

OK Falls Elementary School Motto “ Effort + Quality = Success”

Okanagan Falls Elementary seeks to provide a healthy learning environment while developing the qualities of respect, responsibility, and excellence of achievement in life-long learning through the involvement of students, staff, parents, and community. We offer a Strongstart centre (open 8:30-11:30 am daily), OK Mini Preschool, Elementary grades K-7, and out of school daycare. Our latest initiative includes becoming a “Science Focus School”(utilizing science and guest speakers to enhance reading, writing, math, inquiry, and technology skills). Our school plan focuses on goals in areas of academics and social responsibility. One of the most important components of our school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. We recognize the commitment to striving for excellence for our children on the part of parents, students and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. Our students are focused on always doing their “personal best” and “being the best they can be.” School and home can work together to build academic skills and knowledge, reinforce character education values/virtues, and develop a strong sense of self worth. Our parents/guardians and PAC volunteers, through their continued involvement, help provide the support and interaction required for successful school experiences. Community programs such as Lions breakfast program, Kiwanis Terrific Kids, Farm to School Salad Bar, B.C. Fruit and Vegetable program along with OK Falls Parks and Rec and community partners support provides access to additional activities, events and resources that support our families. Working together we can help our students become successful learners, critical thinkers, ethical citizens, and socially responsible leaders equip for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.

As families establish routines for the new school year, it is helpful to keep in mind that childhood is a special time of learning, exploration and growth. Please seek to establish daily *routines* that include both active and quiet time, promote study habits, build independence, and foster self-motivation and self-regulation. Children also need to be provided free time to play, explore their world, and experience the joy of discovery. Parents and community members are welcome to become involved with Okanagan Falls Elementary and our educational journey by participating in school events and activities. You may wish to volunteer as a guest speaker for our Science school, assist with a PAC fundraiser, or contribute at a school event. Please see this as a personal invitation to view our website at www.sd53.bc.ca/OkanaganFallsElem , join us for an upcoming PAC meeting (first Tuesday of each month), drop by school tour, or contact me directly at lmccall@sd53.bc.ca to learn more about what’s happening at OK Falls Elementary- Home of the Falcons!

Respectfully yours,

Ms. Lisa McCall