



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



April 2019

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 from spring break. I hope everyone had a chance to rest and relax just a little and enjoy some family time together. Much like March, April promises to go by quickly as we have many events happening around here. Check out our new website and let us know what you think. All of our upcoming activities will be posted to the school calendar. Mrs. Neufeld works at keeping it up to date and also attaches any forms that you may want to print off.

Clearly the weather is improving and spring is here. Our tulips have started to show signs of life. We are all looking forward to them blooming. With warmer weather coming our way, we look forward to more outdoor activities. Happy Spring Everyone.

"when educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts" Dalai Lama

New Website

On March 5th our new and improved website was launched. Please take an opportunity to have a look. You can sign up for weekly emails to let you know what is coming up the next week, permission slips are on-line as well as lots of other information. If there is something you would like to see on the website please talk to Ms. Neufeld. We are always open to suggestions.

Report Card Envelopes

Just before spring break your student should have brought home their report card. Please return your signed envelope as soon as possible to the school so they can be reused for the next term.

School District No.73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

Navigating The Talk

A Healthy Sexual Development Workshop for Parents.
Thursday, April 4, 2019
6-8 pm Henry Grube Education Centre Door Open
5:30pm

About The Workshop

This workshop, offered by Mosaic Sexual Health Education, helps participants develop comfort and confidence in approaching these topics with their children, no matter their age. This evening will provide parents and caregivers with strategies for healthy communication, tips on discussing sensitive issues, and help identifying personal and family values around issues of sexuality. 'Navigating the Talk' will help clarify what kids need to know and when, how to keep the lines of communication open and help you be the trusted adult that your child needs. Join us for a fun and informative evening!

Day of Suwentwecw

The Kamloops Thompson School District currently occupies the territories of the Suwentwecw and Nlaka'Pamux people. On April 5th this year all schools in the Kamloops Thompson School District have chosen to formally acknowledge that we are on these traditional territories as well as acknowledging and recognizing the indigenous peoples **SECWEPENCÚLECW** it serves. Our gathering will begin at 10:30 am

on this day. Terry Deneault and the entire Skeetchestn school – staff and students - have agreed to join us on this from 10:30 – 1:00. Students will work in classrooms and enjoy a hotdog lunch together.



Track & Field

This year Mrs Walker & Ms McDaniel will be running Track & Field together during PE blocks for Grades 3-7 in preparation for the Zone track meet on May 3rd. Students who wish to participate have been asked to sign up across from the office. Track and Field will start April 8th with the Kamloops Track and Field Club coming out to run some events with the students. The District track meet is scheduled for May 10th for those who qualify.

Science Fair

Congratulations to Hailey, Shalane, Akira, Lane & Jordan who are representing Savona Elementary at the Cariboo Mainline Regional Science Fair April 10-12th. Public viewing of all projects takes place at the TRU gym April 11th (3:30-4:30pm) and April 12th (8-9 am).

Young People's Concert & Gymnastics

Our next YPC event is on Wednesday, April 17th. This performance is called The Jellyfish Project: The presentation begins with a high-energy live music performance which grabs student's attention and serves as a perfect segue into the critical environmental messages that come next. The musicians present a stunning portrayal of the environment crisis our planet is experiencing through a captivating slide show including images, animations and videos. Following the show we will be going to TCC for gymnastics for the afternoon.

Yearbook

Our grade 7's have taken on our yearbooks as a Leadership Project this year with the support of Yoriko Susanj and are working to complete our 2018-2019 Yearbook for printing! They will be getting printed again locally at the Henry Grube Center. All copies should be arriving in early June. The pre-selling period will be April 23rd thru May 3rd. For those who would like purchase this wonderful keepsake, this will be the only opportunity for presales until the arrival of the books. When the books arrive, we will have a celebration and signing in the gym. This is a fun experience for our kids, and a real "Team building" type of activity – would be great for everyone to feel part of this and have a book! Cost of each book will be \$10.00. Huge thanks to everyone who has supported yearbook by purchasing a copy!

Hot Lunch Change

Hot Lunch will be canceled on April 26th for all Grade K-6 Students. All students who had purchased Grilled Cheese that day will be coming home with an envelope with the refunded amount inside. The grade 7 students will be staying at the school to work on yearbook so will still receive their lunch as planned.

Mini Sampler Workshop for Grade 4-6

On April 26th the Grade 4-6 students will be going to The Big Little Science Centre for a mini sampler workshop on Plumbing. Students will install a sink, faucet, supply and drainage piping onto a framed wall. This opportunity is provided to our students through the SD 73 Trades and Transitions Dept.

Starlab for Grade K-3

While the Grade 4-6 is at the Mini Sampler we were very excited to be able to get our other students into the Okanagan Science Centre StarLab, with star specialist Kevin Aschenmeier. There is a very long waiting list for this exhibit.

This program is an annual favourite, with rave reviews. Each presentation will include information and stories about the solar system, universe, stars and constellations.

Students will be inside the StarLab, with the stars projected on the walls of the dome to get a real feel of the night sky. This is a great chance to explore the skies above and to learn about the stars, and the legends and lore behind them. Children must be able to handle the dark comfortably.

Day of Mourning

Across Canada, April 28th has been designated the Day of Mourning. Workers, families, and employers, come together each year to remember those who have been injured and lost their lives on the job, and renew their commitment to creating healthy and safe workplaces. All schools will be flying flags at half mast on this day.



Savona PAC

The Savona Elementary PAC is looking for people to come out and join in making Savona the best school in the district. PAC provides money for field trip busing, entry fees (Young Artist's, Young Author's, Science fair & Heritage fair), Year end intermediate bi-annual trip, technology, lunch program and many other items and activities. Without your support in the fundraisers they do or your physical support by coming to meetings with new ideas, helping with sandbagging, or hot lunch, many of the opportunities available to Savona students would not happen. Please look on the facebook page for the next meeting and come out and see what's going on at your children's school. Elections are to be held at the May 7th PAC meeting.

Young Artists Conference

Congratulations to Carter and Maggie who will be representing Savona Elementary at this year's Young Artists Conference. The conference will take place all day at TRU on Wednesday May 1st. If you are interested in viewing all the art work submitted by students in our district, please check out the Young Artist Exhibition at The Old Courthouse Gallery from May 1 to May 7th.



Young Author's Conference

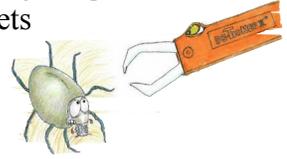
Congratulations to Riley, Johnny, Maggie & Hailey! They will be attending the Young Author's Conference on behalf of Savona Elementary. The conference will be taking place at TRU on May 3rd.

Tick Season

The ticks are back and hanging out in local bushes and tall grasses. Below are some suggestions to follow to avoid you and your child being bitten by a tick:

1. Walk on cleared trails wherever possible when walking in tall grass or woods.
2. Wear light colored clothing, tuck your top into your pants and tuck your pants into your boots or socks.
3. Use an insect repellent containing DEET on your clothes and on all uncovered skin. Reapply it as directed on the container.

4. Check clothing and scalp when leaving an area where ticks may live. Check in folds of skin. Have someone help you check young children.
5. Regularly check household pets which go into tall grass and wooded areas.



For more information on ticks and how to remove them, please go to: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile01.stm>.



April 1 st	Professional Development Day – No school
April 2 nd	Bannock Day/ Lahal at Savona
April 3 rd	Storytelling with Kenthen Thomas
April 5 th	Annual Day of Sucwentwecw
April 8 th	Mother Goose starts
April 8 th	Kamloops Track & Field Club
April 10-12 th	Science Fair at TCC
April 16 th	Lockdown Drill 9 am
April 16 th	Grade 6 Immunizations
April 17 th	YPC and Gymnastics
April 19 th	Good Friday
April 22 nd	Easter Monday
April 26 th	Gr. 5-7 Mini Trades, Gr. K-4 Star Lab at BLSC
April 28 th	Day of Mourning
April 30 th	Kindergarten Dental Screening
May 1 st	Young Artist's Conference – TRU
May 3 rd	Young Author's Conference - TRU
May 7 th	PAC Meeting & Elections– 6pm

