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

During the month of May, OKFE had the pleasure of celebrating our dedicated volunteers and staff. We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you and want you to know just how much you are truly appreciated. A special thank you to the following local businesses and parents for their generous contributions to our Staff Appreciation Week and our Volunteer Appreciation Tea: Kari Hill, Belich's AG Foods, Rise & Shine, The Falls Barber Shop, The Falls Market, and The Firehall Bistro. Your support helped make this events truly special!

We would also like to thank the Ok Falls Legion, Jane Mavety and The Okanagan Falls Hotel Bar & Grill for their donations to our school as well as the community and Falcon Families that contributed to our Jump Rope for Heart event. Our goal was \$2000, and we raised \$2600.60!!

As June arrives, it's a perfect time to reflect on all those who have contributed to our school community, the memorable experiences we've had this year, and to look forward to the opportunities the new year will bring with open and grateful hearts.

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PAC Executive for their incredible contributions this year. This past month, the PAC generously sponsored our trip to Ethos Parkour, where our students had an amazing time. This month, they are sponsoring our FUN DAY!! Thank you, PAC!

As we prepare for the coming year, we are excited to welcome a new PAC Executive and look forward to continuing our journey together. We are also sad to say goodbye to a few of our staff members. Ms. Martin will be joining Osoyoos Elementary School and Mrs. Ciferelli, Mr. Azak and Ms. Mosiman are off to new adventures. They will be greatly missed, and we hope to have them back soaring with us again someday.

If you are moving or planning to have your child go to another school next year, please let the office know as we will be planning our classes for September. We have a limited number of divisions for next year and as such, classroom placement requests will not be taken.

We are excited to spend this last month of the school year together and will participate in many activities, such as the district track and field meet, a fun day, a beach day, our grade 7 farewell and the end of our school year. We hope that everyone makes the most of the beautiful weather, time spent with family and friends, and new adventures. Enjoy the summer everyone!

Mrs. Poole



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

June 2025

2-5 Drumming

4th Grade 7 parent meeting at SOSS @5pm

6th District Track meet at Oliver

Elementary School

6th Hat day

9th Drumming presentation

12th Divs 3 & 4 year end field trip

13th Anything but a backpack day

16th FUN DAY!! Free PAC Pizza lunch

17th Div 6 Year end field trip

17th School plan presentations @4pm

19th Resiliency Presentations

20th Indigenous Day- Free Salmon feast

25th Grade 7 grad ceremony

26th Beach day—Free A&W lunch

Last day of School!! Happy Summer!

Free lunches will be provided to all

students who ordered.

Thank you

A **Summary of Learning** will come home with your student the last day of school. Student Spaces will also be updated for your review.





A quick reference for accessing and navigating Spaces!



September Information

Change of Address, Phone Number, or School? Does your student ride the bus?

As we prepare for the upcoming school year in September, it's important that we have your most current information on file. If your family has recently moved or is planning to move, please notify the school as soon as possible.

 Please inform the school office of any changes to your address, phone number, or if your child will be attending a different school in the fall.

Due to the complexities involved in organizing classes, we will not be accepting requests regarding class placements.

School Bus Registration Now OPEN

Bus registration for the **2025–2026** school year is now open.

Current bus students do not need to re-register.



 If your child is new to the bus or if your address has changed, you must register for bus service.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we plan for a successful school year ahead!

<u>Student Transportation - Student Transportation - Okanagan Similkameen (SD53)</u>

Thank You

Thank You, PAC!

Thank you for an incredible year filled with fun and support! From Yearbooks to Pizza Days, Parkour, Movie Nights, and more. Your time and dedication mean so much to our school and students. We value all that you do!

Thank You, Lions Club!

Your weekly commitment to serve and feed our students is an incredible gift. We truly appreciate all that you do!

Thank You, Belich's!

Thank you for your generosity in consistently supporting and feeding our students with your time and groceries. We're grateful for your kindness and commitment!

Thank you Freybe's

Thank you for generously providing the jerky for our Indigenous Day event. Your support will help make the day extra special!

Thank you Ok Falls Legion

Thank you for your support. We're grateful for all you do for our school and community!

Thank you Helping Hands for your thoughtful donations to our school.

Thank you OK Falls Pub for your donation to support our Early learning literacy program.

Thank you *Rise & Shine* for catering our PAC AGM and staff gifts for the staff appreciation week.

Thank you, Tickleberrys, for sponsoring our school plan!

We're so grateful for your support in creating a fun and engaging writing activity that helps our students improve their writing quality and stamina. All with the sweet incentive of ice cream as the prize! Your generosity is making a real difference, one scoop at a time!

Thank you **Frazer Mechanical** for sponsoring our Hot dog day May 30 and bbq'ing for our students!

To all our families thank you for all your support this school year and enjoy a lovely summer holiday.



OK Falls Elementary is partnering with the RDOS to offer full-day programming three days a week, combining literacy learning and fun activities for our students! Registration is required for each program separately.

All students who have registered are accepted into the programs this



OKANAGAN FALLS Summer Camp Read, Rhyme & Rec



summer. We still have spots available for Rhyme & Rec but our Read & Rec program is now full. Letters will be coming home soon.

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Nature & Adventure

Join the illustrious Coach E this week for an adventure brimming with a scavenger hunt, outdoor escapades, thrilling obstacle courses, enchanting storytelling sessions, and perhaps even a playful rhyming game or two!



Week

Week 2

Creative Arts and Movement

Coach E will guide the children in a delightful dance to melodies, crafting enchanting mini-plays, painting to the rhythm of the music, constructing wondrous sculptures, engaging in rhyme tag, and so much more!

Science and Sport

Coach E will mesmerize the young minds with a delightful fusion of Physics and play, featuring corner soccer infused with reading adventures, engineering games intertwined with strategic sports, and perhaps even relay races that dance with a scientific twist.

Registration

Cost per week: \$60

Minimum of 6 children to run the program. Priority registration is given to the children in the Read, Rhyme & Rec program at the Okanagan Falls Elementary School.

Contact Nancy at nwigley@rdos.bc.ca to register

When:

June 30 to July 18th from 830-12pm.

Attendance is expected for all 3 weeks. (unless arrangements have been made with Mrs. Poole)



Jump Rope for HEART

Total fundraised

\$2600.60!!!

Amazing job!!!



Thank you to Miss Martin for facilitating a great day and fundraiser.





PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC

PAC Executive team 2025-2026

Positions available Vice Chair and Secretary

Next Meeting September 4, 2025 @ 6pm



Seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year.

All are welcome.

PAC executive team 2025/26

Kari Hill President

Vanessa Morigeau

Treasurer

Chelsea Fairweather and

Cam Hutchinson

Members at large

FALCON PHOTOS

Thank you

Staff appreciation week was full of surprises, treats and fun. Thank you to our **Principal Mrs. Poole** for making it so special for us all. Special thanks to **Firehall Bistro, and Rise and Shine** for the donation of gifts for the staff and to **Kari Hill** for your help organizing gifts.



FALCON PHOTOS





2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Non-Instructional Days

Year End Administration

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1	Labour Day
September 2	Schools Open
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconcil
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 22	Christmas Break Begins
January 5	Schools Re-Open
January 23-27	Secondary Exam Days
January 28	Second Semester Begins
February 16	Family Day
March 16	Spring Break Begins
March 30	School Re-Open
April 3	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
May 18	Victoria Day
June 22 to 24	Secondary Exam Days
June 25	Last Day of Classes
June 26	Administrative Day
	(School Closed for Students)

Number of Days in Session 192 Number of Days of Instruction 184

DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

October 24 – Professional Development Day February 13 – Professional Development Day March 23 to 27 - Connected to Spring Break

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times
Also available on our website: http://www.sd53.bc.ca/
Cawston/Keremeos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10
Osoyoos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10
Oliver/OK Falls: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10

District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar with this symbol

Family Conferences

October 22: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN April 9: CPS, OKF, OES, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

April 9 and/or 10: OSE

StrongStart Program

Our DROP-IN StrongStart Program

welcomes children ages 0-5 years with their parent caregiver.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:30-11:30





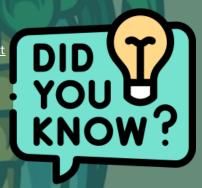
In **June**, Family Smart is hosting a few online events that may be of interest to our students and families including:

- Beyond Behaviours: When is it more? What it looks like at ages 9-12
- Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post secondary.

Monthly Events -

FamilySmart Monthly Events - FamilySmart





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child that was born in 2020, they are eligible to attend Full Day Kindergarten in September 2025.

child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE, CARE CARD, PROOF OF RESIDENCY and other pertinent information. Kindergarten students will be invited to our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event, held in the Spring, to learn more about a positive transition to school. Please contact Mrs. Poole if you have any questions about our full day kindergarten, preschool, or StrongStart early learning programs.

Art AdVenture Oliver

Explore the World of Colorful Art & >>> Crafts Ages 5-13

Fun Activities for Young Creatives

Join us for 2 weeks of artistic adventures and hands-on creations!

Bring your imagination and have fun!

CALL TO ACTION,
LOOKING FOR
SUPPORT OR
VOLUNTEERS &
CHILDREN 5 - 13 TO
JOIN



HOSTED BY:

Oliver Community Arts Council (OCAC) oliverartscouncil.org

olivercac@gmail.com

A big Thank you to KIWANIS for your generous donation



Summer basketball programs. Click the photo for registration form.



School District No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen

HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY

at OLIVER ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL is open to OKF students.

Click for registration form.



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Childcare Centre

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WHY CHOOSE US?

Multiple Locations in the South Okanagan & Similkameen



• Educational Programming Early Learning with a multidisciplined curriculum to support our core play-based and emergent philosophies



Professionally trained, 20 years + experience



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