YOU** to PAC for the recent purchases for Falkland students. A big thank you also to the strong community support of our fundraising initiatives that enable these purchases.

#### ***4. Swim at School Program***

On the following days, students in grades k-5 will be swimming at the Vernon Recreation Centre:

Tuesday, May 29  
Thursday, May 31  
Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>



Please record these dates in your calendars so students come to school prepared with the necessary items for swimming. It would be helpful for students to come to school with their bathing suit on under their clothes. Please do not send your child with money for the vending machines. There will not be time or staff to help monitor this.

**Please ensure your permission form is returned to school by Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with payment of \$40.00.** If this presents as a financial hardship at this time, please contact the office and speak with Mrs. Cull and alternate arrangements will be explored. Thanks PAC for generously raising funds to pay for the cost of transportation. The bus will leave at approximately 8:40am and return to school at approximately 11:30am.

#### ***5. Sports at Falkland Elementary***

Practices continue to be taking place and are scheduled on Monday, Wednesdays and most Fridays. We have one more race our cross country participants are invited to attend at Silver Creek School. Participating students will be leaving at 9:00, after our community breakfast. **This is a change from what was announced on the original permission form.** We are in need of parents to drive.

Salmon River Run (K-8) – Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, Silver Creek School. **Permission forms due Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Registration fee is \$0.50. For this run, we will leave the school by 9:00am to allow plenty of time to get settled. Students in grades 7 and 8 will run first. Students will be returning to school by 12:30pm, in time for our visit to the stampede grounds. If you ordered pizza lunch it will be available after the run. Please be sure you bring your lunch with you.

Track and Field is also underway for students in grade 4-7. Our district Track and Field Event is on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in Salmon Arm. Finalists will be notified by Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and drivers will be needed to transport students and supervise students while waiting for the various events to start.

## 6. Shuswap Association of Writers – Young Writers Contest

In addition to the winners mentioned in the last newsletter, we would also like to congratulate Clay Hurren for placing third in the age 12-14 poetry category and Lauren Lochrie for runner up in the age 12-14 story writing category. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers were recognized at the Prestige Inn in Salmon Arm on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Falkland School will also receive recognition for having the most entries. I am very proud of all students who participated in the contest. Given we were one school out of many participating in the North Okanagan Shuswap School District No. 83 and Vernon School District No. 22, our school did amazingly well.

## 7. School Improvement Planning – May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm


Here is the link to the survey promised in the last newsletter: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVCL5G8>

Your input and feedback is important in setting direction for our focus for next school year. The survey will close on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> so results can get compiled before the school improvement planning meetings scheduled on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. These meetings include time with all staff (teachers, CEAs, support staff) and student representatives. **Parents are invited to participate in a school improvement planning session with Mrs. Cull on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.**

## 8. Bike to School or Work Week – May 28 – June 3, 2018

### Be a Safe Bike Driver.

Riding your bicycle can be great fun. But do you know how to "drive" your bike? Riding your bike is just like driving a car—there are rules for bike driving. Here are a few tips



- #### 1. Wear Your Helmet the Right Way

  - First put on your helmet so it is level and snug—if it slides around, you need to insert thicker pads
  - EYES - you should see the very edge of your helmet when you look up past your eyebrows
  - EARS - the straps should meet right under your ear lobes to form a J
  - MOUTH - the strap should be loose enough so you can breathe and insert a finger between the buckle and your skin, but tight enough that if you drop your jaw you can feel the helmet pull down on the top of your head

*If you need help, go to a bike shop. Never throw your helmet or leave it in a hot place because it will get damaged (even though you cannot tell). Replace your helmet if it is damaged, no longer fits, or if it is over 5 years old.*
- #### 2. Dress Bright for Safety

  - Wear light- or bright-colored clothing so you can be seen
  - Tuck away shoelaces or other strings or cords so they don't dangle—they may get caught in the moving parts of your bike
  - Loose or baggy clothing can also be dangerous—so make sure you wear snug clothes
  - Never wear headphones
- #### 3. Check Your Bike for Safety

Have your bike checked at least once a year at a bike shop. Check it yourself before biking with the ABC Quick Check:

  - AIR - pinch the tires, they should be hard
  - BRAKES - make sure they work and aren't rubbing the tire
  - CRANK/CHAIN - if there are problems with your gears or if the chain is loose, take your bike to a bike shop
  - QUICKS - check "quick release levers" and other bolts to make sure they are tight
- #### 4. Obey the Rules of the Road

  - Ride on the right
  - Ride single file
  - Obey traffic signs, signals, and laws
  - Ride straight—no surprises!
  - Look back and signal before turning
  - Yield to people walking
  - Use lights if riding at night (remember to ask your parents for permission)
  - Always stop at the end of your driveway—look left, right, then left again before entering the road
  - Feel unsafe? You can always walk your bike

When we all drive safely and follow the rules of the road, it is easy to be safe and have fun!

All bikes are to be locked up at the bike racks at the side of the school and are off limits until the end of the school day. Helmets should be brought inside and placed by students' assigned coat hook. Talk to your child's teacher if more space is needed to store your helmet and/or other bicycle gear while at school.



**BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK**  
May 28 – June 3, 2018

For Fitness  
For Fun!  
Give it a try!

Bike with Friends & Family

Bike to Work | REGISTER FREE AT [biketowork.ca](http://biketowork.ca)  
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## 9. Spring Tea – June 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm

Falkland School will be hosting a Spring Tea on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to celebrate all the wonderful parents of our school community. Please join us for coffee or tea and entertainment. You deserve it! ☺



## 10. Yearbook Orders and Cover Page Contest due – Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>



### FALKLAND SCHOOL

### 2017 ~ 2018

### YEARBOOK

We are excited to announce that this year we will be creating a 2017 ~ 2018 Yearbook that will be available to ALL students to purchase. The cost will be \$22.00 and must be ordered and paid for in advance. The Yearbook will be professionally printed in colour with a soft cover. If you would like to order a Yearbook, please fill out the form below and return it to the office. Order forms and payments must be in to the office prior to Tuesday, June 5th. Yearbooks will arrive sometime during the last week of school.

We will be having a Yearbook Cover contest. The winner will get the cost of their Yearbook reimbursed. All students from Grades K to 8 are encouraged to enter as many cover pages as they wish.

Entries must:

- Be reflective of our school themes (found in our school song)
- Be on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper
- Be colourful
- Be original
- Be handed into the office by June 5th for judging
- Put your name on the back please NOT the front

**FALKLAND SCHOOL 2017~2018 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM**

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase Yearbooks for the following students:

\_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_ Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ x 22.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please have your order into the office prior to Tuesday, June 5th.

**Please make cheques payable to FALKLAND SCHOOL**

Unless we are told otherwise, we will deliver the Yearbooks to the students listed above.



**11. Session for Parents – May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 – 8:00pm**



**HOW TO TALK AND DEAL WITH  
SUBSTANCE USE  
and your YOUTH**

**Wednesday, May 30th  
6:30PM - 8:00PM  
SD83 District  
Education Centre  
341 Shuswap Street SW  
Salmon Arm, BC**

**Topics to be discussed...**

- What are the substance use issues in our SD83 communities
- What are the drugs our teens are using
- Fentanyl
- What will happen when pot is legalized
- What parents can do
- Community services/supports

**Presenters...**

**TERRI ROUSSELLE, IH Mental Health & Substance Use Youth Clinician  
CHRIS JOHNSON, SD83 HealthyLiving Coach  
SALMON ARM RCMP**



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Interior Health



## ***Important Dates***

Please take note of the upcoming events and record them in your calendars. Please also check out our website as this is updated on a more regular basis.

Fri., May 11	Movie Night: COCO
Mon., May 14	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 6 ADST 3D Printer and ART ED. Dance Permission Form for Cross Country Run at Silver Creek School due
Tues., May 15	<b>Class Photos – Image Studios</b>
Wed., May 16	Gymnastics
Thurs., May 17	Gymnastics Middle Years Math Olympics for participating students only Leadership Spirit Day – COWBOY/COWGIRL DAY PAC Pancake Breakfast Rodeo Visit 12:30 – 2:00 (see schedule) Cross Country Race at Silver Creek School 9:30 – 12:30
Fri., May 18	Pro D Day – students do not attend school
Sun. May 20	Participate in the Falkland Stampede Parade as part of Falkland School
Mon., May 21	Victoria Day stat holiday – students do not attend school
Tues., May 22	Gymnastics
Wed., May 23	Gymnastics PAC Hot Lunch New Kindergarten Orientation 12:45 – 1:45
Sun., May 27	Bottle Drive at Falkland School (PAC)
Mon., May 28	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 7 ADST 3D Printer and ART ED. Dance
Tues., May 29	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30 Div 4 visit to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45 Heirloom Tomatoes and Milk delivered
Wed. May 30	School Improvement Planning Session with parents 2:30
Thurs., May 31	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Fri., June 1	POPCORN DAY
Mon., June 4	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 8 ADST 3D Printer and ART Ed. Dance ACTION SCHOOLS teacher mentor visit – Physical Literacy lessons
Tues., June 5	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30 District Track and Field Meet Yearbook Orders due Yearbook Cover Contest Entries due
Wed., June 6	Spring Tea (All parents invited) PAC Meeting, Room 29, 2:30
Thurs., June 7	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Fri., June 8	Leadership Spirit Day – 80's DAY
Sat. June 9	Garage Sale (PAC)
Mon., June 11	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 9 ADST 3D Printer and ART ED. Dance ACTION SCHOOLS teacher mentor visit – Physical Literacy lessons
Tues., June 12	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Wed., June 13	PAC Hot Lunch
Thurs., June 14	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Mon., June 18	Explorations Gr. 6, 7, 8 – Term 3 Session 10 ADST 3D Printer and ART ED Dance ACTION SCHOOLS teacher mentor visit – Physical Literacy lessons
Tues., June 19	Div. 1 Year-End Field Trip Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre; bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Wed., June 20	Whole School at Atlantis Waterslides – bus leaves 8:30 returns 2:10

Thurs., June 21	Swimming Div. 5, 4, 3 – Vernon Rec Centre, bus leaves 8:30 returns 11:30
Tues., June 26	Last Day for StrongStart Div 4 visit to Regional Library 12:45 – 1:45
Wed., June 27	FUN DAY – schedule to be announced GRADE 8 GRAD dinner – more info to come
Thurs., June 28	Last Day for Students – early dismissal at 10:15 Report Cards home No StrongStart today
Fri., June 29	Last Day for Teachers