



Falkland Elementary School Newsletter

December 2025

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

Dear Falkland Families;

It is hard to believe December is here already, and the weather is getting colder! Please ensure your child's clothes are clearly labeled with their name so missing clothing can be more easily returned to the rightful owner or located later from the Lost and Found.



Students have been reminded of wintertime expectations with snowballs. "The snow stays on the ground" and snowballs should not be thrown at others (or at all) so everyone is safe. Students are reminded "if you didn't make it, you shouldn't break it" so that all snow creations are respected. If students use crazy carpets, they need to wear snowpants. This is a season of giving, kindness and gratitude and I am grateful for our caring staff, supportive families, and tight knit community for helping to make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.



Mr. Ward
Principal

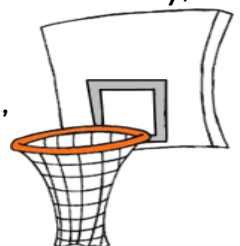
Christmas Concert

This year's concert will take place in our school Gym and students will be singing Christmas Carols to spread holiday cheer and demonstrate their talents together. We have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 18th at 12:30pm for students, staff, and families, followed by our official concert later that evening at 5:30pm. Doors open at 5:00pm and there is a Bake Sale and Basket Raffle thanks to our PAC. We appreciate the work Mrs. Celesta puts into this for students, staff, families, and our entire community.



Basketball

The season begins after winter holidays, and we are looking for volunteer coaches who have a passion for the sport and some time available to work with our eager athletes. Practices can be at lunch (11:45pm-12:15pm) and/or after school (2:15pm-3:15pm) on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays. Games will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Contact the School Office if you are interested. A valid, current, and clean Criminal Record Check is required, and the season runs from January to March.



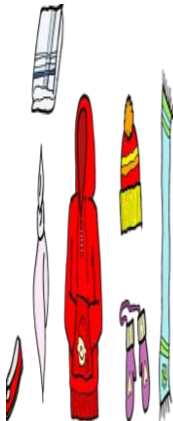
Cold Weather Clothing

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 would prefer 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.



PAC Volunteers Needed

Our PAC needs more parent volunteers, especially from younger grades. Soup Days (Each Tuesday 11:15am-12:00pm) and Hot Lunch Days (one Friday a month 11:15am-12:00pm) especially need help. Contact the office if you are available to help with any PAC events, or come to the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 2:30pm. Also, The Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society (LASS) coordinates a supplementary Reading Program at Falkland and are looking for volunteers. It would start in January, and commitment is about an hour a week reading with students in classrooms. Reach out to Karlee in the Office if interested.



Important Dates

Tue. Dec. 2: Soup Day (Potato Bacon)
Fri. Dec. 5: PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza)
Tue. Dec. 9: Winter Rec (Gr. 4-8) Bus leaves 9:00am / Soup Day (Hamburger)
Fri. Dec. 12: Spirit Assembly 8:30am / Winter Rec (Gr. 4-8) Bus leaves 9:00am / Popcorn Day / Coffee Orders Due
Mon. Dec. 15: Spirit Day-Green & Red / Purdy's Fundraiser Pick up at school / Christmas Raffle Donations due
Tue. Dec. 16: Spirit Day-Christmas Chaos / Winter Rec (Gr. 4-8) Bus leaves 9:00am / Soup Day-Chicken Noodle / Learning Update #1 Available / PAC Meeting 2:30pm *Child Minding available
Wed. Dec. 17: Spirit Day-Holiday Sweaters
Thu. Dec. 18: No StrongStart / Spirit Day-Christmas Headwear / Bake Sale Items due before 2:30pm / Christmas Concert Doors open 5:00pm, Concert at 5:30pm
Fri. Dec. 19: Spirit Day-PJ's / PAC Pancake Lunch / Last Day of School Before Break
Dec. 20-Jan. 4: Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 5: School Re-Opens and students return for 2026!

