

Silver Bay Elementary

Seagull News

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'Peace Pole' Brings Perspective, Message of Hope to Silver Bay



Silver Bay Elementary School has adopted the mantra that by believing in the good in the world, we can make a difference.

Inspired by this message and its ongoing commitment to being part of the solution, the school hosted an event Oct. 17 celebrating the installation and unveiling of its Peace Pole, which has been permanently planted at the main entrance of the school.

Students, parents, district administrators, and local dignitaries were on hand to show their support. Fourth-grade students and Silver Bay's multiple disabilities class shared expressions about what peace means to them through word and song; provided a brief history about Peace Poles throughout the world; and explained why certain languages were chosen for Silver Bay's Peace Pole. These student-led discussions were accomplished using a variety of communication techniques for the school's diverse population-- students used sign language during the songs and utilized augmentative/alternative communication devices to ensure their message was effectively conveyed.

Silver Bay teachers Mrs. Estelle, Mrs. Danelson, Mrs. McGovern, and Miss Dekker worked as a team to bring to life this culminating event that showcased to the community everything students have been learning about peace and believing in the good of the world.

Students began this journey of peace with lessons about the tragic events of 9/11, particularly how students displaced from their schools after 9/11 received thousands of peace cranes and messages from all over the world. This story became an inspiration to motivate the children to make an impact and affect change.

The fourth-grade classes took part in International Dot Day Sept. 15, during which they were taught valuable traits such as perseverance and tolerance, and shown that even the smallest dot can make a mark on the world. Lessons continued in the following weeks that further

enhanced and deepened their knowledge of how to build a better world, including the collaborative creation of a Peace Pole.

Silver Bay students also participated in the Peace Crane Project Sept. 21, creating and exchanging letters and symbols of peace with other school children internationally. To help them acquire a deeper understanding of this international concept, on Sept. 24 students participated in the World's Largest Lesson, which introduces the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals to children and young people everywhere, and unites them in action.

As part of its Peace Pole installation celebration, Silver Bay students and its school community raised a total of \$466 to donate to The JBJ Soul Foundation, The Soul Kitchen community restaurant.

Silver Bay Elementary School Celebrates School Violence Awareness/Red Ribbon Week

October 22nd–30th

- National School Violence Awareness Week is an important opportunity to promote a safe environment for students throughout the school year! Red Ribbon Week is a time to teach our children about drug awareness and encourage our children to be “Proud to be Drug Free!”

Monday: Students and teachers will sign the “Stop the Violence” poster as a pledge to keep our school safe.

Tuesday: “Clean Sweep” – Students are encouraged to aid in keeping our school clean and neat by picking up trash and garbage on our playground and cafeteria.

Wednesday: "United We Stand Against School Violence" – Students and staff are encouraged to wear Red, White, and Blue or patriotic attire to show our unity together in keeping our community safe.

Thursday: "Red Day" – Wear RED attire for "Red Ribbon Week" and to show your commitment in being drug free!

Friday: "I'm proud to be drug free" – Wear your Silver Bay attire or school colors and students will receive "I pledge to be drug free" stickers.

Monday: "Say Peace Out to Drugs!" – Wear peace sign or tie-dye attire.

Tuesday: "Say Boo to Drugs!" – Wear your Halloween costumes to school and participate in the school wide parade.

In addition, during the month of October, and throughout the school year, lessons will be taught on Cyber Safety, bullying, and victim rights. Students in all grades are learning how to promote a positive school environment.



Food Collection

Holiday Food Drive:

As the holidays approach, the time has come to give thanks for what we have and assist others who are less fortunate. We will therefore be collecting non-perishable items to create holiday food baskets for families in need. Silver Bay will be doing this in partnership with the Silverton Fire Department, and the collection will begin on October 22nd and end November 16th.

PTO News:

The PTO would like to thank the 15 parents who volunteered at the School Store last week. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little together we can accomplish so much." The PTO would also like to thank everyone who supported our Bubbako's Take out Night.



Calendar:

October 24th: Pretzel Day

October 25th: Shortened day for Staff PD
(Dismissal 1:10)

October 30th: Costume Day

November 5th- 9th: School Closed



November 13th- 15th: Parent Teacher Conferences Dismissal 12:40

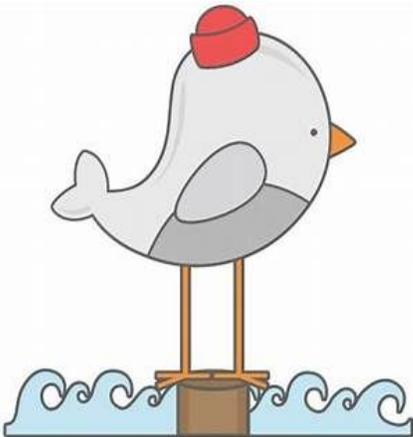
November 14th: School Store

November 21st: Early Dismissal 1:10

November 28th: Pretzel Day

November 29th: Holiday Bingo

Have a great week!



Sincerely,
Michael DeVita