Okanagan Falls Elementary

FALCON Findings





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Please visit okf.sd53.bc.ca to keep up-to-date on your child's school.

Principal's Message

September was PACKED full of activities, and it looks like October will be just as eventful! We're kicking off the month with our district cross-country meet and will follow it up with our district soccer tournament on the 16th. Best of luck to all participants, and congratulations on stepping up to represent our school—your efforts make us incredibly proud! Speaking of **PROUD**...our fundraising goal for the Terry Fox Run was \$1000.00 and our school blew that goal out of the water!!!!!!!! **We raised a total of \$1797.20!!!!!!** Way to go Falcons, you continue to show just how powerful our little school can be!

As fall settles in, we're seeing an uptick in illnesses. If you're feeling under the weather, please remember that it's okay to take a day or two to rest. While we value strong attendance, your health comes first.

October 6-10 will be our drill week. During this time, we'll practice various emergency procedures, including lockdown, hold & secure, earthquake, shelter in place, fire, and evacuation drills. These drills are essential for keeping everyone prepared and safe should we ever need to implement them.

Lastly, please note that **picture day** has been rescheduled to **October 14th**, right after the long weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces!



OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00–3:00

ABSENT OR LATE?

Phone 250-497-5414 and leave a voicemail message before 8:45am, or email okf@sd53.bc.ca so it can be recorded as an explained absence.

Dates to Remember October 2025

Oct. 2 PAC Meeting 6pm

Oct. 2 Cross country in Cawston

Oct. 4 PAC BBQ 11am @Belich's

Oct. 6 to 10 Emergencies Practice

Drill Week/Fire Safety presentations

Oct. 8 Div 1 & Div 2 Salmon field trip

Oct. 10 "Fire Chief for the day" ride

Oct. 13 Thanksgiving No School

Oct. 14 Picture Day

Oct. 16 Boys soccer at TEN

Oct. 20 Book Fair begins

Oct. 22 Family conferences Early

dismissal at 12pm

Oct. 23 Easly dismissal at 12pm

Book fair ends

Oct. 24 No School

Oct. 29 Early dismissal at 12pm

Oct. 31 Halloween parade









2025-26 Bell Schedule

Warning Bell	8:27
Classes Begin	8:30
Recess	10:00-10:15
Lunch Hour Begins	12:15
Mid Lunch Bell	12:30
Lunch Hour Ends	1:02
PM Classes Begin	1:05
Classes End	2:28

Mountain West Studios

Due to the Canada Post strike.

All orders for photos will come directly to the school and you will be notified to pick up.

OCT 14 Photo day
Nov 3 Retake day



Thank you to the **OKFD, Belich's and PAC** for their help with the Welcome Back BBQ

Thank you to the **Legion and the Red Roof Condos** for their donations

Thank you to Kari Hill and Sholeh Pickell for preparing hot dogs for Terry Fox Run celebration lunch.

Thank you to the **Lion's Club** for kicking the day off with hot breakfast three times a week



Volunteer opportunity:

1 to 1 Readers needed. Looking for volunteers to read with students twice per week. Please contact okf@sd53.bc.ca if you'd like more information.





PAC October Update



Fall is in full swing, and our PAC has lots happening! Our **next PAC meeting** is on Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00pm in

the school library—childminding will be provided, so we'd love to see you there.

On Saturday, October 4th from 11am-1pm, we'll be out front of Belich's AG Foods with a BBQ fundraiser—come grab something tasty on your lunch break and support our school!

Later in the month, join us for a cozy Family Movie Night on Friday, October 24th, later in the day after the Pumpkin Hunt, hosted in

partnership with RDOS. Watch for flyers and details coming soon! And don't forget to mark your calendars for our Winter/Christmas Market on Saturday, November 22nd.

As always, if you'd like to get involved or learn more, email us at okfpac@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page.

PAC executive team 2025/26

Kari Hill **President**

Vanessa Morigeau Treasurer

Melissa Mundy Secretary

Chelsea Fairweather and

Cam Hutchinson

Members at large

SPIRIT WEAR For Falcon Fridays

NEW Spirit Wear available to order!! Follow the link.

Okanagan Falls Elementary Spirit Wear 2025 Sportfactor | powered by OrderMyGear

*Grade 7 grads have a different link. It will be emailed.







For community activities check out!

By Area | RDOS



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Fall 2025 Children's programs



After School Play Program

(Children)

Unleash the fun after the final bell! A fun, active and creative space for kids to unwind, make friends, and play after school.

Instructor: Ernestina
Thursdays, 2:45 - 3:30 pm
September 25 - October 30
November 6 - December 11
Fee: \$35 per session



Champions in Motion

(Children)

Jump in, team up, and try something new every week!
Champions in Motion is all about fun, friendship, and fair play. Kids build awesome sports skills while learning how to be great teammates!

Instructor: Ernestina
Thursdays, 3:45- 4:45 pm
September 25 - October 30
November 6 - December 11
Fee: \$35 per session





Crafty Critters

(Children)

Children will enjoy weekly projects that build fine motor skills and artistic expression in a playful setting.

Instructor: Endrene
Tuesdays, 2:45 - 3:45 pm
October 7 - November 4
Fee: \$30 per session





Location for these programs is the Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre

Registration Required for these programs.

Visit <u>rdos.perfectmind.com</u> for follow the QR code to register





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Early Dismissal

Calling all kids! Come play, create and explore with Ernestina in an afternoon packed with games, crafts, and giggles.

The perfect mix of fun and imagination.

Instructor: Ernestina

Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre Wednesdays, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

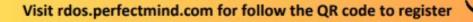
September 24, October 29, November 26

Fee: \$20 per date

Registration Required









Breakfast Program OK Falls Lion's Club

Starting Monday, September 8

The Lion's Club is proud to provide our students with a FREE breakfast sandwich on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Breakfast will be served from 8:10-8:25am at the Parks & Rec North doors. If you would like to volunteer please let the office know.

Hot Lunch Program

began September 29.
Please ensure you are sending lunch for your student on days you have not ordered. You can login to your account to review your order.

okfe.hotlunches.net

Thank you



Come Visit our StrongStart Program

Our DROP-IN StrongStart
Program
welcomes children ages 0-5
years

with their parent caregiver.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

8:30-11:30



Student run concession is up and running.

Students may purchase from an assortment of snack options at recess daily.

Everything for a \$1

All proceeds will go towards running the concession and to our school activities.









