



Falkland Elementary School Newsletter

September 2025

At Falkland Elementary We Believe:
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe
This is "The Wolves Way"

Dear Falkland Families;
Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We hope everyone had a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Summer. Over the last several weeks, our amazing staff have been busy preparing classrooms and the school for the return of our students, and we are looking forward to an excellent year of learning and growth together. A special welcome to new students as well as our incoming Kindergarten kids who are just joining the Wolfpack. We appreciate patience at this time of year when it is busy, and we are sorting out details in classrooms so the experiences of our staff and students is a positive one. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Mr. Ward
Principal



Falkland Communications

Each Thursday, Miss Karlee sends a weekly message to all our Falkland families. If you are not receiving these important emails that include upcoming dates and activities that impact students and families, please connect with Miss Karlee in the Office so we can ensure your contact information is accurate and up to date.



2025-2026 Classes & Grades

On September 5th, we were given the green light from the School District to place our students into 6 Divisions, and kids will be moved into their classes for the 2025-2026 school year between Recess and Lunch on September 8th. Our staff put an immense amount of time, consideration and effort placing students into classes, with factors such as academics, social/emotional needs, and friendship dynamics guiding those decisions. Another important factor that we don't control is a limited number of classroom options to put kids into with only 6 Divisions. We are grateful that the School District did not require our school to reconfigure into 5 Divisions, which was a legitimate possibility. Once you chat with your child about their new class, please do not hesitate to reach out to set up a meeting about any questions you have. We are all looking forward to an excellent year of learning together.



Div. 1 – Gr. 7/8 (Mr. Clarke)
Div. 2 – Gr. 5/6 (Mr. Smithson/Mrs. Zopf)
Div. 3 – Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Minchenko)
Div. 4 – Gr. 2/3 (Mrs. Celesta/Mrs. Zopf)
Div. 5 – Gr. 1/2 (Ms. Corke)
Div. 6 – Gr. K/1 (Mrs. McAfee)
Music (Mrs. Celesta)
Library (Mr. Ward)
Learning Resource (Miss Gudmundson)
Support Staff (Miss Christine, Miss Katelyn, Miss Stacey, Miss Shelby).

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Our incoming Kindergarten Wolves began their journey on Thursday, September 4th, and we were so happy to meet them. Below is an outline of their schedule as these youngsters ease into full days of school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Holiday	2 No School for Students	3 School starts <i>Gr 1-8</i> early dismissal 11:11am	4 8:15 – 9:30	5 8:15 – 10:30 Recess snack
8 8:15 – 10:30 Recess snack	9 8:15 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	10 8:15 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	11 8:15 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch	12 8:15 – 12:30 Recess snack and lunch
15 8:12-2:12 First full day! 😊	16	17	18	19

Pick Up & Drop Off

We ask that students who walk, bike and get dropped off not arrive at school before 8:00 am. This is for student safety so we may provide adequate supervision. Students are expected to enter and leave the school grounds using one of the four entrances in the chain link fence, and please DO NOT have students enter using the Parking Lot entrance at any time. Students are expected to use pathways and avoid waking through the Parking Lot before school, during the day, and after school as well.



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run is on Friday, September 19th, at 1:15pm. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to participate. Permission forms will be coming home soon. You can donate to the Terry Fox Foundation on the Falkland School page, please [CLICK HERE](#), or bring a cash donation to the school.



Cell Phone Policy

Student use of personal digital devices is no longer permitted during the school day during both instructional and non-instructional times for students in elementary and middle school grades. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact Miss Karlee at the office, and ensure messages regarding transportation and after school plans are received no later than 1:30 pm. To learn more about the new Ministerial Order, SD83policy and regulations [CLICK HERE](#).



Falkland Website Helpful Links

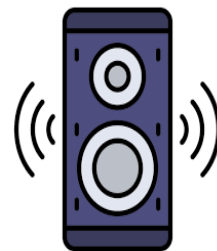
We are in the process of updating the Falkland School Website, and there will be changes throughout September start up. Below are some helpful links you may be interested in and find useful:

Bus/Transportation	CLICK HERE
SD83 District Calendar	CLICK HERE
Falkland PAC & News	CLICK HERE
Falkland Bell Schedule	CLICK HERE
Falkland Strong Start	CLICK HERE



Fun Music Fridays

A fun way to start the final day of the week is to bring out the speaker and get the kids and adults moving before school starts. It has created quite a buzz in our community! If you have any song requests, please let Mr. Ward know, and it might be added to a playlist.



This coming school year, our staff collaborated to focus on the following school goals throughout the year:

Numeracy Goal: Students will develop skills to show and explain their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways. Students will apply a variety of strategies to find solutions to math problems and determine their efficiency and overall effectiveness.

Well-Being Goal: Students will develop an awareness of and implement influences that contribute to their personal wellness and the wellness of others.

What can I do?

Problem solving wheel

- Walk away and let it go. (Illustration: A boy walking away from a girl who is sitting on the ground. Icon: A clock.)
- Tell them to stop! (Illustration: A boy pointing at a girl who is sitting on the ground. Icon: A stop sign.)
- Go to another activity. (Illustration: A boy walking away from a girl who is sitting on the ground. Icon: A girl sitting on the ground.)
- Rock, paper, scissors, go (Illustration: Two boys playing rock, paper, scissors. Icon: Two hands playing rock, paper, scissors.)
- Use an I message (Illustration: A boy saying "I feel..." to a girl. Icon: A speech bubble with "I feel...")
- Apologize (Illustration: A boy holding a large red heart. Icon: A heart.)
- Talk it out. (Illustration: Two boys talking. Icon: Two boys talking.)
- Ignore it. (Illustration: A boy standing alone. Icon: A boy standing alone.)
- Wait and cool off. (Illustration: A boy sitting on the ground. Icon: A clock.)
- Tell them to stop! (Illustration: A boy pointing at a girl who is sitting on the ground. Icon: A stop sign.)

As a learning community, we believe in Being Responsible, Being Respectful, and Being Safe while Chasing Excellence in all areas of the school; we call this “The Wolves Way” and is a standard of behaviours and expectations all Falkland Wolves students, staff, families, and visitors are expected to demonstrate daily. They include;

- Our Code of Conduct can be found on our School Website [CLICK HERE](#) to review it.



Fees are due September 30th and payment before that would be appreciated. If you are currently experiencing financial hardship and require support with the payment or partial payment of these school fees or supplies, please contact Miss Karlee at the Office.



We have a School District procedure for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others. SD83 requires principals to activate a threat assessment protocol in all cases where students are making significant high-level threats to harm themselves or others. The procedure is called a Threat Risk Assessment.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this process and protocol.



Breakfast Club

Thanks to our community and Feeding Futures, students can access breakfast (Strong Start Room 29 at 8:00am) and lunch programs if needed. This is free, but the expected behaviours are for students to remove hats/headwear, sit down in chairs to eat, and to use good manners while at Breakfast Club.



Indoor Footwear

A reminder that students are expected to have a pair of shoes designated for inside use available while in the building only.



Before/After School Supervision

The school is responsible for your children from the time they leave home for school until they return home after school. It is important that students go directly home at the bell after school, unless parent supervision is present on the playground. Supervision is provided after school for bus students ONLY. No students are allowed behind the school at the end of the day. If students wish to return to the school to play after checking in at home, a parent is responsible for their safety. Students should always walk with a buddy or group. Please ensure your child is aware of the after school plan each day. If you wish to provide a change from the usual plan, please contact the office before 1:30pm, so everyone is aware.



Vehicles/Bikes/Scooters/Skateboards

Due to limited Staff Parking, we ask that parents do not enter the Parking Lot to drop off their child. We encourage families to drop off students along Tuktakamin Road near one of the 4 openings along the chain link fence. It is important to not park in the staff Parking Lot or the Bus Lane. Students are expected to wear helmets when riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards and they are to dismount and walk their modes of transport on school property. Students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, and skateboards during the school day and items can be locked up at the bike racks or kept in classrooms or the Office if needed.



Important Dates

Fri. Sept. 12 – Whole School Assembly 8:30am & PAC Popcorn Orders due

Tue. Sept. 16 – First Day of StrongStart 8:30am-11:30am & PAC Meeting 2:30pm
child minding available

Fri. Sept. 19 – PAC Popcorn Day & Terry Fox Run 1:15pm (parents & younger siblings welcome)

Mon. Sept. 22 – Fire Drill AM

Thu. Sept. 25 – PAC Welcome Back to School Event (3:30pm-5:00pm)

Fri. Sept. 26 – Orange Shirt Day & PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza) & Student Information Verifications Forms due to office & Parent Connect Forms due (online)

Mon. Sept. 29 – Pro-D Day (no school for students)

Tue. Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school for students) & School Fees Due

