

Okanagan Falls Elementary

FALCON Findings



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Principal's Message

As December arrives at Okanagan Falls Elementary, the halls are buzzing with excitement as students and staff come together to celebrate the holiday season and reflect on the year's achievements. From festive classroom activities to community projects, this month is all about warmth, generosity, and joy. The festivities kick off with our district volleyball tournament—go Falcons! A huge thank you to Ms. Raines and Mrs. Petry for coaching our team!

We're also looking forward to Giving Week, our Christmas concert, and our beloved annual pancake breakfast with a special visit from Santa himself! A big thank you to the Lion's Club, Belich's, our PAC, and Rocky and Susi Bedard for all their support in making our holiday celebrations a success. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to The Falls Market for generously donating a new sound system, helping to ensure our Christmas concert and future arts events are a hit!

We also appreciate the Ok Falls Legion's Colour Guard for their participation in our Remembrance Day assembly last month.

A quick reminder: students are expected to go outside in most weather conditions. Fresh air and exercise are great for their brains, and we only keep them inside when absolutely necessary. Please ensure your child has the proper clothing for the weather, and don't hesitate to reach out if your child needs warm gear.

We wish you all a holiday season filled with warmth, love, and plenty of restful moments. Happy Holidays!

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

December

1 to 5 Giving Week: Food Hamper collection see pg. 3

4 District Volleyball Tournament @ Osoyoos Elementary & Sonora ctr.

4 PAC Meeting @ 6pm

6 Student Caroling @ Belich's Saturday, 1015am

12 PAC/RDOS Movie Night! 630pm

14 RDOS Christmas Event

18 Christmas Concert 630pm

19 Pancake Breakfast

Christmas Break Dec. 22 to Jan. 2

January

Jan. 5 First day back to school

January 6, 13, 20, 27 Skating see Pg. 5

*Skiing/Tubing will take place in February

*Swimming will take place in Oliver in the spring Stay tuned!

You are invited to our

**OKFE Christmas
Concert Presenting**

"HOME  ALONE"

Thursday, DECEMBER 18

6:30pm

(doors open at 6:15pm)

OK Falls Gymnasium

**Division 5 Bake Sale & PAC RAFFLE
tickets for sale**

If you cannot make the evening presentation,
we invite you to join us for the DRESS
REHEARSAL: Thursday, December 18 @
1045am.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS,



YA FILTHY ANIMAL!"

special

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT
GIVE AWAY**



**WIN ONE OF TWO PRIZES WITH A
MINIMUM DONATION OF \$2 PER TICKET**

**FRONT ROW
PARKING**

**FRONT ROW
SEATING FOR 2**



WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 17TH 2025

Proceeds will go toward the school's fine arts program

Please see the office to make your donation



**Student made Christmas cards
are for sale by donation in the
office.**

2025/2026 CARDS

Giving Week



December 1 to 5, 2025

- ♦ Bring in one item from the list each day.
- ♦ All items will be donated to Helping Hands, supporting local families in need.

Participation is appreciated but is optional.



Monday, December 1

Breakfast day

(oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, etc.)

Tuesday, December 2

Toonies for Turkeys

Wednesday, December 3

Canned goods day

(beans, fruit, soup etc.)

Thursday, December 4

Pasta, Pasta Sauce and Rice day

Friday, December 5

Pantry day

(jam, peanut butter, jello, cereal, granola, pudding etc.)

Friday, December 5 Pick up day!!!

Belich's Fill the Van for Helping Hands

All students are invited to come caroling at Belich's on **December 6th from 10:30-11:00**. We will meet at 10:15 on the grass field to the right of Belich's to get situated. Parents need to stay for the half hour, and we are asking that everyone wear a toque, scarf and mittens.

(If a student needs any of these items, please ask before hand and we will provide them).

Thank you



Skating at Oliver Arena

Tuesdays, January 6, 20

Arrive at arena at 9am

9:00-10:30am Divisions 1,2,4

Tuesdays, January 13, 27

Arrive at arena at 9am

9:00-10:30am Divisions 3 & 5

Volunteer helpers are Welcome! Please contact your students teacher if you are available. Help with skates is always appreciated.

Thank you



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported our Winter/Christmas Market! It was a fantastic success thanks to our amazing parent volunteers, dedicated PAC team, and all the wonderful local vendors who helped make the day so festive.

Our 50/50 tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from PAC Chair, Kari Hill or at the school office for \$2 a ticket. The draw will take place after the Christmas Concert on December 18th—good luck to everyone who enters!

The next PAC meeting is Dec. 4th at 6pm in the School Library, and child minding is provided. Everyone is welcome!

Join us at the Legion on Saturday, December 6th, 3pm for our monthly PAC Meat Draw—a fun and easy way to support the school.

We're also excited to partner with RDOS for a holiday Movie Night on Friday, December 12th, where we'll be showing Elf! Doors open at 6:30pm, Nancy will have some fun games and activities before the movie, and we will have popcorn available by donation.

Thank you to everyone who ordered chocolate from the Purdy's fundraiser. Your order can be picked up from the school, Dec. 15th.

To wrap up the season, PAC and the Lions Club will be serving a cheerful Pancake Breakfast on December 19th for students and staff.

From all of us at PAC, we wish you the best of the holiday season, and can't wait to see everyone in the new year. ❤️

PAC Meeting December 4 6pm

PAC/RDOS Movie night December 12
630pm

PAC meat draw December 6 @ 3pm

PAC executive team

2025/26

Kari Hill **President**

Vanessa Morigeau **Treasurer**

Melissa Mundy **Secretary**

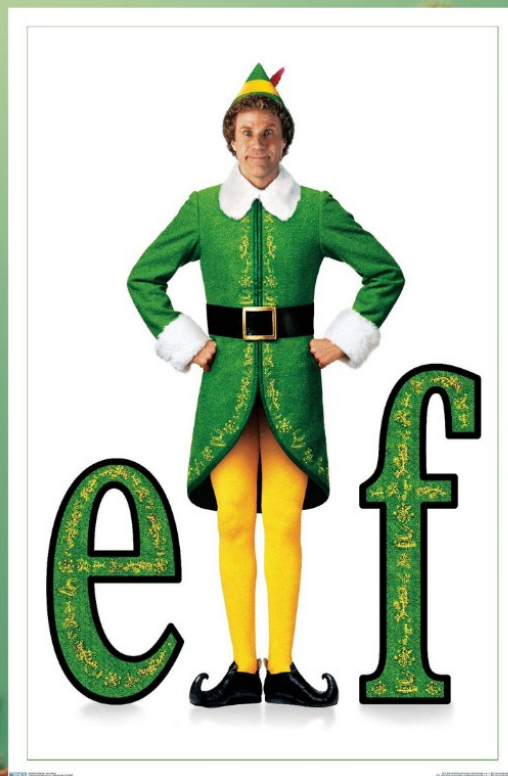
Chelsea Fairweather and

Cam Hutchinson

Members at large



OKFE PAC and RDOS Present!



Dec. 12th , doors open at 6:30
at the School Gym
Popcorn by Donation
A Family Friendly Community Event

OKFE PAC 50/50



**Draw date:
Dec 18th**

**Email okfpac@gmail.com
to arrange ticket purchases
or visit Okanagan Falls
Elementary school office
during regular hours.**

**Watch for PAC volunteers selling
tickets at community
Christmas events!**

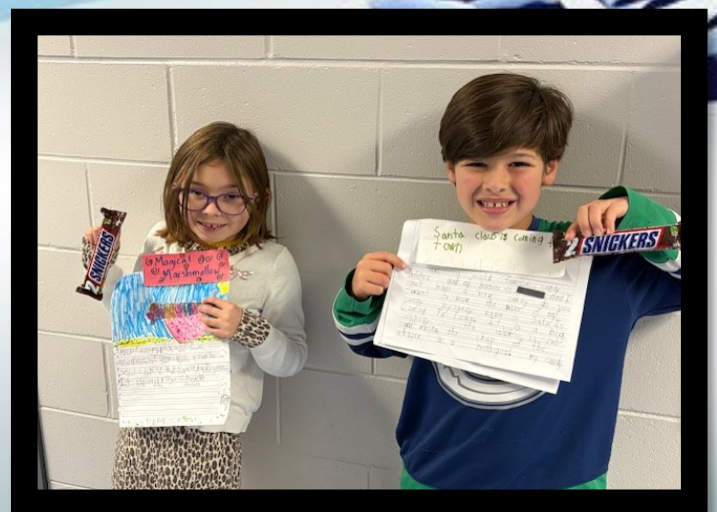
Volleyball



Remembrance Day
Lest we forget



Ms. Raines & Mrs. Petry's
Candy creating competition
winners.





Thank
you

Thank you Colour Guard Legion members for participating in our Remembrance day assembly.

Thank you Chelsea Fairweather, OKFE PAC and all those involved with the OKFE Christmas Market!! What a wonderful event it was!

Thank you Memory Café Dementia Friendly Communities for including our students in the Readers Theatre play.

Thank you OKFE families !! For volunteering for field trips, coming to cheer on as fans, and participating in events. We appreciate each of you.

Thank you Lions Club, PAC and Belich's for helping with the pancake breakfast.

Thank you to the **Lions club** for the student breakfast program.

Thank you to **Ok Falls Market** for purchasing new microphones!!!

Thank you Santa & Mrs. Claus for joining us for our pancake breakfast.

Thank you to our **1 to 1 Readers** for your commitment to student literacy and volunteering your time.



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**

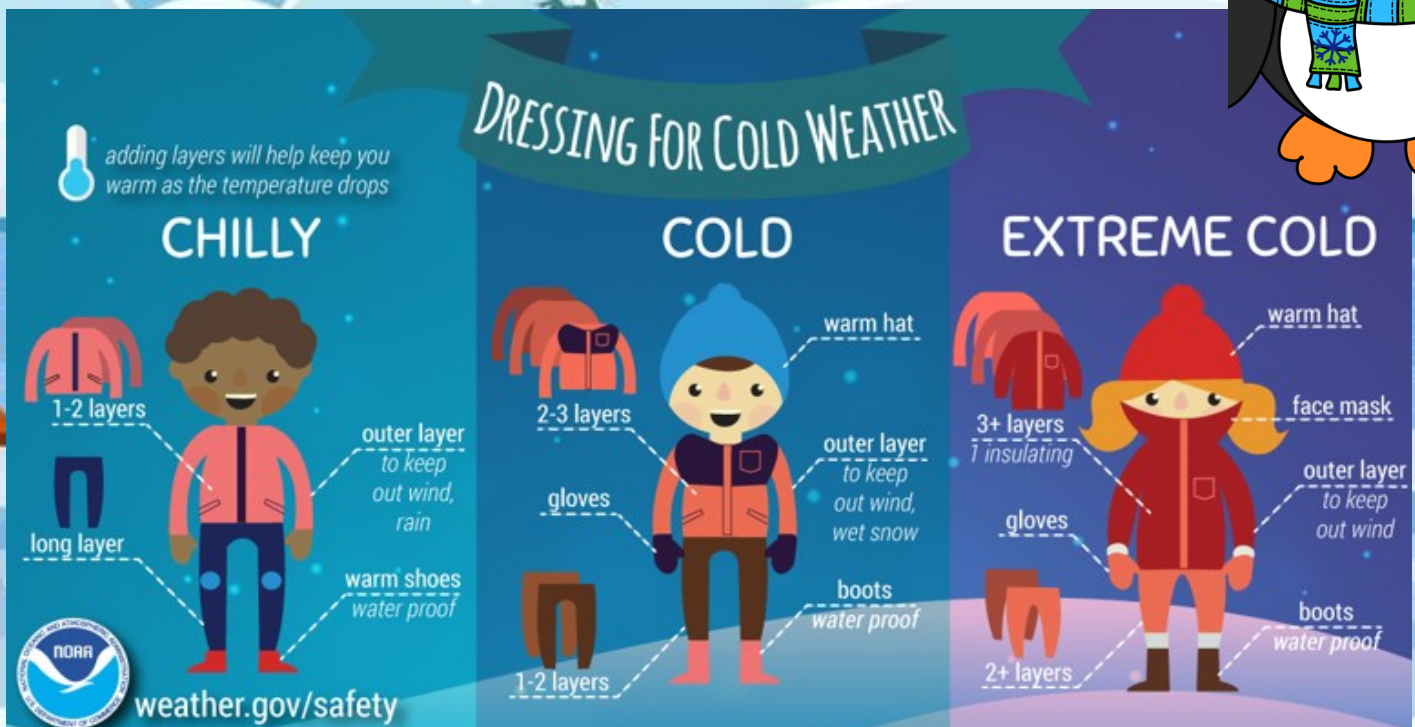


Please follow the link for
Registration and all program
information. Grades 2 to 7

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

Dress for the weather

Students go outside in most weather conditions. Fresh air and exercise are great for their brains, and we only keep them inside when absolutely necessary. Please ensure your child has the proper clothing for the weather, and don't hesitate to reach out if your child needs winter gear. Thank you



For community activities check out!

By Area | RDOS



Okanagan Falls



OKANAGAN FALLS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 14, 2025

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre
1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls

Enjoy a photo booth, face painting, games,
treats, and crafts.

Even the Juggler at 2:30 pm.

"Light up the Falls" 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Okanagan Falls Shopping Plaza

A special guest delivery at 3:30 pm.

Tree lighting at 4:30 pm.

Complimentary Hot Chocolate from Rise & Shine.



FREE event, everyone welcome



Students are invited to
come caroling on
December 14th at
430pm at the RDOS
Christmas Party.



WINTER Recreation Guide

JANUARY - MARCH 2026

AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING
DECEMBER 11, 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS
DECEMBER 18, 2025



rec@rdos.bc.ca



@rdosrecreation



rec.rdos.bc.ca

★ SOSC Winter Registration is Now Open! ★

PROGRAMS BEGIN JANUARY 6, 2026

Scan the QR code to register for our Skate Canada Learn-to-Skate and Figure Skating programs:



- ❄️ **Pre-Canskate** — Ages 3-5
- ❄️ **Canskate** — Ages 5 & up
- ❄️ **Jr. Academy** — Invitation/Readiness Based
- ❄️ **Starskate** — All levels



At Oliver Arena





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Join Okanagan Falls Lions &
South Okanagan Naturalist Club
Kids Bird Count



Join us for a free, family-friendly bird walk through
Okanagan Falls, guided by local naturalists!
Discover local bird species, then head to the Activity
Room to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies and
enjoy a fun craft activity.
A Canada-wide science event, collecting data.
For kids and families



SUNDAY DECEMBER 7
10:00 TO 12:00PM

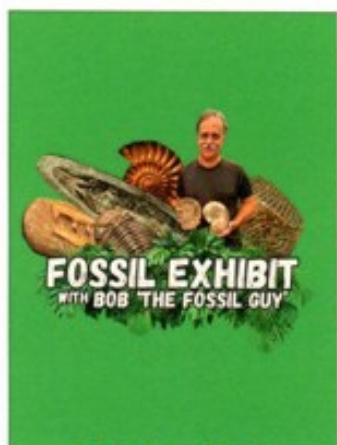
MUST PRE-RESISTER - LIMITED 30 KIDS
AT LION'S SCHOOL
BREAKFAST TABLE
OR COLLEENSIMMONS@LIVE.CA





OKANAGAN FALLS LIBRARY | ORL BRANCH

A PREHISTORIC CHRISTMAS



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Step back in time this holiday season! The Okanagan Falls Library is throwing a mammoth Christmas celebration and you're invited!

Get ready for a journey back in time! Enjoy a special presentation by fossil expert, Bob the Fossil Guy, and a trunk full of REAL fossils and casts. Stay for some ROARING fun with: Dino-Mite Crafts, Tasty Treats, & Prehistoric Activities. It'll be a MAMMOTH celebration you won't want to miss!

December

6

SATURDAY

Start 11:00 am

End 1:30 pm

Cost **FREE**

Age

FAMILIES

Program

DROP-IN

25-1328-A PREHISTORIC CHRISTMAS

OKANAGAN REGIONAL
LIBRARY
OKANAGAN FALLS
BRANCH

Address

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

Phone Number

250.497.5886

Website

orl.bc.ca/okanagan-falls

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Email

okanaganfalls@orl.bc.ca

A decorative header featuring various cookies (star-shaped, round with patterns) and an open book at the bottom, all set against a light background.

Holiday Bake and Book Sale

HOLIDAY BAKE AND BOOK SALE!

Okanagan Falls Friends of the Library Presents: The Holiday Bake & Book Sale!

The Okanagan Falls Friends of the Library will host a Bake and Book Sale at Belich's. The event features a wide selection of affordable used books and delicious homemade baked goods. The public is warmly invited to attend, find a new read, enjoy a sweet and support the local library.

December

6

SATURDAY

Start 10:00 am

End 2:00 pm

Cost **FREE**

Age

ALL AGES

Address

#101
850 Railway Lane
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SILENT AUCTION

OKANAGAN FALLS LIBRARY SILENT AUCTION!

Discover Hidden Treasures at the Okanagan Falls Friends of the Library Silent Auction!

The Friends of the Okanagan Falls Library invite you to a special fundraising event that promises something for everyone! Get ready to browse, bid, and bring home something wonderful. This is your chance to find that perfect gift or a special treat for yourself while supporting the local library.

Starts

Wednesday
November 19

Ends

Wednesday
December 17

Cost **FREE**

Age

ALL AGES

Program

DROP-IN

25-1333-Okanagan Falls Library Silent Auction!

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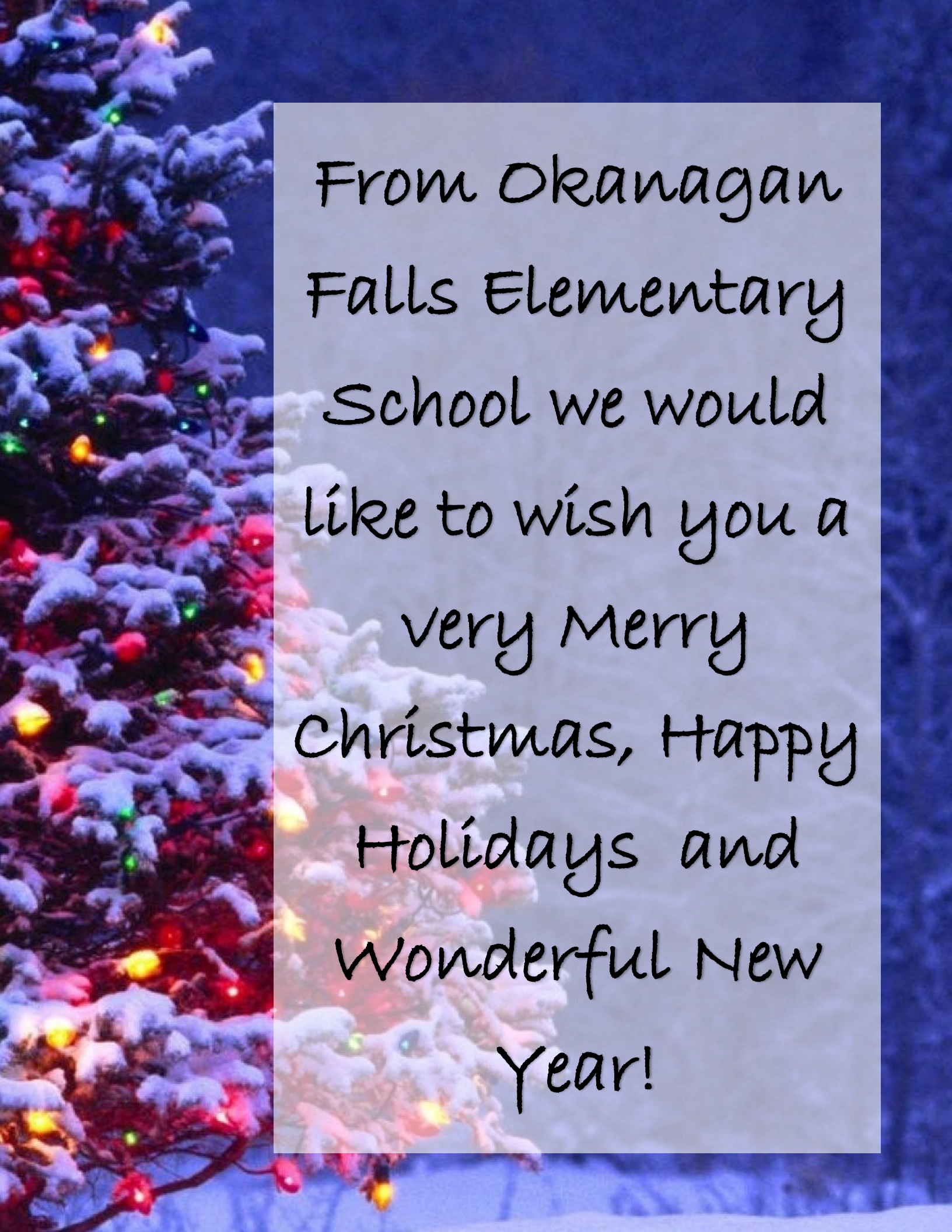
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A close-up photograph of a snow-covered evergreen tree, likely a Christmas tree, decorated with warm white, red, and green lights. The tree is set against a dark, snowy background. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

From Okanagan
Falls Elementary
School we would
like to wish you a
very Merry
Christmas, Happy
Holidays and
Wonderful New
Year!