



South Broadview Elementary School

School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)



Principal's Message

As we wrap up another incredible school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the trust you place in us each day. It is truly a privilege to be part of your children's learning journey. Watching them grow, explore, and thrive has been a joy for all of us at South Broadview.

This year has been filled with meaningful moments—both big and small—that have brought our school community closer together. Whether it was in the classroom, on the playground, or during special events, the energy and enthusiasm of our students have been inspiring. Their smiles, curiosity, and kindness remind us daily why we do what we do.

As I reflect on my second year as principal, I feel immense pride in what we've accomplished together. Our staff, families, and students have shown incredible dedication, resilience, and teamwork. The slideshow I prepared for the end of the year was a beautiful reminder of the laughter, learning, and connections we've shared.

On behalf of the entire South Broadview team, I wish you a summer filled with joy, rest, and adventure. May this break be a time to recharge, make memories, and enjoy the simple pleasures of family life.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall for another exciting year of learning and growing together!

Sincerely,

Joel Menzies
Principal



Saying "Good-bye" is Always Hard

It is always hard to say good-bye at this time of year, to students who will be leaving, as well as staff members.

Several of our Grade 5 students have attended South Broadview Elementary since Kindergarten, and South Broadview Elementary is a big part of their lives. Those Grade 5s who have joined South Broadview in the last few years have been a welcome addition to our school. We would like to wish our Grade 5 students all the best as they move on to middle school and start the next chapter in their learning journeys.

We would also like to say good-bye to those students, and their families, who are moving to new schools or new communities over the summer. We hope your children enjoyed their time at South Broadview Elementary, and we would like to wish each of you all the best in your new endeavors.

A few of our staff members will be leaving South Broadview Elementary. These individuals have helped our school be a wonderful place to learn and teach. We have been very fortunate to have a strong teaching staff and support staff, who always look out for the best interests of all the students. We would like to say good-bye to the following individuals and wish them all the best as they move on to new opportunities, where they will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of children:

Darcy Mowat (temporary CEA position ends)
Brittany Dalton (temporary Early Childhood Educator position ends)
Christine Peel (temporary teaching position ends)
Nathan Byers (temporary custodial position ends)
Karen Froess (congratulations on your retirement, Karen!!)

Volunteer and PAC Support

South Broadview Elementary is very fortunate to have so many family and community members show their support on a regular basis. We have several volunteers who help in the classrooms – whether they are reading with children, helping teachers prepare materials, walking on fieldtrips, delivering hot lunches, or sharing a passion with the school, we truly appreciate the support. We look forward to continuing to have volunteers support our learning community!

Our wonderful Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive and their team of parents have continued to support our school in numerous ways. Hot Lunch Days, a new carpet for the library, a set of new basketballs, the Holiday Gift Fair, materials for classrooms, a Staff Appreciation Lunch, and financial support for field trips are just a few ways the PAC supports our students and staff members. Thank you very much to the family members who attend our monthly meetings and provide suggestions on how the PAC can support the school. A big thank you goes to our PAC executive members for their hard work throughout the school year. Krystal Udy and Jodi Hearn have stepped down from their roles on the PAC executive. We would like to thank Krystal and Jodi for their work and dedication during their time as part of the executive.

The following family members will make up our PAC executive for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tiffany Arrowsmith (President/Chair)
Arla Bruce (Vice-President/Chair)
Jen Bellhouse (Treasurer)
Monika Wherry (Secretary)
Bonny Brindley (District PAC Representative)
vacant (Fundraising Coordinator)
Monika Wherry and Drea Duford (Hot Lunch Coordinators)

Preventing the “Summer Slide”

Our students work very hard during the school year, and all of them make significant improvements from September to June. Academic, social, and emotional growth are evident in so many of our learners, and we hope everyone takes advantage of various opportunities to continue strengthening their skills over the summer. **Summer is a time to relax, have fun, and seek adventure.** Keeping this in mind, studies have

shown that students who make gains over the school year, do in fact show some regression in their learning when they stop thinking about the skills they work so hard to achieve over the year. The term “summer slide” refers to the loss of academic skills. Here are some suggestions to help the students prevent the “summer slide”:

- Continue to use on-line programs introduced to the students, by the classroom teachers. All students who used these programs throughout the school year will continue to have access to the programs during the summer. Teachers will be able to provide you with login information if your child does not already have that information.
- Students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 can join the [Okanagan Regional Library’s Summer Reading Club](#). By clicking the link, family members can visit the ORL website and register their children for this fun program. There are summer programs/events that run through the library, and everything is free!
- Whether or not your child joins the Summer Reading Club, the goal is to try to have them read throughout the summer. It is always a benefit when the parents can model good reading habits to their children!
- Children can write in various ways about their adventures over the summer. Whether it is writing on paper or an iPad, or creating a journal or scrapbook, children should be encouraged to be creative and write about events/ideas, which are personally interesting.

Schedule for 2025-2026

There will be no changes to the South Broadview bell schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Below are the times for our current bell schedule:

8:13	Welcoming Bell
	Classes in Session
9:45	Recess
10:00	Classes in Session
11:30	Lunch Recess
11:55	Lunch Eating Time
12:15	Classes in Session
2:09	Dismissal

Looking Ahead to September

1. **Office Hours.** The school office will be open from 8:30 - 2:00, starting Monday, August 25th. Our secretary, along with Mr. Menzies (Principal) will be in the school all week, preparing for a new school year and welcoming any parents/students who wish to stop by and say "hi".
2. **First Week of School.** The Grade 1 - 5 students will start school on Wednesday, September 3rd. When the Welcoming Bell rings at 8:13, the students will line up at the exterior door of *last year's* classroom. The students will spend the first day (a half day – **Early Dismissal at 11:09**) in their last year's classrooms, so we can determine who has moved away and who has recently

registered. On Monday, September 8th, the students will be able to go to their new classrooms for the year and meet their teacher(s).

Kindergarten students will begin their Gradual Entry on Thursday, September 4th. A reminder about the Kindergarten Gradual Entry will be sent to kindergarten families mid-August.

3. **School Supplies.** Families do not need to go shopping and purchase school supplies for their children. The school has purchased school supplies for each classroom, and families are charged a School Supply Fee to cover the cost of the supplies used over the course of year. In preparation for the first day, students will need to have a backpack and a clean pair of indoor runners.

New for 2025-2026: Students' indoor runners must have white/clear non-marking soles.

4. A copy of the School Fee Schedule for 2025-2026 can be seen on the next page.

Please wait to pay the school fees, until you receive a copy of your child's fee statement in mid-September.

School District No. 83 Calendar

Please click on the following link to view the 2025-2026 District Calendar:

LINK: <https://sd83.bc.ca/district-calendar/>



School Fee Schedule 2025-2026

Permissible Fees:

- Listed below are the permissible school fees in compliance with provincial legislation. A **financial hardship policy** is in place at South Broadview Elementary for families unable to afford school fees. Please contact Mr. Menzies (250.832.2167) for further information. If you wish to work out a payment plan, please contact Penny Gray, the school secretary.
- *Due by Friday, October 3rd, 2025*
 - **School Supplies (K – Gr. 5):** **\$40**
 - **Student agenda:** **\$8** (Agenda replacement: \$8)
(Please Note: Students in Kindergarten classes do not need to purchase agendas.)

Requested Fees:

- Provincial legislation does not allow schools to charge a mandatory activity fee. Our PAC and staff believe these programs and activities are important for our students. We are requesting parents continue to pay these fees, so these programs can continue. Our ability to provide these programs will depend on the response from parents. No student will be denied access to a school sponsored program/activity for financial reasons. If circumstances do not permit payment at this point, please contact Mr. Menzies.
 - **Optional Cultural Performance and Activity Fee \$20 per student (max. \$60 per family).**
 - **Field Trips:**
Teachers may plan field trips and charge a fee to cover costs (eg. transportation, entry fees, accommodation, food, equipment rentals, etc.).

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer, after you receive your child's fee statement in mid-September.

E-transfers can be sent to sbr.sd83.bc.ca

A password is not required.

Please be sure to include your child's first and last name and what the payment is for in the Memo/Notes section (eg. Suzy Smith – School Fees).

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Menzies (250.832.2167), if you have any questions regarding fees.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support.