
September 2025

Silverthorne Elementary School

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Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year. Silverthorne would like to welcome our new teachers, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Wolf and Ms. Vaughan.

The September calendar is filling up with many events and outings. We will be hosting an evening event on September 18th from 5:00 pm– 6pm where you can come and meet your child's teacher and enjoy a complimentary spaghetti dinner served by the staff.

We are looking forward to an action-packed fall season including everything from Orange Shirt Day to the Terry Fox Run. We will be fundraising for our Terry Fox Run again this fall, and parents are welcome to join us for our run at 11:30 am on September 25th.

Parents are encouraged to attend our PAC meetings as it helps you stay in touch with what is happening in the school. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:45pm in the library. We hope to see you there.

Julie Krall

Daily Schedule

Monday: 9:00 to 3:05

Tuesday: 9:00 to 3:05

Wednesday: 9:00 to 3:05

Thursday: 9:00 to **2:00 (Early Dismissal)**

Friday: 9:00 to 3:05

Recess: 10:15-10:30 **Lunch:** 12:00-12:45 PM



Upcoming Events

September 17

PAC Meeting – New parents welcome!

September 18

Meet the Teacher Event
5pm-6:00pm

September 24

School picture day

September 25

Terry Fox Run

September 30

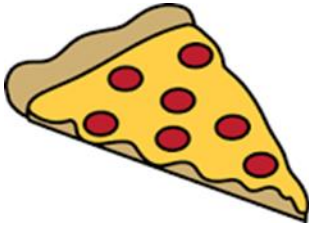
Orange Shirt Day

October 22-23

Parent/Teacher Interviews



PIZZA FRIDAY



We will be selling Pizza every Friday! There will also be Hot Lunch available for those that choose not to order pizza ☺ Orders will be taken at 9AM with attendance. We cannot guarantee that late orders can be accommodated.

Pizza will be \$3.00 a slice and there will be a choice of Cheese, Hawaiian Pepperoni Gluten Free or Cheezy Garlic.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

First meeting of the year will be Sept. 17th at 5:45 in the Library. All parents welcome to attend!

The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to the parents who have been calling or e-mailing in the morning to let us know when their children will be away. As our main concern is safety, we will continue to call home 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. You can either call 250-845-2228 or email:

siloffice@sd54.bc.ca Thank you!

Health Link BC Online Resource

Check out the link for a full resource guide on challenges of back to school.

https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/hlbc/files/documents/healthfeature/back_to_school.pdf

HOT LUNCH:

Our popular breakfast and lunch programs have already started serving students daily. This program is open to ALL students. There is no charge for breakfast, but this year there will be a \$3 charge for lunch. If you are able to donate to the program you can do so in the office. We will also be running fundraisers throughout the year in an effort to keep this program running.

We are moving to a model of having a set menu this year to ensure efficiencies and predictability of menu.

BUS SAFETY

There are areas around the school that pose a risk to students after school, especially crossing the road for pick up. Only bus students should be using the bus area. All other crossing should occur at the cross walk. Parents dropping off or picking up students please stay clear of the bus lane and private driveways.

SILVERTHORNE STRONGSTART

Silverthorne StrongStart runs Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 11:30 AM. For ages 0 to 5 years with parents or caregivers. During the program, please feel free to drop-in whenever it is convenient for you and your family.

THINGS TO KNOW

Examples of unacceptable conduct:

- ♦ putting your hands on another student
- ♦ not following the request of an adult in the school

Consequences

Our Steelhead "Thank-you Tickets" are used to promote positive, acceptable behavior.

Disciplinary Cycle

The discipline cycle will usually follow these steps:

- ♦ Warning
- ♦ Detention
- ♦ Parent contact/meeting
- ♦ In-school suspension
- ♦ Out of school suspension

NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified early on in the disciplinary cycle to assist students in improving behavior.

Chronic suspensions will result in a referral to the District Conduct Review Board or the Board of Education.

RCMP and other agencies may be notified if the situation warrants such action.

SILVERTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CODE OF COOPERATION



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Silverthorne Elementary School will be a safe and happy place if we all observe the following code:

I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF

Because I am responsible for my learning and well-being.

I TAKE CARE OF OTHERS

Because it is my responsibility to help others.

I TAKE CARE OF OUR SCHOOL

Because it is my responsibility to care for my surroundings.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

At Silverthorne Elementary School,
We strive to do our best to:

BE RESPONSIBLE

- ◆ for our own actions
- ◆ to help make the world a better place

CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL

- ◆ Be friendly and helpful
- ◆ Participate & contribute to activities

VALUE DIVERSITY

- ◆ Treat others fairly
- ◆ Be respectful and tolerant
- ◆ Show interest in and value all cultures

SOLVE PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY

- ◆ Keep our hands to ourselves
- ◆ Manage our feelings appropriately
- ◆ Listen and speak politely and respectfully
- ◆ Identify problems and work towards peaceful solutions

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I have the right to learn and play safely at this school.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility not to threaten, tease or hurt anyone else.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility to behave in a kind and respectful manner and use equipment properly.
2. I have the right to voice opinions and ask questions.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility to speak and ask questions in a fair and polite manner.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility to allow opinions and questions of others to be heard.
3. I have the right to my own space and area in which to learn and play.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility to respect other's space and personal property.
4. I have the right to seek help from a teacher or adult who works at the school when I am unable to solve a problem.
 - ◆ It is my responsibility to solve problems in a fair and peaceful way.