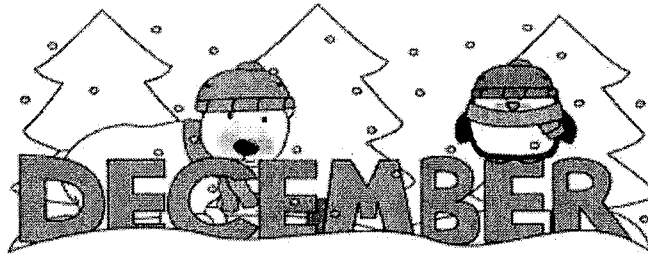




# SAVONA ELEMENTARY



**Our Mission Statement - To respect and enable learners to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially by providing a safe, nurturing environment that encourages risk taking.**

## Principal's Message

Christmas break is around the corner, a mere three weeks away. As we approach the end of the year, it is with pride that we look back at what our students and staff have accomplished in the past 3 months. Student Learning continues to take center stage at Savona Elementary. Across all grades and subject areas, students and teachers work together to foster the necessary skills and environment for the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. Our parent group continues to support our school both academically and socially, allowing for a strong sense of community. Thank you to everyone for supporting our children. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to wish our students, parents, staff, and the community a happy holiday and a celebration filled with joy and family. It is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath, and realize how privileged and lucky we are to be part of the Savona Community. Happy Holidays Everyone!

## Christmas Concert

**On Thursday December 20th** Savona Elementary will proudly present this year's Christmas Concert performance "Surfin Santa." Our afternoon performance will begin at 1:30 pm with the evening performance starting at 6:00 pm. Please come and join us for some awesome Holiday entertainment! Please note: our holiday food bank hamper will be out at this time!



## Christmas Craft Fair

Hosted by our PAC, the Christmas Craft Fair will be held **Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2:00pm** in the **school gymnasium**. Most

items will be under \$10.00, and will include homemade soaps, lap blankets, Christmas ornaments, knitted items and so much more! Our primary students will be paired with a "big buddy" from the intermediate class in order to help them shop and stay within budget. Be sure to bring your appetite as our grade 7 students will be providing tea, snacks, and sandwiches by donation in the library – and will be selling some silent auction items - as a fund raiser for their year end celebration. The PAC will have your poinsettia orders and frozen food orders ready for pick up. EVERYONE is welcome to attend the Craft Fair. We look forward to seeing you for this fun community event! **Traditionally we ask that Grade 6 & 7 students (help from anyone would be greatly appreciated) to bring in a container of baked goods that can easily be put onto trays and served. It would be nice if we could have them at the school by Wednesday morning for 'inventory'. Please contact Yoriko Susanj @ 250-457-1919 if you are able to help or have any questions.**



### Cookies and PJ Day

On our last day of classes before winter break, **Friday December 21st**, we will be making gingerbread men in the morning. We are hoping to have some parent volunteers assist us. Thanks to our PAC for contributing cookies, candy and icing! Don't forget to wear your pajamas and have some fun!!



### Food Bank Items

From December 5<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>

we be collecting non-perishable food items at the school. On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will be taking the collected items to the Savona Fire Department who will distribute hampers to families around our community. Please help us make sure that all families in our community have a super holiday this year!

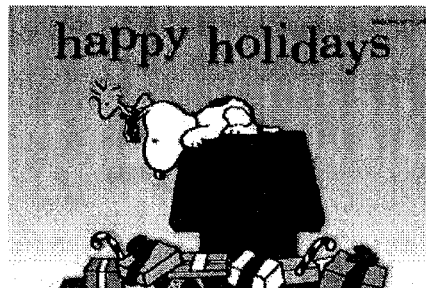


### Hot Lunch

Thank you to Trailers Etc. for generously donating the wieners for our Nov.30<sup>th</sup> hot lunch allowing the PAC to raise more funds.

### Piano

Savona Elementary has a piano that we are no longer using and would love to give to someone in the community. If you know of anyone that we could donate it to please call Mrs. Neufeld in the office at 250-373-2520.



### Flu Season

Flu season is upon us. In order to keep absences from school at a minimum, and germs "passed around" from family to family, please encourage your children to follow these practices as well:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Don't share cups or utensils with other people.
- If children are sick with flu like symptoms, stay at home and avoid contact with other people whenever possible.

◦ NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY  
◦ MONDAY, DECEMBER 3  
◦ Our third non-instructional day for this year will be held on Monday, December 3rd. All schools in the district will be closed on December 3rd.

### Upcoming Events

- December 3** No School/Non-Instructional Day
- December 5- 15** Food Hamper Donations
- December 6** Christmas Community Craft Fair
- December 6** Poinsettia orders pick up
- December 6** Frozen Food orders pick up
- December 16** Holiday Train at Fire Hall 7:15pm
- December 19** Report Cards Home
- December 19** Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 1:00 PM
- December 20** Christmas Concert 1:30 & 6:00pm
- December 21** Gingerbread Men/ Pajama Day
- December 21** Last Day of Classes
- Dec 24-Jan 4** Winter Break
- January 7** **First Day Back**



## FROM THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD November 5, 2018

Elected by acclamation by fellow trustees, **Kathleen Karpuk** is the new **Chair** of the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education. A Kamloops resident for more than 25 years, she has served as a trustee since 2008 (re-elected in 2011 and 2014). She and her husband have three children enrolled in Kamloops schools.

**Rhonda Kershaw**, the trustee representing Barriere-Little Fort, was acclaimed as **Vice Chair** at the inaugural meeting for the 2018-2022 Board of Education on November 5, 2018.

"School District 73 has seen excellent governance over the years and it is with great confidence that the staff and students of our District look to you to continue that strong tradition," said **Alison Sidow**, Superintendent of Schools, as she welcomed the new trustees.

"On behalf of all employees, congratulations to each of you. As we move forward together over the next four years, I look forward to working with you all to achieve our collective vision."

Trustees also selected representatives to sit on the two provincial associations.

Trustee **Shelley Sim** was acclaimed as representative for the **BC School Trustees Association** (BCSTA), while **Rhonda Kershaw** was unanimously elected as representative for **BC Public School Employers Association** (BCPSEA).

The five trustees elected by majority vote in **Area 1** - Kamloops were:

1. **Heather Grieve**
2. **Kathleen Karpuk**
3. **John O'Fee**
4. **Joseph Small**
5. **Meghan Wade**

The four rural trustees elected were:

1. **Shelley Sim** was elected by acclamation for **Area 2** - North Thompson
2. **Rhonda Kershaw** was elected by acclamation for **Area 3** - Barriere-Little Fort
3. **Diane Jules** was elected by majority vote in **Area 4** - Chase
4. **Cara McKelvey** was elected by acclamation for **Area 5** - Logan Lake



November 19, 2018

## **EDUCATION TOPIC**

### **Financial Literacy**

Principal **Susie Mabee** and Teacher **Kim Edstrom**, along with students **Zane Philcox** (Grade 3), **Ruby Conklin** (Grade 4), **Kieran Fellenz** (Grade 6), **Spenser McCue** and **Shayla Chadwick** (Grade 7) presented how Westmount Elementary tackled financial literacy head on. With the support of its recent Inquiry and Innovation funding grant from the Board of Education they focused on pedagogy, developing community connections, real life situations and celebrated their learning with a Financial Literacy Fair.

### **Leadership Development Program**

Certificates were presented to the most recent cohort of educators who successfully completed their Leadership Development Program (LDP). Congratulations to **Domenic Comita, Cecile McVittie, Mike Koppes, Jodi Oetter, Dave Conroy, Kim Edstrom, Lana Blais, Steve Scott and Tessica Watson**. The program began in 1967 as an on the job training program for future principals at the Centre for Study for School Administration at UBC. The two-year program continues to include hands on school leadership experience, presentations to district leadership staff and courses at TRU. This is the longest established school leadership program in the province. An estimated 82 per cent of SD73 principals have completed the program.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

### **Westwold Elementary Consultation Process**

Assistant Superintendent **Rob Schoen** informed the Board of the consultation process for the future of Westwold Elementary School. The community meeting takes place on Thursday, November 22, at 7 pm at Westwold Elementary. Westwold community members and employee groups are invited to provide feedback on the future of the school at [facilityinput@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:facilityinput@sd73.bc.ca) until January 19. Once the feedback is reviewed, administration will make a recommendation to the Board on January 28, 2019.

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT**

### **Valleyview Secondary Expansion Update**

**Art McDonald** Director Facilities and Transportation submitted the Project Definition Report (PDR) to the Ministry of Education. Further to the submission, the Ministry has requested information on the District's Local Capital Reserve fund balance and the associated budget for the next two years (2018-2019 and 2019-2020). The Ministry may request further information or clarification on items in the PDR over the next several months. Once the Ministry is satisfied that the business case for the expansion has been substantiated, the Ministry will seek final funding approval. If approved the project would then proceed to the design phase.

**Slash to a Dash**

An Order in Council by the Lieutenant Governor has approved the slash to be changed to a dash in the official name of the School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson). The name change will be gradually phased in with the normal replacement of signage and collateral.

**CHAIR REPORT****Congratulations**

Superintendent **Alison Sidow** has been named as the Vice-President for the BC Superintendents Association. Chair **Kathleen Karpuk** extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

**McQueen Lake Dinner**

McQueen Lake Dinner and Auction is Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Henry Grube Education Centre. There is a live auction event following dinner and a silent auction throughout the evening. The cost of the dinner is \$65 per ticket (tax receipt issued for \$25). All proceeds go towards the rebuilding and maintenance of the McQueen Lake Centre. Purchase your [tickets online](#).

