



September 2018

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

Welcome Back! I truly hope that you all had a great summer, that it was filled with lots of fun and relaxation and that you're recharged for a new school year. The staff and myself are looking forward to another great year filled with outstanding learning opportunities and we are happy that you are apart of our amazing learning community. All signs point to another incredible and productive school year.

Welcome back to all our returning staff and please join me in welcoming Miss Elise Paine to our school. Mrs. Hrycan will be in our K-2 classroom and she is looking forward to connecting with each of her students and their families. Also, please join me in congratulating Miss Hill who is getting married on Saturday, September 8th. Following the wedding, Miss Hill will be Mrs. Walker.

We all look forward to the year ahead and working together to help your children reach success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop in or call the office at [250-373-2520](tel:250-373-2520).

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Ben Franklin



P.A.C. - Parent Advisory Council

Research indicates that when parents are involved in their child's learning, student achievement increases. Savona Elementary is fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents committed to the improvement and well being of our school community. Our PAC is always looking for fresh faces, so if you are interested in helping out with PAC, please call the school or PAC president Adrienne Teague.

The first PAC meeting of the year will be held TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th at 6:00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend!



School Staff 2018-19

Mrs. Krista Halland: Principal, Prep, LART
Mrs. Lynn Neufeld: Secretary
Mrs. Elise Hrycan: Gr. K/1/2
Miss Kerry Hill (Mrs. Walker): Gr. 3/4
Ms. Jennifer McDaniel: Gr. 5/6/7
TBA : CEA
Mrs. Pat Broad: Custodian, CEA, Lunch Supervisor
Mr. Boyd Gottfriedson : Ab Ed



Bell Schedule

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| 8:25 am | Warning bell |
| 8:30 am | School begins |
| 10:15–10:30 am | Recess |
| 12:00 – 12:15pm | Students eat lunch |
| 12:15 – 12:55 pm | Students outside |
| 12:55 pm | Class readiness bell |
| 1:00 pm | Classes Begin |
| 2:30 pm | Dismissal |
| 2:40 pm | Student Bus arrives |

Water Bottles

We would like to remind parents that all students must have a water bottle labelled with their name on it. As most of you know the water in Savona is often on a boil water notice and is unsafe for drinking at that time. We have bottled water brought in for the students to fill their water bottles.

Safe Arrival Program

Please call the safe arrival number at 1-844-350-2647, visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or get the app for apple or android to report an absence. If your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time, please let your teacher or the office know. If teachers know of an absence in advance they can organize learning tasks that may otherwise be missed. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Emergency Procedures

With the safety of our children and staff in mind, we undertake the practice of both Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills early in the school year. We will be having our first lockdown drill on Sept.20th with Cst.Meikle. If you or your child feel any anxiety or concern with the drills, and we can help in any way, please contact us at the school.

Forms and Permissions

With this newsletter, you will find the following forms that require parent/guardian signature. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible:

Student Verification Form(green) Ensure all information is current, correct, dated and signed

Fruit and Veggie Program (salmon) healthy snacks provided free every couple of weeks

Electronic Use Agreement (purple) allows student to use district technology resources

School Supply Fees

Savona Elementary offers a user fee program for school supplies. For a nominal fee, we supply all pens, pencils, exercise books, crayons etc. Student fees for 2018/19 include school supplies, an agenda and Young Peoples' Concert fee.



Grades K-3 \$45.00

(Supplies \$30 and YPC \$15)

Grades 4-7 \$60.00

(Supplies \$45 and YPC \$15)

With this newsletter you will find a form for school supply fees. Please fill in for your students and return with fees to the office. If requested, Mrs.Neufeld would be happy to issue receipts, that will be sent home with the student.

Gym Strip

It is expected that all grades 4-7 students have gym strip for PE (non-marking running shoes, T-shirt and shorts). Primary students should have clean, indoor shoes.

Personal Information (blue) Allows SD#73 to collect, keep, use and share photos, videos, images and/or names on school or district website.

Lower Risk Field Trip Form (yellow) allows for trips short trips around the community: library, public playground, lake (not swimming) Terry Fox Run

Outside Media (pink) Allows media (including radio, television, newspapers and other print) that visit the school to take pictures or interview students. See form for more details.

Web access and Cloud Storage (white) so students may receive a Google Apps for Education account (gedu)

FreshGrade (white) FreshGrade is a “digital portfolio” app that provides a platform for student portfolios to be shared with parents instantly on smartphone, tablet or computer.

*****Please note not all students will received all forms. Some forms need to be signed every year, other forms only need to be signed once. If we have a signed copy on file, it will not be included in this year's package. You may review all signed forms on file anytime at the office.***

Additional Forms

Additional forms that may be required can be obtained at the office. These might include:

Medical Alert/Medication

please ensure that you inform the office if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication during school hours. This needs to be updated every year.

Transportation Assistance

this must be submitted to school board yearly to receive funds

Aboriginal Programs and Services only sent home with students who have self-identified as being of Aboriginal ancestry.

Volunteers Needed!!!

If you are able to spend some time at our school in a volunteer role, we'd love to hear from you. If you can help out, please call Mrs. Halland here at the school.

We are looking for relief lunchtime supervision (pd position \$12.00/hr) and a One to One Reading co-ordinator (unpaid position).



Cross Country Running

Our District Cross Country running team springs to action SOON! The first run is scheduled to start at 1pm on September 17th at Dufferin Elementary. More information will be coming home when the full schedule is confirmed. Please encourage your Gr 3-7 student to take part in these AWESOME character building events. Typically there are meets at Mac Park, Dufferin, Westsyde, RLC, and Dallas each year. We will be looking for families that can help with driving to the schools, and really appreciate your support with this!

Terry Fox Run

Our school Terry Fox run/walk is scheduled for Thursday Sept 27th at 1:45pm. Please JOIN US if you have the time.



We will be warming up, and then a short run through the community and back to the school. Any donation for the Terry Fox Foundation during the week of Sept 24 – 28th, would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to better our total of \$155.00 from last year! Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is Sunday Sept.30th. Here at **Savona Elementary we will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Sept.28th.**

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

For more information and to watch Phyllis's and other stories go to <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Upcoming Events

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| Sept.4 | Back to School 10:30-Noon (Grades 1-7) |
| Sept.5 | First Full Day (Grades 1-7) |
| Sept.5 | First Day of Kindergarten PM ONLY (12:49-2:30 pm) |
| Sept.6 | Kindergarten AM ONLY (8:30-Noon) |
| Sept.7 | First Full Day -Kindergarten |
| Sept.11 | PAC Meeting 6:00 pm |
| Sept.14 | Picture Day |

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| Sept.20 | Lockdown Drill |
| Sept.21 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Sept.24-28 | Terry Fox Week |
| Sept.27 | Terry Fox Run |
| Sept.28 | Orange shirt Day |

Found4Kids

[Found4kids](#) provides FREE school clothes to in-need children registered within SD73. For more information call 250-554-3654 or email found4kids@gmail.com

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance

Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group).

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and in school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;

- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If your address changes during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada.

Insurance premiums for children are \$14.50 or \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year.

For more information or to apply online, please visit kidsplus.ca, or speak with a Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at **1-800-556-7411**.

