



Falkland Elementary School Newsletter

September 2026

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

Dear Falkland Families;
Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope everyone had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Summer. Over the last several weeks, our amazing staff have been busy preparing classrooms and the school for the return of our students, and we are looking forward to an excellent year of learning and growth together. A special welcome to new students as well as our incoming Kindergarten kids who are just joining the Wolfpack. We appreciate patience at this time of year when it is busy, and we are sorting out details in classrooms so the experiences of our staff and students is a positive one. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Mr. Ward
Principal



Indoor Footwear

A reminder that students are expected to have a pair of shoes designated for inside use available while in the building only.



2026-2027 Classes & Grades

On September 11th, we were given the green light from the School District to reconfigure into 6 Divisions, and kids moved into their classes for the current school year after Attendance and Announcements on September 14th. Our staff put an immense amount of time, consideration and effort placing students into classes, with factors such as academics, social/emotional needs, and friendship dynamics guiding those decisions. Another important factor that we don't control is a limited number of classroom options to put kids into with only 6 Divisions. We are grateful that the School District for adding this Division again after we originally thought we would have 5 Divisions. Once you chat with your child about their new class, please do not hesitate to reach out to set up a meeting about any questions you have. We are all looking forward to an excellent year of learning.



Div. 1 – Gr. 7/8 (Mr. Clarke)
Div. 2 – Gr. 5/6 (Mr. Smithson/Mrs. Zopf)
Div. 3 – Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Minchenko)
Div. 4 – Gr. 3 (Mrs. Celesta/Mrs. Zopf)
Div. 5 – Gr. 1/2 (Ms. Corke)
Div. 6 – Gr. K/1 (Mrs. McAfee)
Music (Mrs. Celesta) on Tues. & Wed.
Library (Mrs. Zopf) on Mon.
Learning Resource (Miss Gudmundson)
Support Staff (Miss Christine, Miss Katelyn, Miss Stacey, Miss Shelby, Miss Tara).

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Our incoming Kindergarten Wolves began their journey on Thursday, September 10th, and we were so happy to meet them. Below is an outline of their schedule as these youngsters ease into full days of school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Holiday	8 No School for Students	9 School starts Gr 1-8 early dismissal 11:16am	10 8:10 – 9:30	11 8:10 – 10:30 Recess snack
14 8:10 – 10:30 Recess snack	15 8:10 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	16 8:10 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	17 8:10 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	18 8:10 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch
21 Pro-D Day No School for Students	22 8:10-2:16 First full day! 😊	23	24	25

Pick Up & Drop Off

We ask that students who walk, bike and get dropped off not arrive at school before 8:00 am. This is for student safety so we may provide adequate supervision. Students are expected to enter and leave the school grounds using one of the four entrances in the chain link fence, and please **DO NOT** have students enter using the Parking Lot entrance at any time. Students are expected to use pathways and avoid waking through the Parking Lot before school, during the day, and after school as well. Also, Miss Karlee will escort students who are late to class so parents do not need to accompany them.



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run is on Friday, September 18th, at 1:15pm. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to participate. You can donate to the Terry Fox Foundation by sending cash donations to the school this week with your child.



Cell Phone Policy

Student use of personal digital devices is no longer permitted during the school day during both instructional and non-instructional times for students in elementary and middle school grades. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact Miss Karlee at the office, and ensure messages regarding transportation and after school plans are received no later than 1:30 pm. To learn more about the new Ministerial Order, SD83policy and regulations [CLICK HERE](#).



Falkland Website Helpful Links

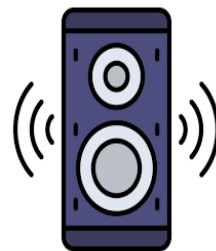
We are in the process of updating the Falkland School Website, and there will be changes throughout September start up. Below are some helpful links you may be interested in and find useful:

Bus/Transportation	CLICK HERE
SD83 District Calendar	CLICK HERE
Falkland PAC & News	CLICK HERE
Falkland Bell Schedule	CLICK HERE
Falkland Strong Start	CLICK HERE



Fun Music Fridays

A fun way to start the final day of the week is to bring out the speaker and get the kids and adults moving before school starts. It has created quite a buzz in our community! If you have any song requests, please let Mr. Ward know, and it might be added to a playlist.



This coming school year, our staff will focus on the following school goals;

Numeracy Goal: Students will strengthen basic math fact skills (computation) to find accurate solutions. Students are working to apply core content strategies at the Primary Level (number sense, addition, subtraction in Gr. K-3), and multiplication, division, and fractions in the Intermediate Level (Gr. 4-8).

Belonging Goal: Students will develop stronger connections and belonging in our school community. When students behave in expected ways and think about how their actions impact others, it contributes to a sense of belonging and fosters a sense of community for everyone at our school.

Well-Being Goal: Students will develop stronger self-worth and relationships in our school community. When students understand the impact of their behaviour on others as well as explicitly being taught what the expected behaviours at school are, it develops a deeper culture of well-being for everyone.

Career Development Goal: Students will develop awareness of their strengths, interests, and skills and explore how these connect to a variety of future career opportunities. When students engage in goal-setting and self-assessment related to Core Competencies by exploring various career pathways and programs available to them, they draw links between what they learn at school and connect how it relates to the world of work.



As a learning community, we believe in Being Responsible, Being Respectful, and Being Safe while Chasing Excellence in all areas of the school; we call this “The Wolves Way” and is a standard of behaviours and expectations all Falkland Wolves students, staff, families, and visitors are expected to demonstrate daily. They include;

- Saying “please”, “thank you” and “pardon” (not “huh?” or “what?”)
- Removing hats/headwear in school
- Stopping and listening silently to Announcements in classrooms, in hallways, and when arriving

Our Code of Conduct can be found on our School Website [CLICK HERE](#) to review it.



Fees are due September 30th and payment before that 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 Miss Karlee at the Office.



We have a School District procedure for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others. SD83 requires principals to activate a threat assessment protocol in all cases where students are making significant high-level threats to harm themselves or others. The procedure is called a Threat Risk Assessment.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this process and protocol.



Breakfast Club

Thanks to our community and Feeding Futures, students can access breakfast (Strong Start Room 29 at 8:00am) and lunch programs if needed. This is free, but the expected behaviours are for students to remove hats/headwear, sit down in chairs to eat, and to use good manners while at Breakfast Club.



Before/After School Supervision

The school is responsible for your children from the time they leave home for school until they return home after school. It is important that students go directly home at the bell after school, unless parent supervision is present on the playground. Supervision is provided after school for bus students ONLY. No students are allowed behind the school at the end of the day. If students wish to return to the school to play after checking in at home, a parent is responsible for their safety. Students should always walk with a buddy or group. Please ensure your child is aware of the after school plan each day. If you wish to provide a change from the usual plan, please contact the office before 1:30pm, so everyone is aware.



Vehicles/Bikes/Scooters/Skateboards

Due to limited Staff Parking, we ask that parents do not enter the Parking Lot to drop off their child. We encourage families to drop off students along Tuktakamin Road near one of the 4 openings along the chain link fence. It is important to not park in the staff Parking Lot or the Bus Lane. Students are expected to wear helmets when riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards and they are to dismount and walk their modes of transport on school property. Students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, and skateboards during the school day and items can be locked up at the bike racks or kept in classrooms or the Office if needed.



Important Dates

Wed., Sept. 16

Sept. Hot Lunch (PAC) Orders Due & Welcome Back Event (PAC) 2:30 – 3:30pm

Fri., Sept. 18

Hot Lunch (PAC) – Pizza & Popcorn Orders (PAC) Due & Whole School Spirit Assembly 12:30pm *Parents Welcome & Terry Fox Run 1:15pm

Mon., Sept 21

Pro-D Day – Students do not attend

Tues., Sept. 22

First Full Day for Kindergarten Students & First day of StrongStart 8:30am – 11:30am & PAC Meeting 2:30pm *Child minding provided

Fri., Sept. 25

Popcorn Day (PAC) & Apples Orders (PAC) Due

Tues., Sept. 29

Orange Shirt Day

Wed., Sept. 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School for students

