



Falkland Elementary School Newsletter

October 2025

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

Dear Falkland Families;

The September school start-up was quite busy and a little different than other years, with several changes, but we are well on our way now! We'd like to thank our staff for all their hard work and caring dedication supporting our students and families last month. We would also like to thank our parent community for being understanding and flexible! It was awesome to see so many families at our Terry Fox Run, as well as some new parents attending our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting in mid-September. Please read on for some reminders and details about the amazing October events and activities we have planned for the Wolfpack.

Mr. Ward
Principal



Student Wellness

Families are responsible for their child's health check in the morning prior to school. Students showing symptoms of sickness may be sent home. This is important as we enter Cold/Flu season. The health of students and staff are very important for the functioning of our school and for optimal learning daily. Please call or email the office if you are keeping your child at home on school days.



Falkland Spirit Monthly Assemblies

Once a month on a Friday morning, we assemble together in the Gym with all 6 class Divisions from 8:30am-9:00am. This is a time to recognize those Chasing Excellence, and to reinforce a key theme each month we will focus on. Monthly themes this year are:

DATE

September

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

June

THEME

Excellence

Belonging

Respect

Empathy

Persevering

Sharing

Including

Self-Regulating

Co-Operating

Achieving

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

This year, our parent-student and teacher Goal Setting Conferences take place from 8:15am-2:15pm (and possibly longer if staff make themselves available) on Monday, October 20th. Students only attend school with their grown-ups during their scheduled conference time to set goals with teachers. We are using Microsoft Bookings to schedule conferences online. More information will be sent to families via email soon.



Criminal Record Checks

A current and valid Criminal Record Check (CRC) is required to volunteer at our school. We are no longer accepting paper copies, but rather, Criminal Record Checks can be completed online with a link and code you can get from our school office if you'd like more information.

A CRC and Driver Information package are required to drive children, other than your own, to any school Events. This is an SD83 Policy that applies to all the schools in our District.



Book Fair

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 19-21. Students will be able to shop during their Library time on their Library Day. There will also be some Recess and Lunch times available for each grade. Parents can come in after school to shop during Book Fair week. Your investment in Literacy helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library. Our PAC is looking for parent volunteers to help at the Book Fair, and those interested in helping can contact the Office for more information.



Individual Student Photo Day

Mountain West Photography will be taking individual photos for our Staff, Students and StrongStart participants on Tuesday, Oct 7 in the morning. Remind your child to bring their best smiles!

Information will be sent home with students about how to order photos after photo day.



Student Fees

Fees were due September 30 and payment would be appreciated. If you are currently experiencing financial hardship and require support with the payment or partial payment of these school fees or supplies, please contact the Office.

Office Phone

A reminder that the phone in the office is for emergency calls only, not for making after-school arrangements. After-school arrangements are to be made the day before, and students are not permitted to ride on buses they are not registered for in order to go to a friend's house. Miss Karlee may allow students to use the Office phone if deemed necessary by staff, and phone passes will be used during a natural break in the school day.



Messages can be delivered to students if families call the Office.

Medical Alerts

Families are also asked to fill in Consent Forms online and to update their email address with the Office if changes have been made. If students have allergies/medications that impact the school day, please make arrangements with the Office ASAP so we can keep students safe.



One-to-One Reading Program

We are always looking for amazing volunteers to join our ONE TO ONE Reading Program, which supports students at Falkland Elementary. Volunteers read with students, at least one day a week, during school hours. Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society will come to Falkland to do the training course required for volunteers if there is enough interest.

Please contact Karlee in the Office if you are interested in joining this program for students.



Hallowe'en Safety

Some safety tips you may want to consider are:

- Most Halloween injuries are caused by falling; use of appropriate masks and costumes can prevent some injuries
- Masks and sunglasses narrow children's line of sight and can make it difficult to see obstacles. If your child is wearing a mask, make certain (s)he can see well and breathe easily
- Select brightly-coloured costumes that are fire resistant and attach reflective tape on areas or use glow-in-the-dark fabrics or fabric paint
- Dangling accessories can get snagged
- Don't allow your children to carry sharp objects, candles, or other dangerous accessories as part of their costume. Try to substitute alternative accessories for older children, and for younger children, encourage free hands
- Have children walk in familiar areas on a planned route. Equip them with glow sticks or flashlights
- Children should be warned to stop only at houses with lights on and should be instructed not to go inside any home without specific permission from parents



Head Lice

It is that time of year again; head lice are tiny insects that can live on human heads. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and they love washed or unwashed heads! Lice are very common among 3–12-year-olds.

Head Lice (Con't)

Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but kids can have them without any itching. You cannot prevent getting lice, but you can teach children not to share personal items they use on their heads (like brushes, and hats). Also, teach your child to put their hats and scarves in their coat sleeves at school. Be sure to braid or tie long hair back, and develop a routine of checking your child's head for lice at least once a week. Make sure to only treat for



head lice if you find live, moving lice on the head. Lots of other things can be mistaken for nits (head lice eggs) like dandruff and lint.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wed., Oct. 1 - PAC Coffee Orders Due

Fri., Oct. 3 - Whole School Assembly AM

Tues., Oct. 7 - Individual Photo Day & Soup Day (Chicken Noodle)

Fri., Oct. 10 - PAC Coffee Order Pick Up

Mon., Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving (No School)

Tues., Oct. 14 - Soup Day (Potato Sausage)

Thurs., Oct. 16 - Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill 10:15am

Fri., Oct. 17 - Spirt Day (Ties) & PAC Hot Lunch & Fire Drill PM & Apple Orders Pick Up 2:00pm-3:00pm

Mon., Oct. 20 - Student/Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Students only attend during scheduled conference time with their adults)

Tues., Oct. 21 - Soup Day (Chili) & PAC Meeting 2:30pm *Child minding available

Thurs., Oct. 23 - Photo Retakes

Fri., Oct. 24 - Pro-D Day (No School)

Mon., Oct. 27 –

Cultural Presentation PM

Fri., Oct. 31 –

Hallowe'en & Spirit Day (Black/Orange) & Costumes

