

Okanagan Falls Elementary

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Principal's Message

We are thrilled to return with full hearts and renewed excitement as we start the second half of the school year! With the changing weather, we kindly ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all conditions. Should you need them, we have extra gloves and hats available in the office. A special thank you to the Lion's Club for their generous donation of gloves, which are always greatly appreciated!

Looking back, December was a month filled with pride and gratitude at OKFE, as our school community came together in the true spirit of the season. We were fortunate to participate in a meaningful *Giving Week*, where we were able to support local families with food, gifts, and pajamas for the holidays. The outpouring of generosity and participation from our students, families, and staff was truly heartwarming, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss Sam for organizing and coordinating the initiative, as well as to Ms. de Ruiter for her invaluable support. Most importantly, we are deeply grateful to our OKFE community for making this effort a resounding success. Thanks to you, we made 32 children's Christmas a little brighter.

Our annual Christmas concert was another highlight of the season. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Eddison, Mrs. Brockholm, and all the staff who worked tirelessly to bring the performance to life. Additionally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to The Falls Market for their generous donation of a new microphone system. Thanks to their support, and the headsets they provided last year, our performances sound more professional than ever! Thank you as well to the Okanagan Senior's Centre and Belich's AG Foods for allowing us to practice our songs by caroling for you. We appreciate the community welcoming us!

We also want to extend our thanks to the Lions Club, Belich's, our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), Miss Nancy from the RDOS, as well as Rocky Bedard and Susan Midgley for making our *Pancake Breakfast with Santa* a truly memorable event. Their contributions helped create a festive atmosphere for everyone in attendance.

We are also looking forward to January, and we are excited to welcome PMLA (Penticton Minor Lacrosse Association) to our school, in partnership with the RDOS, to introduce the sport of lacrosse to our students. We are also looking forward to our upcoming ice-skating trips to the Oliver Arena, and we can't wait to share these exciting experiences with our students!

Wishing all of our families the best in 2026!!

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

January

Jan. 5 First day back to school

January 6, 13, 20, 27 Skating

January 13 MDI for Grade 6's
opens

January 9 Lacrosse at OKFE all
grades

28 Early dismissal at 12pm

No PAC meeting in January

*February 2 Skiing/Tubing
Swimming will take place in
Oliver in the spring Stay tuned!



Now accepting Registrations for Kindergarten 2026-27!

School District 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Notice of Kindergarten Registration 2026-27

January 15-March 15, 2026- Okanagan Falls Elementary

Children who will be five years old by Dec 31, 2025, may begin their first year of Primary (*Full Day Kindergarten*) in Sept 2026. **These will be children who were born in 2021.**

Parents or guardians may register these new students from Monday, January 12 to Friday, March 13, 2026.

- ♦ Please bring your child's birth certificate and Medical Card with you. Should you require further details, please contact your local school.
- ♦ Early registration assists the district with plans for September 2026. Also, Kindergarten spaces in a school may be limited and placement is done on a first come, first serve basis.

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

250-497-5414



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**

Skating at Oliver Arena

January 6, 20 Brockholm/Parker, Raines
& Souch

Arrive at arena 9am
Skate 930-1030am

January 13, 27 Petry, Eddison

Arrive at arena 9am
Skate 930-1030am

**Volunteers appreciated to
help lace skates!**



January 9 Lacrosse at
OKFE all grades. Check out RDOS for
more opportunity to play.



Please follow the link for
Registration and all
program information.
Grades 2 to 7

[Nothin' but Net Basketball,
Oliver, BC - NBN Basketball](#)



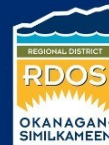


For community activities check out!

[By Area | RDOS](#)



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Intro to Lacrosse



LACROSSE

**Penticton Minor Lacrosse Association
(PMLA)**

The Penticton Minor Lacrosse Association and RDOS are offering Intro to Lacrosse in Okanagan Falls. This program introduces the fast-paced sport to beginners ages 5 and up, focusing on fundamental skills such as passing, catching, and shooting in a fun and supportive setting.

Okanagan Falls Community Centre Gymnasium 1141 Cedar Street

- Saturday, January 17 & 31, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Ages 5–8/parent participation
- Saturday, January 17 & 31, 12:00 - 1:00 pm Ages 9–12
- Saturday, January 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm Female players of all ages
- Saturday, January 31, 1:00 - 2:00 pm Teens 13+

**Follow the QR code
for more
information**

**Fee: \$20 per session
Registration Required**

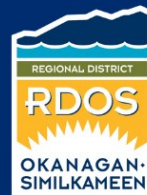


Visit rdos.perfectmind.com or click [here](#) to register



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Programs starting in January 2026
Okanagan Falls Community Centre



Game on! With Coach E! (Children)

An action-packed after-school program for kids ages 6 - 12. Each week is filled with exciting games and activities that promote teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship.

Instructor: Ernestina

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

January 15 - February 5

Fee: \$35 per session

Registration required.

Youth/Teen Night - Challenge Zone! (Youth)

Join Coach E. in a monthly program designed for ages 10 and up who love action-packed, team-based games. A safe, inclusive environment focused on sportsmanship and fun. Snacks provided.

Instructor: Ernestina

Fridays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

February 6

March 6

Fee: \$5 drop-in fee at the door

Community Open Gym (All ages/family)

Gather with family, friends, and neighbours in a safe place where you can play games, run around, or simply catch up.

Volunteer facilitated

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

January 13 - March 10

Fee: Free

Sign-in and out required.

Community Sports Open Gym (All ages/family)

The gym is open to the community for a fun, inclusive, non-structured space. This is not a drop-off program. The gym may be divided into two sections to reflect ages.

Facilitated by RDOS Recreation staff

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

January 15 - March 12

Fee: Free

Winter Arts and Crafts with Miss E. (Children)

This program is ideal for budding artists. Miss E. will share some project ideas that have different painting techniques, in addition to creating a new craft each week.

Instructor: Endrene

Tuesdays, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

January 13 - February 3

Fee: \$35 per session

Registration required.



Visit rdos.perfectmind.com or follow the QR code to view programs

February

SNOW DAY

Tubing at APEX

**Monday, February 2 Divisions
1 to 4**

**Brockholm/Parker,
Raines, Petry & Souch**

Please see the link provided with all important information. Also keep an eye out for the paper copies coming home the middle of January to fill out, sign and return.

[2026-OKF-Tubbing-Mt-APEX-Permission-Rental-forms.pdf](#)



Downhill at APEX Skiing, Snowboarding, & tubing

Monday, February 2

Division 5 Mrs. Eddison's

Please see the link provided with all important information. Also keep an eye out for the paper copies coming home the middle of January to fill out, sign and return. There is something for all students to participate in.

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Parker/Brockholm Division 1



Souch Division 4



Petry/Raines Divisions 2 & 3



Souch Division 4



Eddison Division 5

Home Alone





Carols at
the Senior
center.

Carolers at
Fill the van
event at
Belich's.
Great job!!



Pancake
breakfast



Giving Week was a tremendous success!

Our students and families showed incredible generosity through contributions to the Giving Tree, our Helping Hands food drive, and by raising **\$194.25** to support Christmas meals for local families in need. It was a wonderful learning experience for our students as they practiced kindness, empathy, and community responsibility. Thank you for helping make a meaningful difference in our community.





❄️ PAC January Update ❄️

Happy New Year to our school community! There will be no PAC meeting in January, but we're already looking ahead to our next meeting on Thursday February 5th at 6:00pm

in the school library. Childminding will be provided, and we always love to see new faces and hear fresh ideas. If you're unable to attend but have something you'd like added to the agenda, please email us at okfpac@gmail.com.

We're excited to share that our recent 50/50 jackpot reached \$3,362, with Martin Z. taking home \$1,681. Congratulations, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraiser!

A huge thank-you to all the parents and volunteers who continue to make our fundraising efforts such a success—we truly couldn't do it without you. Our next Meat Draw at the Legion will be held on Friday, January 16th at 5:00pm. Come out to attend or volunteer if you can.

Looking ahead to February, we'll be hosting another Family Movie Night with our friends at RDOS, and we also have a Spring Market in the works—more details coming soon!

We're also proud to share that PAC has sponsored the school-wide field trip to Apex on February 2nd.

We are looking forward to a great new year, with lots of fun activities for our students to share in!

PAC executive team 2025/26

Kari Hill **President**

Vanessa Morigeau **Treasurer**

Melissa Mundy **Secretary**

Chelsea Fairweather and

Cam Hutchinson

Members at large



Thank
you

Thank you to **all staff** for the wonderful Christmas concert!

Special thanks to **Mrs. Eddison** our Director and **Mrs. Brockholm** our Technology Director!

Thank you **Lions club** for the winter gear for our students!

Thank you to **Miss Sam & Ms. de Ruiter** for organizing giving week.