



SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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

As October is upon us, staff and students start thinking about Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for. The students will be working on a new project this month; **The Gratitude Tree**. Each and every one of us will reflect on all that we are thankful for throughout the school year and add our thoughts to our display located in our hallway.

On October 15th, Savona Elementary will be hosting the **School Board Meeting** and we invite each and everyone of our school community members to join us in an **Open House** at the school from **3:30 – 4:30 pm** followed by a community barbecue hosted by the Savona Volunteer Firefighters our PAC. Please join us in a nice meal from **4:30 – 5:30pm** and feel free to stick around for the board meeting.

October promises to be a busy month with the Adam's River field trip, hot lunches, Foundation Skills Assessment, Young Peoples Concert, Big Little Science Centre visit, Come Read With Me in Div 1, One to One Reading in gr. 2-4, Cross Country Runs, Thanks Giving activities, Fire drills, Drop Everything and Read, Parent Teacher Interviews, The School Board Meeting, as well as Halloween activities. The list goes on and on. Savona Elementary is a great place to be and I am thankful each day, that I get to come to work here each day.

School Fees

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their fees to the office. We appreciate you all getting them in so quickly, however we are still missing a few. We have our first YPC concert coming up at the end of October. We need to pay our fees for students to be able to attend.

Purdy's Chocolates

As most have seen by the note that came home, Purdy's Chocolate bars have arrived. We are going to be selling at Wal-Mart on Oct. 20th from 11-2 and will be looking for students to help out. If you are unavailable to help on that day you can always pick up a box (\$40.00) in the office and sell to your friends and family. Milk and Dark Chocolate bars are available. Proceeds from the bars will be going to various school items such as Ozobots, one more Ipad so our cart is full, Come read with me and various other opportunities that arise throughout the school year.



One to One Reading

We are really excited that One to One Reading is returning to our school on Oct. 15th! This fantastic program involves trained adult volunteers from our community reading with students who need

just a little support as they work to improve their reading skills. If you can help with this awesome program, please contact Emma Bourassa– our volunteer coordinator (emmabou@gmail.com) – or the school. HUGE thanks to Emma for organizing this!

P.A.C. - Parent Advisory Council

Our PAC group would like to extend an invitation to any and all interested parents: Come on out and join the group! Also, if you would like to join the Savona Elementary PAC Facebook page – a GREAT way to keep current with school events - please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the site administration. The next meeting will be November 6 @ 6:00 pm in the library.

S.O.A.R. and Behaviour Referral Form

At Savona Elementary we are thrilled to be utilizing the research validated Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support system to promote appropriate behaviour in the school. One part of this system is to have staff present students with **S.O.A.R. Slips**. These are given to students for being **Safe, Open Minded, Accountable, and Respectful**. They are used to provide positive verbal feedback to students for being good citizens and role models at our school. Each morning over the announcements we talk about all the super interactions the staff have witnessed around our school (and there are quite a few!), and on Friday students who have demonstrated positive behaviours have their names read in the announcements, and have the opportunity to come to the office for additional recognition. We also have **Behaviour Referral Forms** that are given to students to remind them of school expectations when they have acted inappropriately. There are different levels of slips – Minors and Majors. All majors will be sent home to parents for a signature. Please review these with your child and touch base with your child's teacher if you have questions. When we all work together in a positive way at home and school - the students benefit greatly. Both **S.O.A.R** and Behaviour Forms are intended to be used as teaching tools to recognize and improve behaviours at our school.

Terry Fox Thank You!

A very special thank you to everyone who made a donation and helped out with this year's Terry Fox Run on September 27th. Our school raised a total of \$**100.00** for cancer research. Also, we had a wonderful run/walk around our community joined by five members of the TRU women's soccer team. Thank you students and families for your strong support with the Terry Fox campaign again this year. Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer.



Parent/Teachers Interviews- Early Closure Oct.18th

Teachers will be contacting you to remind you that this is your chance to come in and discuss the progress of your child and to meet your child's teacher. Please contact the office for an interview time to discuss your child's progress. Ms. Neufeld will be happy to set up a time for you. You can contact Ms. Neufeld by calling the school or by email lyneufeld@sd73.bc.ca
*Please note on this day our bus will be running two hours early, and the students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Interviews will start at 1:00pm.

Young People's Concerts

Every year our students have an opportunity to attend four performances at the Sagebrush Theatre. These performances are typically very polished, and are well worth the effort to attend. The series is especially designed for elementary aged children to enhance or compliment the fine arts curriculum in school. Our first performance is on Oct.31st and we plan on going to the Big Little Science Center afterwards! The first performance is called "The Story of the Lost Shoes" performed by TapCo. They are a talented ensemble of dancers, ages 12-17 that pay tribute to the masters of tap and present cutting-edge rhythm tap.

Staying Healthy is in your hands

Flu season is just around the corner and in a school setting flues and viruses can spread very quickly. Experts say a simple way to reduce the risk of catching a flu is literally in your hands: good, frequent hand washing is the best way to prevent infectious diseases of all kinds. Hands spread an estimated 80 percent of common infectious diseases such as the common cold and flu. Simply touching doorknobs can spread viruses. But these disease-causing germs slide off easily with good hand washing technique. Hand washing is easy to learn, cheap and incredibly effective at stopping the spread of disease causing germs.

Fire Drills and Lockdown

In the last two weeks we have had one of our mandatory six yearly fire drills and one of our Lockdown drills. Our students were AWESOME: they left the building in an orderly fashion, hands at sides, quietly lining up in single file for attendance, and were quiet and orderly for the Lockdown. We will be having two more fire drills this month (On a warm day!) and three more in the Spring.

School Board Meeting

Savona Elementary will be hosting an open house and the next School Board Meeting on Oct. 15th. We will have an Open house at the school from 3:30 – 4:30pm – Come in and browse, try an activity with your children and then join us for dinner from 4:30 to 5:30. Our PAC and your Volunteer Fire Department promise to offer a tasty meal. We look forward to hosting this community event.



School Picture Day Retakes

Please mark Thursday, October 25th on your calendar for any students requiring retakes

Halloween

We will be continuing with our Savona tradition of pumpkin carving this year, and will be celebrating Halloween on October 30th. A dance in the gym is being planned for our intermediate students, while the primary group will be engaged in Halloween related classroom activities. As the children will likely be into PLENTY of sweets on Halloween, we are asking parents once again to bring MAINLY healthy alternatives for our school celebration. More information from our classroom teachers will be coming home prior to Halloween.



Come Read With Me

On Friday, October 12th from 8:15 – 10:00 am we will be hosting a Come Read With Me session in the library for the families of our K -2 students. The purpose of this parent/child session is to give parents the opportunity to learn some simple, positive reading strategies to help their children at home. There will be a session in the library with coffee available, and you will leave with some great resources: books, grade 1-sight word cards, blank word cards, word Tic-Tac-Toe. Should be an AWESOME morning! **Please come and join us!**



Fire Prevention Week is October 7 to 13, 2018

Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.



That is the message during Fire Prevention Week 2018. From Oct. 7 to 13, 2018, fire departments from across Canada and the United States will work to raise public awareness about the dangers of fire, how to prevent it and how to keep your family safe by having - and practicing - an escape plan.

Make it a Household Activity!

“LOOK” for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

“LISTEN” for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

“LEARN” two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Talk about your plan with everyone in your home. Make sure your home has working smoke alarms on each floor. Know the emergency number for your fire department. Lastly, and most importantly, practice your home fire drill regularly.

Important October Dates

- Oct.1- Adams River Field Trip
- Oct 2- Bus Safety Training, Arthur Stevenson cross country run
- Oct 7-13 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 8 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 10- Fire Hall Visit – Div 1, Dallas Cross Country Run (District Championships)
- Oct 10– Fire Drill 11:50 am
- Oct 12– Come Read With Me: 8:15 to 10 am in the library, Hot Lunch day
- Oct 15- One to One Reading Begins, School Board Meeting and Open House 3:30 – 6:00pm
- Oct 16- Inter-murals begins this week
- Oct 17- Fire Drill
- Oct 18 – Early Dismissal at 12:30 for P/T interviews
- Oct 19 – Pro – D Day
- Oct 22 – DEAR: Drop Everything and Read 1:00pm
- Oct 25- Photo Retake Day
- Oct 26 – Hot lunch
- Oct 30– Halloween celebration at school & Pumpkin Carving
- Oct.31- YPC & BLSC