

SILVERTHORNE ELEMENTARY

January 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and had a chance to relax and celebrate with family and friends. Our **Christmas Concert** was a wonderful way to end the year, and we are so proud of our students for their performances and the joy they brought to our community.

Now that we are moving into January, it's a time to **refocus on learning**. These next few months are critical for building strong foundations, especially in **reading**. Learning the building blocks for reading is essential because it opens the door to all other learning. Regular attendance is key—being at school every day ensures your child doesn't miss these important steps.

We also have many **opportunities to learn in a variety of ways and places** as we take part in winter activities. These experiences help students grow socially, physically, and academically, making learning both meaningful and fun. Thank you for making attendance a priority and partnering with us to support your child's success!



Lockdown Drill

Safety is a top priority at Silverthorne. As part of our annual safety procedures, we will conduct a **Lockdown Drill on January 20**.

- An announcement will be made telling everyone that this is a lockdown.
- Students will remain in their classrooms quietly until the **all-clear signal** is given.
- Teachers will review the procedure with students beforehand to ensure they understand what to expect and what to do.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and prepared.

Parent Volunteers

Many classes will be participating in learning outside the classroom in the next few months. Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated for field trips and skating. Having additional adults assist with supervision and putting on winter gear is very helpful and allows students to safely enjoy their outing with fewer disruptions and delays. If you are interested in volunteering for your child's field trip or for skating, please contact your child's teacher.

Food Programs

Thanks to a **generous corporate donation**, our Hot Lunch Program has received a significant boost, so we now offer free lunches on Thursdays!

- **Hot Lunch:**
 - **FREE every Thursday** for all students for the remainder of the school year.
 - On other days, lunches are **\$3 per day**.
 - **Lunch Passes:** Available at the office for **\$30 for 10 lunches**.
 - Students can also **pay day by day**.
 - **Important:** Students let their teacher know **at the beginning of each day** if they are getting a hot lunch.
- **Breakfast:** We continue to offer **free breakfast for all students every morning from 8:40–8:55 am**. This is a great way for students to start the day energized and ready to learn.

We are grateful to our community for supporting these initiatives and ensuring that every child has access to nutritious meals.

Cold Weather

Winter is here, and temperatures can drop quickly. Please ensure your child comes to school **dressed for cold weather**, including:

- Warm coat
- Mittens or gloves
- Hat and boots

Outdoor Play Policy:

- When it's **colder than -15°C**, students will be **inside before school and during breaks**.
- If the temperature is **warmer than -15°C**, students will be outside during break times.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the changing weather!

Skating Sessions

We're thrilled to announce that our classes will be participating in skating sessions between now and Spring Break! This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy physical activity and learn new skills.

- **Details:** Teachers will share specific dates and times for each class.
- **What to Bring:** Skates and helmets are required by ALL adults and children on the ice. The school has skates that students can use if they don't have their own. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

Kindergarten Registration – Happening Now!

If you have children who will be starting **Kindergarten next year**, please come and register with the school **as soon as possible**. Early registration helps us plan for staffing and resources to ensure a smooth start for our youngest learners.

- **Contact the Office:** Call or visit during school hours for registration details.
- Please share this information with friends and family who may have children ready for Kindergarten.

