

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

March is here! Although it is a shorter month with Spring Break just around the corner, it is sure to be a busy and exciting one at our school.

We begin the month with Drill Week during the first week of March. This is an important opportunity for our students and staff to practice the safety procedures that help keep everyone prepared in the event of an emergency. We encourage families to take a few moments at home to talk with your children about why we practice drills and the importance of taking them seriously. Practicing helps build confidence, reduces fear, and ensures we all know what to do to stay safe.

In PE, students will continue developing their skills in gymnastics. It has been wonderful to see their strength, balance, and perseverance grow. Thank you Mrs. Fernandes for organizing Springers Gymnastics to give us lessons! We are excited to wrap up our gymnastics unit with a field trip for each division to Ethos Parkour. A big thank you to our PAC for supporting this engaging and active learning opportunity for our students!

On March 11th we will have an Open House for new and prospective students, which will run at the same time as Ready Set Learn. Both will be from 5:30-6:30 at the school. If you know of anyone new in the area that would like to register, please let them know!

Our Grade 3 students are also looking forward to attending Okanagan Similkameen Days at OES on March 12th. This special event provides a meaningful opportunity for students to connect with local history and culture through interactive learning experiences.

On March 13th, families are invited to log in and explore their child's SPACES posts for our Spring Snapshot update. All SPACES will be open that day, and we encourage you to take time together to reflect on your child's growth and accomplishments so far this year.

Please note that the school will be closed for Spring Break beginning March 16th. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on March 30th, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year. Thank you for your continued support in making our school community such a positive and caring place to learn and grow.

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

March

- 2 to 6 Drill Practice Week
- 9 Parkour
- Div 1 Brockholm &
- Div 2 Raines 9-10am
- Div 3 Petry 1015-1115am
- 11 Ready, Set, Learn & Open house for New students 530-630pm
- 13 Learning Update check your Spaces!
- 13 Parkour
- Div 4 Souch 9-10am
- Div 5 Eddison 1015-1115am
- 16 to 27 March Break
- 22 PAC Seed Fundraiser Closes
- 30 First day back to school
- 30-31 Seed Pick up



Falcon Spirit Wear Store is OPEN!

Closes March 22.

[https://
okfalls2026.itemorder.com/](https://okfalls2026.itemorder.com/)





READY, SET, LEARN

If your child is of preschool age or going into kindergarten this year, please register to attend this fun event!



Okanagan Falls Elementary School

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
5:30-6:30pm

Registration Required by Friday, Feb. 27, 2026

RSL is sponsored by School District #53 and the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

By participating, you will receive:

- Complimentary pizza by the slice
- An age appropriate book for your child
- Helpful tips for supporting your preschooler's learning and development
- Information for families from early childhood service providers
- Connections with the school and parents with similar age children
- Meet the Principal and potential teachers for future years

To register, please contact Miss Sam at OKF Strong Start
or the school office at 250-497-5414 email: okf@sd53.bc.ca



Division 4 Mrs.
Souch
Snowshoeing



OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL'S

**OPEN
HOUSE**

FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

MARCH 11, 2026

FROM 5:30 AM TO 6:30 PM

1141 CEDAR ST. OKANAGAN FALLS
250 497 5414





Before & After school care

accepting registrations.

Bus Transportation

available in St. Andrews
and Skaha Estates.



Okanagan
Similkameen
SD53

Registration is open

Now accepting registrations
for Kindergarten and all grades for the
2026-2027 school year.

Children who will be five years old by
Dec 31, 2026, may begin their first year of
Primary (Full Day Kindergarten) in Sept 2026.
These will be children who were born in 2021.

Okanagan Falls Elementary School

1141 Cedar Street
Ok Falls, BC V0H 1R0
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email: okf@sd53.bc.ca
website: <https://okf.sd53.bc.ca/>



StrongStart programs are led
by an ECE, operated by
Okanagan Similkameen SD53
& funded by the Ministry of
Education and Child Care

Come Visit our StrongStart Program

StrongStart is a free Drop-In,
play-based program for children
ages 0-5, attended with a parent or
caregiver. Children enjoy stories, sensory
activities, gym & outdoor play while
building early learning and social skills in
a fun, welcoming environment
with snack provided.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30-11:30am

*when school in is session

OK Falls Elementary
**SEED
FUNDRAISER!**



Help Our School Grow!

— **ORDER ONLINE** —
& SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Visit:

www.makeitsow.com/seeds

Enter Code: **OKF_2026**

**ORDER DEADLINE:
MARCH 22**

**PICK UP:
FIRST WEEK OF APRIL**

*Grow with us & support our
school programs!*





🌱 PAC March Update 🌱

Our next PAC meeting is on Thursday, March 5th in the school library. Childminding is provided, and we'd love to see everyone who is able to attend.

Join us for our next PAC Meat Draw at the Legion on Friday, March 13th—a fun way to support the school and connect with our community.

We're currently running our Seed Fundraiser—watch for brochures and order forms coming home in your child's backpack. You can also order online at:

👉 <https://makeitsow.com/seeds/shop/>

Enter Code: OKF_2026

The order deadline is March 22nd, and seeds will be ready for pickup the first week of April.

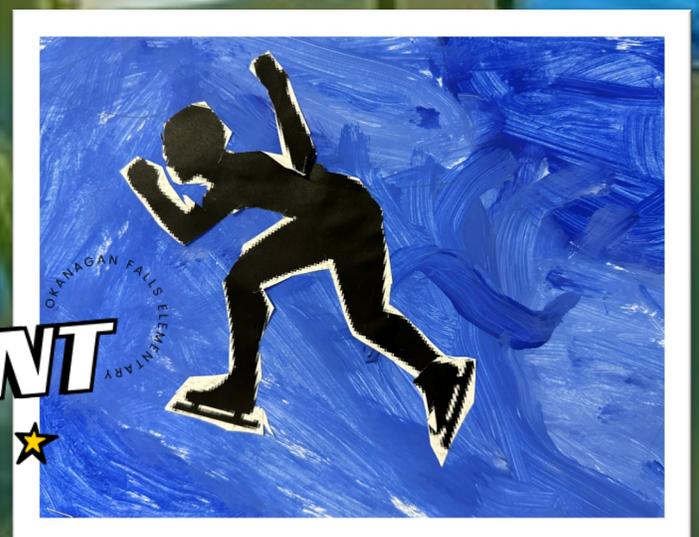
Looking ahead, PAC will be sponsoring a music and dance program for students in the coming months—more details to come!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming fundraisers:

💧 Belich's BBQ – Saturday, April 11th | 11:00am – 2:00pm

🌸 S.O.A.R Into Spring Market – Sunday, May 3rd

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of PAC and our school community!



Okanagan Falls Elementary School

Do you and your family need before or after school care?

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Student Name: _____

Time (s) preferred

Before School Care: _____

After School Care: _____

We will contact you in August with more information on registration and fees.



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.

School District 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Notice of Kindergarten Registration 2026-27

Follow the link for registration form. A full Kindergarten package is available at the school in the office.

[OK Falls Elementary Registration | Okanagan Falls Elementary School](#)

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00-2:30pm



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.

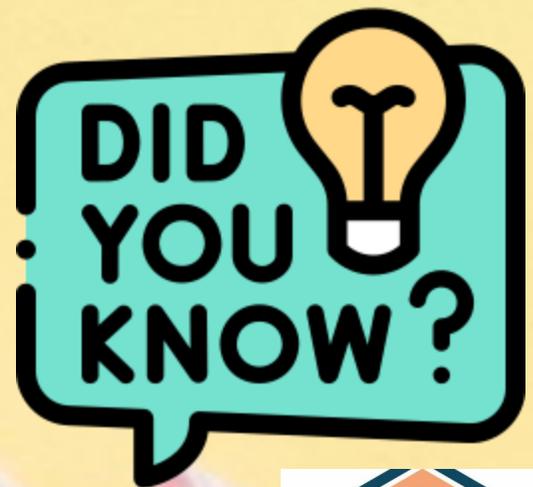
Thank you

Immunizations are given by
appointment at the
Penticton Health Unit
located at
740 Carmi Ave

**CHILDREN STARTING
KINDERGARTEN IN
SEPTEMBER 2026**

All children aged 4-6 years get
their kindergarten
immunizations at the Penticton
Health Centre

Book your child's
appointment **NOW!** Call
250-770-3434



Did You Know You Can Donate Your Returns and Belich's Points to the School?

After returning your recycling and receiving your account credit, you can select the school as the recipient and donate your returns directly to us. Recycling donations go directly to Division 5 (Eddison) and support end-of-year activities.

<https://app.return-it.ca/okanaganfallselementaryschool>

When shopping at Belich's, simply let the cashier know you would like to allocate your points to the school. Belich's donations help support all school activities.

Thank you for supporting our students and school community.

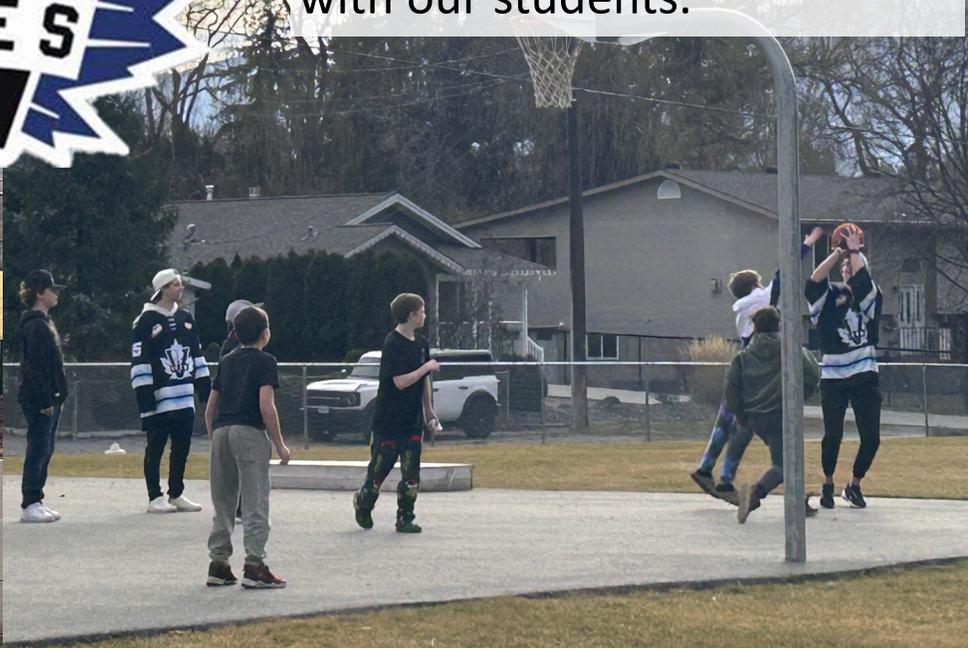


**APEX
Snow
DAY
February**





Thank you to the Vees for visiting and being so engaging with our students.



Super Hero Pink the Rink night was so fun!! **AND** as a bonus we won the cheering competition which donates \$1000 to our school. Way to go OKFE!!!





“Celebration Of Traditions”

Pow Wow

April 17th & 18th, 2026

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

6140 Gala St, Oliver, BC, V0H 1T0

School District #53 Indigenous Education Committee Hosting

Host Drum – Smokey Valley

Second Host Drum - High Water

Emcee – Levi Bent

Arena Director – Lawrence Trottier

Admission is Free - Open to the Public

Dinner: Friday and Saturday 5:30pm

Breakfast: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am

Friday Schedule: 10:00am - 2:30pm SD#53 students

Friday Evening: Open to the Public 7:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday Schedule: Open to the public 1:00 - 5:00pm & 7:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday Afternoon

Tiny Tot Special

By

Heaven N Earth

Native Art

All drum groups will receive an Honorarium

(minimum 4 singers and all drums must be registered)

Vendors Welcome: \$75.00 plus a Door Prize Donation

Contact Tara Havig for Booking: 250-498-4931 or thavig@sd53.bc.ca

For all other inquires, please contact Helen Gallagher: 250-498-4346



THIS IS A SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ZONE

Pow Wow Committee members & School District No.53 are not responsible for any injuries, theft, or items lost



For community activities check out!



SPRING Recreation Guide

APRIL - JUNE 2026

VIEW GUIDE ONLINE
MARCH 12, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS
MARCH 19, 2026



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*



Okanagan Falls

Home alone SAFETY For Kids!



(9-12 years)
Safety for Kids. Students receive the Home Alone Safety for Kids manual and certificate upon completion.

Okanagan Falls Community Centre
8:30 am - 3:30 pm, March 25
Fee: \$65
Registration required.
Minimum 10 participants required.

Follow the QR code to register



✉ rec@rdos.bc.ca 📷 [@rdosrecreation](https://www.instagram.com/rdosrecreation) 🌐 rec.rdos.bc.ca

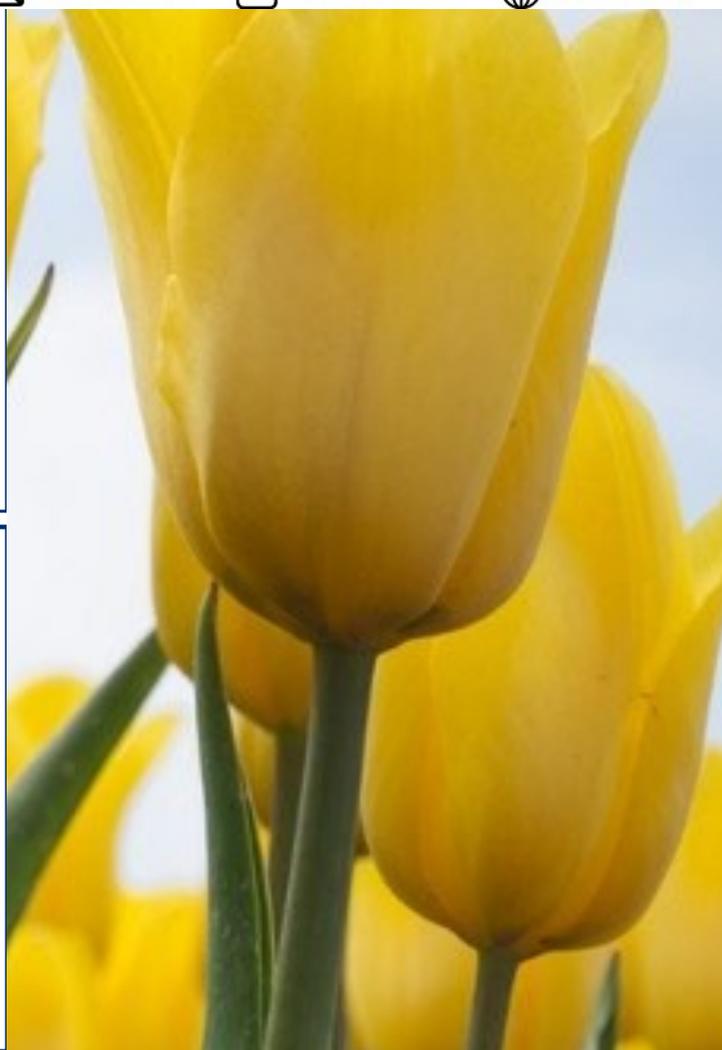
Babysitting Course



(11-15 years)
The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course for youth teaches child care, first aid, and accident prevention.

Okanagan Falls Community Centre
8:30 am - 3:30 pm, March 26
Fee: \$65
Registration required.
Minimum 10 participants required.

Follow the QR code to register





CREATE ON SPRING BREAK!

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Beat Spring Break Boredom with Casual Crafting

Boredom meets its match! Drop in to the Okanagan Falls Library for casual, creative fun. Explore a variety of crafts with different materials—make something unique to take home. Walk in, craft something awesome, and beat the break boredom. No registration required!

Starts

Tuesday
March 24

Ends

Saturday
March 28

Cost **FREE** Age **FAMILIES**

Program **DROP-IN**

26-0038-CREATE ON SPING BREAK!

Address **#101
850 Railway Lane
Okanagan Falls, BC
VOH 1R4**

Phone Number **250.497.5886**

Website **orl.bc.ca/okanagan-falls**

Facebook.com/ **ORLareaA**

Email **okanaganfalls@orl.bc.ca**



Spring Break Camp

March 16th - 20th 2026

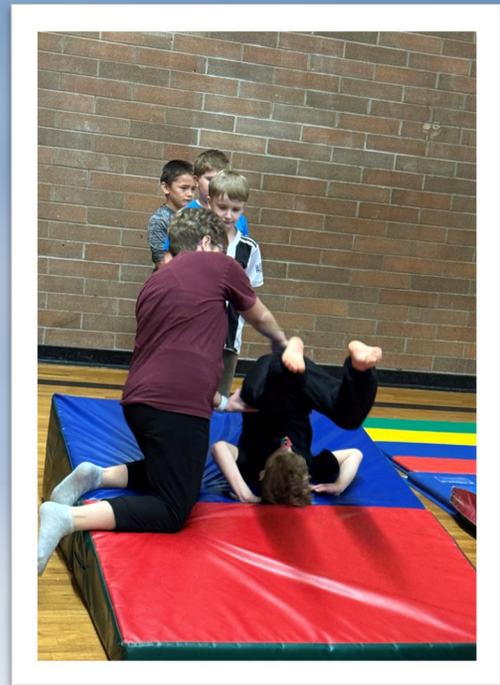
Half Day: 9am-12pm
5 years & up

Full Day: 9am-3pm
6 years & up

Activities include:

Daily gymnastics instruction on the Balance Beam, Uneven Bars & Floor; Ropes, Rings, Trapeze, Trampoline, Foam Pit, Climbing wall and a whole lot of fun!

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:
WWW.PENTICTONSPRINGERS.COM



We had great reviews from our staff and students regarding lessons they each received this week. For more information please reach out to Springers Gymnastics.

Springers Gymnastics Adventures

Spring Session

March. 2 to June. 6

Spring Break March 15th to 29th



Sign up now!

208-1475 Fairview Road Penticton
In the Cannery Trade Centre

For more info or to register visit our
website www.pentictonspringers.com



South OK Skating Club presents



Skating through **THE PAGES**

FRIDAY MARCH 13, AT THE OLIVER ARENA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:10PM - SHOW STARTS 6:30PM



Thank you **Vees** for visiting and all the engagement with our students, I don't think there was a sport that wasn't played!

Thank you **Springers** for coming and leading each class in a gymnastics class!

Big Thanks to **OSE** for hosting our boys basketball tournament!

Thank you **Mrs. de Ruiter & Coach Frank** for coaching basketball!!

Thank you **Falcon Families** for coming to Pink the Rink/ Superhero night and supporting us winning the spirit award!

Thank you **Science world** for teaching us the science of sport.

Thank you **PAC** for our upcoming PARKOUR field trip!

Thank
you

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!
