



# Annual Report to Families

October 2007



Welcome to Silverdale Elementary School. This annual report will provide an overview of some of the programs and exciting events that happen at Silverdale. It is intended to provide you with information about our progress in the important job of educating your children.

We are very proud of our achievements and successes in all areas of development. Each year students and staff work hard to achieve our goals in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Our school provides instructional programs that ensure Silverdale students are well prepared for future challenges and are able to discover their unique academic talents.

Silverdale Elementary is an outstanding, rural, family-orientated school situated 10 minutes west of Mission. We enroll approximately 130 students from K-7, who are provided with a variety of educational opportunities by our dedicated staff and also enjoy the positive benefits of an incredibly supportive parent community. We welcome you to continue to support Silverdale Elementary and to become an integral part of our community.

### Mission Statement

Silverdale Elementary is committed to working as a community to provide a quality education for our children focusing on needs, respect and responsibility.

### School Goals

We will be concentrating on two goals for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. To improve student performance in Reading
2. To improve students' skills, understanding and knowledge related to Numeracy

Our success has come from a concerted effort by staff to have students meet or exceed grade level expectations in their classroom. We monitor each child's progress from Kindergarten to Grade 7 and assess students in a variety of skill and/or curriculum areas to identify learning needs. Students are regularly assessed in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and these results are reviewed to monitor our progress in relation to student achievement.

### Literacy

Silverdale staff provides students with a comprehensive literacy program. Students continue to improve their skills with focused instruction in Reading and Writing.

Our school believes that literacy is the key to success and that learning support and intervention should begin as early as possible. We have designed our Learning Assistance support to reflect this vision and work hard to identify struggling learners in Kindergarten and Grade One. We offer Ready, Set, Learn, Books for Bedtime and Little Readers programs to explain the importance of developing early reading skills and to assist parents with reading strategies for their children. We also incorporate Buddy Reading time, where students are provided the opportunity to work with young, emergent readers.

Silverdale staff continues to use the writing performance standards when assessing writing. We continue to do school-wide write in October and April of each year to focus on teaching practices that result in improved student achievement. This allows us to continue our own school data of student writing performance.

We will be continuing our uninterrupted Literacy Block for Grades 1 to 7. The Literacy Block is a 90 minute time period where students receive literacy instruction on a daily basis. This period is to be used solely for Literacy and no other curricular area should be scheduled at that time.

### Numeracy

The staff will continue to use and refine the numeracy performance standards when assessing student work. This concentrated effort should result in improved student achievement. Our school-wide numeracy assessments with problem solving occur each Fall and Spring. This assessment enables us to continue our own school data for numeracy.

In order for students to feel more comfortable in numeracy, the staff will continue to focus their teaching practices on problem solving, basic skills and thinking strategies. Silverdale Staff have worked hard implementing the new district Math program "Math Makes Sense". This year our Grade 7 teachers are scheduled to begin implementing this program, as part of the phasing in process.

### Foundational 2006

We are very proud of our progress in our Assessment for Learning. Silverdale students are performing favourably on all measures and averages.

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Numeracy. The following chart indicates the percentage of students who met or exceeded grade level expectations from 2001 to 2006.

Grade 4	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Reading	100	94	95	68	76	79
Writing	96	94	95	68	100	100
Numeracy	100	94	90	84	100	93

Grade 7	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Reading	97	77	73	76	88	81
Writing	97	86	86	97	100	90
Numeracy	100	95	86	93	100	100

### Social Responsibility

Silverdale's Code of Conduct (the Star Program) encourages students to put safety first, take responsibility, act kindly and respect others. Strategies are regularly discussed in class on how they relate to good citizenship.

Safety is always an important facet of Silverdale School. All partner groups believe a safe environment assists students in all areas of the curriculum. The school will continue to be involved in programs that teach and reinforce social responsibility to our students.

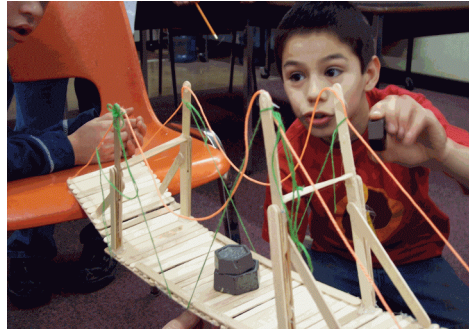
Many of our students demonstrate they care about others by participating in a number of charitable activities such as raising funds for Pennies for Patients, The Terry Fox Foundation, UNICEF, Jump Rope for Heart, and monetary donations for the Mission Christmas Bureau (Food Bank). The school is also involved in a School Wide Recycling Program.



### Student Leadership

Silverdale Elementary provides many leadership opportunities for its students. The programs in place that support appropriate student development include: crosswalk patrols, flag monitors, intramural leaders, primary lunch monitors, office helpers, equipment monitors, sport team leaders, assembly set-up crew, sports day leaders, recycling crew, and the spirit committee. We believe it is important to provide these types of opportunities to develop each student's leadership potential so each person

will continue to contribute long after they leave Silverdale School.



### Athletics

Athletics continue to be popular at Silverdale Elementary. The school provides students with a variety of sporting opportunities throughout the school year. Our students proudly represent us at the district level in cross country, basketball, volleyball and track & field. The school also offers the students a chance to participate in house team games and skating and swimming sessions at the Mission Leisure Centre. The school encourages students to participate in activities to facilitate enjoyment of physical fitness.

### Fine and Performing Arts

Our hallways display many fantastic pieces of student art. These works of art are changed throughout the year to give students an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents.

We also have an opportunity to observe a variety of professional groups. These presentations provide students with the chance to enjoy the performing arts. In addition to these performances, the school produces a wonderful Christmas Concert and hosts the popular talent show "Silverdale Idol".

### Cultural Days

During the school year Silverdale staff and students are provided an opportunity to partake in an Aboriginal Cultural Day.

Every student and staff member participates in games and fine arts activities. Everyone also had a chance to observe creative and original piece of artwork, which are put on display at the front entrance. The expertise from Aboriginal volunteers helps create excitement and exposes our students to an ever-lasting memory of their year at Silverdale.



### Parent Participation

Silverdale Elementary School is very fortunate to have such a strong and active Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and parent community. The PAC sponsors a variety of fund raising projects throughout the year and works hard on behalf of Silverdale students and supports every aspect of our school's life. The money the PAC raises helps buy books for the classroom and library, classroom supplies and other items and equipment needed in the school. The PAC also helps sponsor the many field trips students participate in. During the next couple of years the PAC is looking to purchase more playground equipment for our intermediate students.

In addition, Silverdale's School Planning Council is supportive in offering guidance as we strive to meet our school goals. There are three elected parents on this committee.

Silverdale Elementary invites you to join the many parent volunteers who take an active role in our school. The parents' interest in their child's education and their hard work at Silverdale is very much appreciated.

Silverdale Elementary is a caring community school who believes in its motto of: "Attitude + Effort = Success"

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