

# Silverthorne Elementary

Principal's Message

October 2025

We've had such a fun and busy start to the year with lots of great events and activities! A big thank-you to all the families who joined us for *Meet the Teacher* night and enjoyed an ice cream sandwich together. We couldn't have asked for better weather for our *Terry Fox Run* – so many students ran multiple laps while thinking about Terry's incredible determination to run a marathon every day to help find a cure for cancer. Our drummers did a wonderful job performing at the *Orange Shirt Day* assembly, and our Grade 3 cross-country runners made us proud at the district meet in Smithers!

As the seasons change and the weather turns colder, wetter, and soon snowy, please make sure students come dressed for the conditions with warm rain or snow gear. We want everyone to stay cozy and comfortable while having fun outside!

Just a quick reminder – staff members wearing orange vests are always on duty during play times to help students if any problems come up. If you ever have questions or concerns about how things are going at recess or in class, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful autumn season.

Sincerely,  
Mark Fehr, Principal

## Upcoming Events

November 3 - Basket Ball Joe is back on Mondays!

November 10 - Professional Development day - No school

November 11 - Remembrance Day - No school

## Halloween - October 31

- Costumes must be appropriate for all ages (0-8 yrs old in our building during the day)
- No gory, bloody, violent, or sexy costumes
- No weapons or accessories
- No masks or anything covering faces
- Please do not bring Halloween candy to school. Candy will be asked to stay in backpacks or will be sent home.

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## ATTENDANCE

Thank you to the parents who have been using the app, calling or e-mailing in the morning to let us know when their children will be away. We have an automated system to call home and then other contacts for students who are not present at morning attendance. It is greatly appreciated if parents notify us if your child will be absent, late, or leaving early.

**REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE**

Whether it's an illness, medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. SD54 (Bulkley Valley) is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences. Using the SafeArrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

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833-829-5808  
Call toll-free before 9:20AM to report an absence
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Log onto the web portal following the address below. Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.  
<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/#/login>
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SM Home App  
Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SM Home - SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.  
**IPHONE**    **ANDROID**

Please report all absences prior to 9:20AM for the current day. If your child has an upcoming appointment, you can also schedule future absences by using one of these three methods.

## HOT LUNCH

Our popular breakfast and hot lunch program is serving students daily. This program is open to ALL students. There is no charge for breakfast and a \$3 charge per lunch. Lunch passes can be purchased at the office for \$30/10 lunches or students can bring \$3 each day they would like a lunch. The menu for the week is emailed to parents/guardians, posted on our website and Facebook page.

## Basketball Joe

This year we have the privilege again of having Basketball Joe (local legendary basketball coach, Joe Toner) coming in on Mondays in November and December to work with teachers and each class on fundamental movement skills and building blocks to games and sports through basketball. This is always a highlight of the year for many students at Silverthorne.