

Okanagan Falls Elementary

February

# FALCON Findings

2026



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## Principal's Message

February is shaping up to be a fabulous one! We have lots to look forward to including our snow day at Apex, a Superhero Night, the PAC movie night, a Science World presentation, a visit from the Vees, Family Literacy Week, basketball games, gymnastic lessons and more. No one can say we aren't having any fun around here!

Thank you to all of the families that have replied to the family perspectives survey. I am curious about how staff, students and families feel about decision-making at the school level. If you have not already done so and you have a few minutes before February 6th, here is the link [Family Perspective on Decision-making at the School Level](#).

We are happy to announce that kindergarten registration is now open. Children born in 2021 who are now five years old are invited to register. We are also pleased to share that before-school care will be available next year and that there will be extra after-school care spaces if needed. Please contact the school office for registration instructions for both programs. We will also be offering bussing to and from Skaha Estates and St. Andrew's areas. We warmly welcome students from these areas and look forward to having them join our school community!

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](mailto:okf@sd53.bc.ca) so it can be recorded as an explained absence.

# Upcoming events

## February

2 **APEX Snow day** whole school.

Bus leaves right away don't be late!

7 PAC/RDOS Movie night 6pm

9 Science World presentation

10 Visit from the VEES

11 Basketball game at OKFE

13 No School Professional

Development day

16 No School Family Day

23 Basketball tournament @ Osoyoos elementary

25 Early dismissal at 12pm

25 Pink shirt day!

25 Springers gymnastics Lesson Souch & Petry

26 Springers gymnastics Lesson Brockholm/Parker & Eddison



Wednesday, February 25

Early dismissal at 12pm



No School Monday, February 16, 2026



APEX Snow DAY!

February 2, 2026





### **Before & After school care**

accepting registrations.

### **Bus Transportation**

available in St. Andrews  
and Skaha Estates.



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## **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**

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

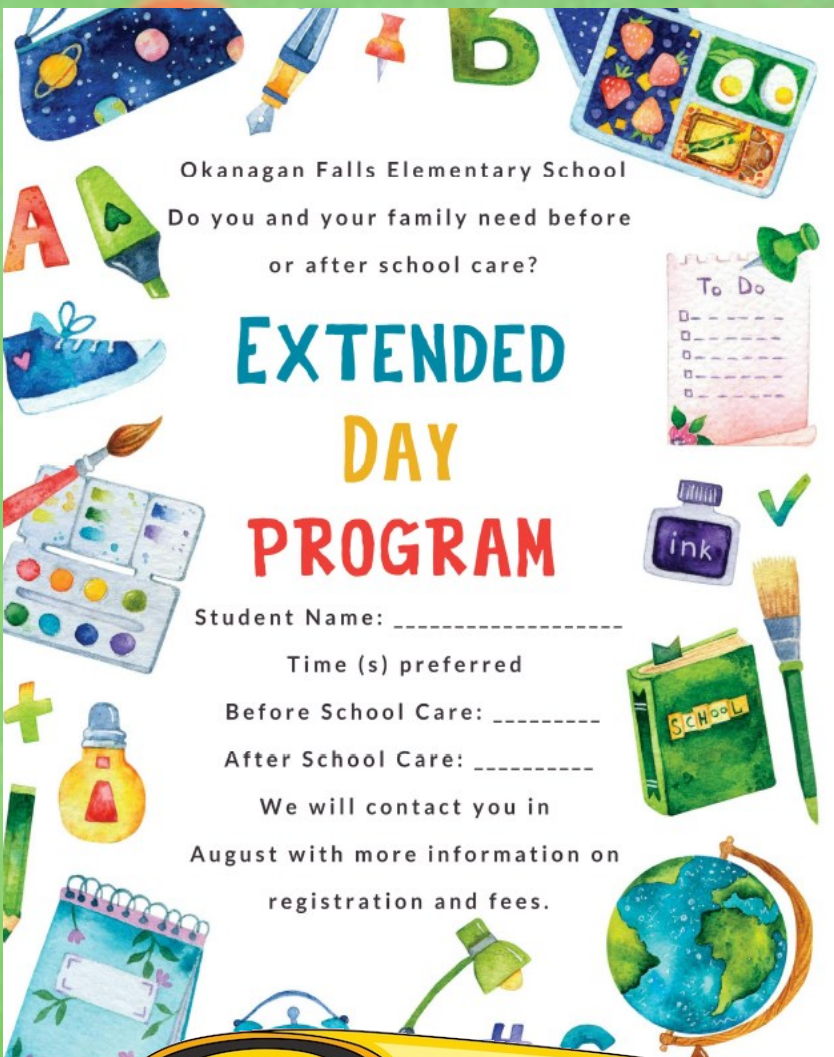
## **Come Visit our StrongStart Program**

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





**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**

**250-497-5414**



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





# 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

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](mailto:okf@sd53.bc.ca)

# **Pink Shirt Day: February 25**

## *The Pink Shirt Day Story*

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

**Join us Wednesday, February 25,  
and wear pink to show your  
support of Pink Shirt Day!**







# Go For GOLD!



## OKANAGAN FALLS WINTER OLYMPICS

### GO FOR GOLD AT THE OKANAGAN FALLS LIBRARY!

This February, go for the gold at the Okanagan Falls Library! Dive into our Winter Reading Olympics, where reading and fun activities challenge you like an Olympian. Complete bingo-style challenges to earn your own gold medal and enter our epic prize draw. More reading = more entries!

#### Starts

**Sunday  
February 1**

#### Ends

**Saturday  
February 28**

**FREE**

**DROP-IN**

**FAMILIES**

Cost

Program Type

Suggested Age

26-176 OKANAGAN FALLS WINTER OLYMPICS

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For community activities check out!

By Area | RDOS



**Present**



**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Okanagan Falls Elementary  
School Gymnasium**

**Popcorn and drinks by  
donation**





♥ PAC February Update ♥

Our next **PAC meeting** is on **Thursday, February 5th at 6:00pm** in the school library. **Childminding is provided**, and we look forward to seeing everyone who is able to

attend.

We're excited to team up with **RDOS** again for **Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 7th**. Doors open at **6:00pm**, so bring the family and enjoy a fun evening together.

Join us at the **Legion on Saturday, February 21st** for our next **PAC Meat Draw**—a great way to support the school and connect with the community.

Be sure to watch upcoming newsletters for updates on our **next round of fundraising events**. We're always interested in hearing feedback from you, the parents—if you have ideas, questions, or suggestions, please email us at [okfpac@gmail.com](mailto:okfpac@gmail.com).

**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 **PAC** for your support for our school wide Snow day at APEX!!!

Thank you **APEX!!!** For an amazing day of fun with our students and families.

Thank you **Oliver Arena** for a great experience skating this season.

Thank you **Science World and Draxx** for coming to give a presentation on the science of sport.

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

Thanks to all the **parents** that volunteered to come to Apex!