



Falkland Elementary School Newsletter

February 2026

At Falkland Elementary We Believe:
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe
This is "The Wolves Way"

Dear Falkland Families;

We're at approximately the half-way point in our school year and it is always surprising how fast time flies! We would like to thank all our families for their diligence in helping keep our school safe by picking up children when they are not feeling well. It is the time of year when sickness seems to be all around us, and hand-washing, coughing and sneezing into sleeves, and using tissues regularly are all encouraged. Read on for further information about all the events taking place at our school this month.

Mr. Ward

Principal



Willing 2 Ninja

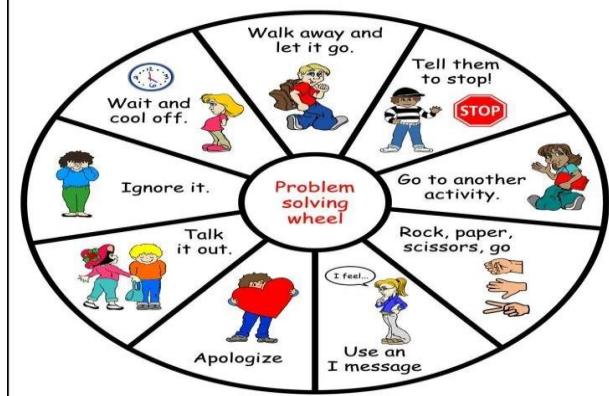
On Monday February 2nd and Tuesday February 3rd, our students get the chance to develop resiliency by participating in 2 days of Ninja obstacle course gym classes from visiting company Willing 2 Ninja. Students will jump, climb, balance, and push their bodies while having fun. We are also grateful to our PAC who help cover the cost of bringing this excellent activity to our school for our students.



Conflict Resolution

Our Code of Conduct is on the school website and outlines expected behaviours at school. With 120 students and adults in our learning community, some conflict is inevitable, especially as students try to get what they want/need and are figuring out what is acceptable at school which may differ from home. If students have conflict, they should use a strategy from the Problem-Solving Wheel. If that doesn't work, they seek an adult whether it is in class or at Recess/Lunch. If the problem continues, reporting it to their teacher to help is the next step. Finally, if the problem persists, then it will be addressed by Mr. Ward at the Office if staff send it along, or parents call, email, or meet in person. We remind families when they are on school grounds, they can let a staff member know if issues are happening, rather than intervening.

What can I do?



Cold Weather Clothing

It is important that students dress for the weather when coming to school. During very poor weather students will be permitted to play appropriately inside. Given our surrounding topography, when temperatures are in the range of 0 to -10 degrees at the school, students are typically expected to play outside as long as the windchill isn't too bad. When the temperature drops below -10 degrees at the school there is a good chance students will have an indoor recess and/or lunch. The decision to have indoor recess/lunch rests with the Principal and is based on a number of factors (temperature at the school, windchill, shelters available, length of time outside, etc.). We ask that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:00am when supervision begins.



Extra Clothes

It is a good idea for students to have a change of clothes in their backpacks for accidents that may happen at Recess and Lunch, or any other time of the day, so the school doesn't have to call home if other clothes are needed during the school day.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in September, or know someone in our community who does, our initial registration of students opened on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026. Please contact Miss Karlee in the Office with any questions.



StrongStart

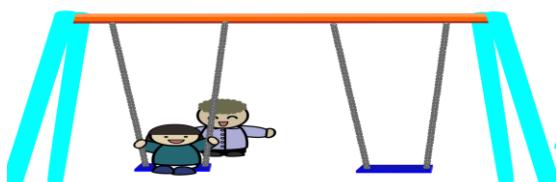
Mrs. Kathleen Nessel (Ms. Kathy) will be our new StrongStart facilitator, and we are excited she's joining our community. More excellent news is that StrongStart will now run 5 mornings a week, Monday–Friday from 8:30am-11:30am for kids 0-5 years old. StrongStart re-opened for families on Thursday, January 29th, 2026. Come join us!



Falkland Behaviour Reminders

Some unsafe behaviours we've noticed and reminded students to stop, especially outside at Recess and Lunch are;

- Standing on the very high parts of playgrounds.
- Gun play and shooting type games or using skipping ropes inappropriately.
- Hands on pushing and wrestling (tag is alright).
- Standing on swings, instead of sitting.
- Doing things deliberately, often with hands-on, which harms others or wrecks/sabotages their fun.



Pick Up and Drop Off

Student supervision starts at 8:00am and students are expected to enter and leave the school grounds by using one of the four openings in our chain linked fence. **Please DO NOT use the parking lot entrance at any time.** When parking your vehicle on school district property, please ensure you are not parking in non-designated parking spots. This includes; fire lanes, maintenance areas, bus loading/unloading areas, designated pick up and drop off areas, and areas where no parking signs are located. Please be mindful of your surroundings and watch for children & parents crossing the road.



District Art Fair

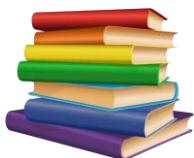
Piccadilly Mall in Salmon Arm will be a colourful place February 6th-13th as students from throughout the district will have their artwork on display as part of the annual SD83 Elementary & Middle School District Art Fair!

Many students from Falkland will have their artwork displayed, and some students will also participate in art workshops with local artisans. Thank you to Mrs. Zopf and Ms. Minchenko for organizing this excellent opportunity for our students on behalf of our school.



Library Update

Mrs. Zopf is taking over for Mr. Ward as the Falkland Librarian, and kids will visit the Library on Mondays instead of Thursdays. Unfortunately, we are getting several books returned to the library with water damage. Weather, wet clothing and leaking water bottles are not good for books! If you haven't already, now is a great time to get an extra-large zip lock bag for your child's library books. It really helps to have the books in a plastic bag in their backpacks. We cannot put water damaged books back on the shelves, so replacement fees must be paid for the books.



Important Dates

Mon. Feb. 2: Willing2Ninja

Tue. Feb. 3: Soup Day (Hamburger) & Willing2Ninja

Fri. Feb. 6: PAC Hot Lunch (Chicken Strips & Caesar Salad) & Cookie Gram Orders Due & Unplug and Play Booklets due

Mon. Feb. 9: Ready, Set, Learn (Ages 3-5) @ 12:30-1:30pm *call Office to sign up

Tue. Feb. 10: Soup Day (Broccoli)

Wed. Feb. 11: Art Fair Workshops at Picadilly Mall for selected Gr 4-7 students

Thu. Feb. 12: Spirit Day (Pink/Red/Heart) & Cookie Grams Delivered to kids end of day

Fri. Feb. 13: Pro-D Day (no school for students)

Mon. Feb. 16: Family Day Holiday (No School for students)

Tue. Feb. 17: PAC Meeting 2:30pm (Library)

Fri. Feb. 20: Whole School Spirit Assembly

Wed. Feb. 25: Pink Shirt Day

Fri. Feb. 27: PAC Popcorn Day

