

Okanagan Falls Elementary

FALCON Findings



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Principal's Message

As we move further into spring, it has been wonderful to see our school community so active, engaged, and full of energy. A heartfelt thank you to our PAC for generously sponsoring Jake's dance classes and Yanti's music classes. The students are enjoying both opportunities immensely, and it's fantastic to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine.

We recently held a successful lockdown drill in collaboration with the RCMP. They provided only very minor suggestions, which is reassuring, and it reinforces that we are doing our best to maintain a safe environment for all students. It is always a pleasure to see them in the building and engaging positively with our school community.

Continuing on the theme of safety, the Fire Smart team visited Division 5 to teach wildfire safety. This was an excellent learning opportunity, and we are hopeful they will also be able to visit Divisions 2 and 3 in May or June.

Our garden beds have now been installed, and planting will begin this week. We are excited for students to get their hands in the soil and take part in this hands-on learning experience. Miss Chelsea and Teacher Jenny for planning an exciting activity last month to celebrate our new garden and the growth it will bring to our learning.

I also recently met virtually with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss nearby intersections that impact student safety before and afterschool. We are hopeful that this conversation will lead to improvements that make crossing the highway safer for our students. Thank you to Miss. Ally for helping us to keep our students safe while crossing the highway.

May is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting month. Upcoming events include Jump Rope for Heart, a Professor WOW! presentation, Welcome to Kindergarten, museum visits for some divisions, swimming, and the district badminton tournament. Please refer to the newsletter or website for dates and times.

Our dance committee has also been hard at work preparing music and decorations for our upcoming dance—thank you to everyone involved. In addition, we are planning meaningful Indigenous learning activities, including Moose Hide Day and Red Dress Day.

With the warmer, sunnier weather upon us, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the conditions. Hats and water bottles are especially important so students can stay protected and hydrated throughout the day.

Finally, letters have been sent home regarding the Read n' Rec and Rhyme n' Rec summer programs. Please let us know by May 8th if your child intends to participate, as this will help us determine whether we are able to run these programs.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

In gratitude, 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.

Upcoming events

MAY

[Calendar - Okanagan Falls Elementary School](#)

1st Talent Show 1030-1130am

3rd Mother's Day Market 10-3pm

4th French presentation at Venables Theatre- Mrs. Souch & Mrs. Eddison

5th PAC meeting @ 6pm

6th Div 1 (Brockholm) Museum

7th Art Smarts Presentation 1pm @ Frank Venables

8th **Jump Rope for Heart: to donate** [Okanagan Falls Elementary - Okanagan Falls | Heart &](#)

[Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#)

11th District Badminton Tournament SOSS & OES

18th Victoria Day No School

19th PAC AGM @6pm

27th Early dismissal @ 12pm

29th Welcome to Kindergarten

830-930am (*For registered 26/27 students, if you have not registered your Kindergarten student yet please do so at the office*)

29th School Dance 6-8pm **See Page 5 for the Pool schedule!**

Mental Health Week May 4 to 8th

Mental Health Awareness Week is a meaningful time to reflect on the importance of well-being for our students, families, and staff. This year, we're especially excited to highlight our new school garden as a space that supports mental health in a natural and engaging way.

[HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2026](#)

Fri, May 8, 2026

Okanagan Falls Elementary - Okanagan Falls

In support of Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada
Province: British Columbia

Friday, May 8

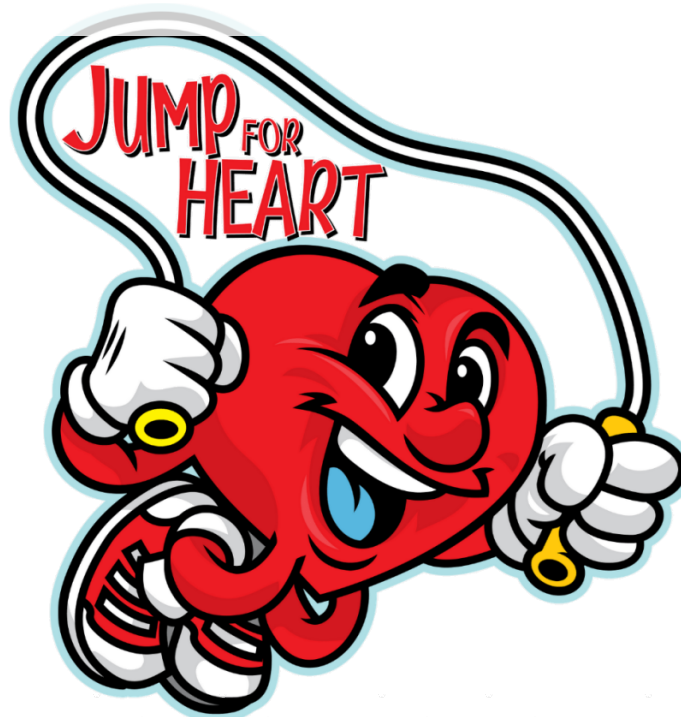
[Register and raise funds](#)

[Donate](#)



Jump Rope for Heart link to Donate and Raise funds!!

Okanagan Falls Elementary - Okanagan Falls | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart



WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN AT

OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"COME GROW WITH ME"



Meet your

Kindergarten
Teacher

Mrs.

Brockholm



Friday,
May 29, 2026
8:30-9:30am



You are Invited

Join us for this special introduction orientation.

*Together, let's make your child's
start to kindergarten a big success!*

- ◆ This orientation is for registered students starting school September 2026. Please contact the office if you have not yet registered your student.
- ◆ Meet in the Strong Start room #13.
- ◆ Together, with their teachers, students will tour the classroom and washrooms, listen to a story/carpet time, play in centers, and meet the Principal, Mrs. Poole. Your student's teacher will be Mrs. Brockholm.
- ◆ Parents are invited to attend an information session in the Strong Start room while your child is with their group.
- ◆ Each student will be sent home with a "Welcome to Kindergarten" package containing valuable information that will help your child have a successful transition to their first year of school.

Attendance is highly encouraged! Please RSVP to the office.

okf@sd53.bc.ca or Phone: 250-497-5414

OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY

25/26 YEARBOOKS



The Yearbook Club Students, Alisha and Ivy will be putting together a yearbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

To Order yours, complete the form below and return, with **payment of \$20 by May 30, 2026**

If you have photos or anything you would like to contribute, please upload them by following this link:

submit+2217065@edophotos.com

or

Text to 250-462-3272 or
email to alishahardy11@gmail.com

We will work hard to have them here for the end of June!
Questions? Contact Alisha Hardy at 250-462-3272



OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student Name:

Teacher:

Parent Name:

Phone #:

PAYMENT

Cash

Cheque (Payable to OKF PAC)

\$20:

E-transfer (okfpac@gmail.com)

*Please e-transfer PAC
directly Not the school.*

Thanks

Swim lessons are more than just a fun activity, they are a vital life skill. They help children build confidence, develop important physical skills, and learn how to stay safe in and around the water. Ongoing swim instruction can make a life-saving difference.

Our school is pleased to offer students an introduction to swimming and water safety through the Oliver Pool. We encourage families to continue lessons through local programs in Penticton and or Oliver to help children stay safe and confident in the water.

[Community Pool | Town of Oliver](#) or [Pool | City of Penticton](#)



at the Oliver
Outdoor Pool

Swimming May and June

Date	Time	Teacher
May 19 th	9-9:30	Brockholm
May 19 th	9:30-10:00	Raines
May 20 th	9-9:30	Souch
May 22 nd	9-9:30	Petry
May 22 nd	9:30-10:00	Eddison
June 22 nd	9-9:30	Brockholm
June 22 nd	9:30-10:00	Raines
June 23 rd	9-9:30	Eddison
June 24 th	9-9:30	Petry
June 24 th	9:30-10:00	Souch



Please pre-register for 2026/27 school year: **After** school care with BGC.

BGC Okanagan

And for 2026/27 school year: **Before** school care pre-register with the school.

Thank you

CHANGE to transportation next school year 2026/2027. Our bus will **not** be going to **Heritage hills**. We are able to service St Andrews and Skaha Estates.

Tick Awareness

As we enjoy more outdoor learning and play, families are reminded that **ticks may be present** in grassy or wooded areas around the school. Please consider applying **child-safe insect repellent at home** and checking your child for ticks after school, especially around the scalp, neck, behind ears, and behind knees. Students are encouraged to tell an adult if they notice a tick.



Thank you for helping keep our school community safe and healthy.

Inline skating helped some students build on their skills while introducing an exciting new sport to others.



Thank you to Jake Dance lessons, fun was definitely had!



🌸 **PAC May Update** 🌸

Spring is here, and PAC has a busy and exciting month ahead!

A big thank-you to everyone who came out to support our BBQ at Belich's AG Foods—it was a great success! We're so grateful to everyone who stopped by, donated, and especially to the volunteers who helped make the event happen. Your support makes a real difference.

Join us for our S.O.A.R. Into Spring Market on Sunday, May 3rd. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to one of the PAC executives—we would love the help! Otherwise, we hope you'll stop by to enjoy the many vendors, music, and gaming events planned for the day.

Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00pm in the school library. Childminding is provided, and we always welcome new faces and fresh ideas. Please also note our PAC AGM will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, also at 6:00pm in the school library, with childminding provided. We encourage parents to attend and learn more about getting involved.

Our next PAC Meat Draw with the Legion is Friday, May 8th—come out to support the school and enjoy a fun community event.

PAC is also excited to be sponsoring and helping put on a School Dance on Friday, May 29th. Our students have chosen the theme and will be helping decorate for the event, which makes it extra special.

We also have an exciting new activity planned for Funday this year—more details coming in the next newsletter!

Thank you, as always, for supporting PAC and helping us create opportunities for our students.



For community activities check out! [By Area](#) | [RDOS](#)



Regional Events

Youth Week

Youth Week

Tuesday, May 5



Introduction to First Aid (12+) 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Basic introduction to first aid. CPR dummies included.
Keremeos - Similkameen Recreation Centre
Free, registration required



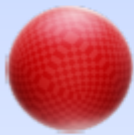
FireSmart (12+) 4:00 - 5:30 pm
From Spark to Smart: Living Safely with Wildfire
Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre
Free, registration required, snacks provided

Wednesday, May 6



Learn the Basics. Build Strength the Right Way (12+) 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Description here
Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre
Free, registration required

Thursday, May 7



Extreme Dodgeball (12+) 4:00 - 5:00 pm
A heart-pounding, action-packed twist on dodgeball.
Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre
Free, registration required

Friday, May 8



Movement & Martial Arts (10+) 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Learn Southeast Asian martial arts in a fun, safe environment with a certified instructor. Expect movement, mind-bending forms, and partner drills—no experience needed.
Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre
Free, registration required

 rec@rdos.bc.ca

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 rec.rdos.bc.ca

Parent, Caregiver & Youth Gathering



**Fri, May 22nd - Sat, May 23rd
UBC Okanagan Campus**

Door prizes available for Youth,
Parents/Caregivers, and Families

Complimentary and limited
accommodation is available at UBC
Okanagan on Friday, May 22nd

Families will be provided with a
gas card for travel

This engaging and informative event is designed to bring together parents, caregivers, and youth in supporting educational success.

Participants will gain valuable insights and discover helpful resources to enhance both youth and parent/caregiver experiences in education.

The Gathering is geared towards Indigenous youth in Grades 7 - 12, but all Indigenous Youth and Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Contact Ryan Conneely for more info: ryan.conneely@ubc.ca

Register here: ubc.ca/1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0r2ctll1QRVbHV4



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Thank you **Terry Scramstead** for building our new garden beds.

Thank you **Mrs. Sembalerus and Mrs. Martin** for all your work on our school garden.

Thank you to our **SD53 maintenance crew** for all your work with the irrigation, wood chips and set up of our new garden!

Students have had the opportunity to participate in Scooter club for the month of April. Thank you **Miss Sam**

Thank
you



FALCON FRIDAYS

Wear your spirit wear gear on Fridays to earn points for your class to win a class reward each month.