



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



June 2019 2nd addition

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

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful and productive school year. Everyone has worked hard to make this year successful for all our students. From volunteering to read with children, providing us with hot nutritious lunches on Friday's, to generous donations toward our our JDRF Community Walk. Congratulations on raising \$290.00 Alexa! That is impressive. Also, I want to give a shout out to our PAC who, as usual, went above and beyond to provide rich opportunities for our children.

A final word to our Savona Elementary students. Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to get to know you and look forward to seeing you again in the fall. To our grade 7 students who are moving on to the next phase of their education, I wish you all the best in your bright futures.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
-John Quincy Adams-

JDRF

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our JDRF walk to support Alexa in her juvenile diabetes walk in Kamloops on June 9th. As a school we have raised over \$290.00 for Alexa to present at the main walk in Kamloops.

Grab N Go Breakfast Program

Back in March Savona Elementary was given \$1500.00 from the Savona Hamper Committee & CP Rail as a result of the donations from the holiday train. We have used this money to provide fruit, yogurt tubes, muffins, and granola bars every morning after they do some physical activity. Thank you to the Community for supporting our school.

Year End Assembly

We will be having an assembly on the last day of school, Thursday June 27th. It will start at approximately 10:45am and should be completed by around noon. We will be recognizing student achievement, appreciating our amazing PAC, saying farewell to our grade seven students, and presenting an incredible slide show highlighting the past school year! Parents, grandparents, friends and volunteers, please mark your calendar and join us in the school gym for this event. Students will then head back to classes for farewells and report cards.

It's an Assembly Day



Dismissal time will be 12 noon, and bus pickup will be 12:30pm on this day. Supervision will be in place until 12:30pm.

Year End Field Trip to Ashcroft Pool & Desert Hills

We have had a few questions about our field trip on the 26th to the Ashcroft outdoor pool. If your child is not a strong swimmer and you have access to a life jacket please feel free to send it along clearly marked. Also we are unable to accommodate any younger siblings for this trip as the pool has asked for ages and number of students to allow for proper amount of

lifeguards. Parents of our students under 7 have been contacted and are aware of being in the pool.

PAC

The PAC year end social has been set for Tuesday June 25th at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for any new parents who would like to come out and meet or join the PAC. Attendees are to pay for your own dinner.



Host a student from Japan this summer! Gain a unique cultural experience July 28-31, 2019

The City of Kamloops is looking for families to host junior high school students from Uji, Japan. The students will be arriving in the afternoon/evening on Sunday, July 28 and will depart on Wednesday, July 31.

Host family responsibilities include providing transportation to/from the airport, to/from City Hall on July 29 and 30, as well as providing meals for the students when group activities are not scheduled. The itinerary is very flexible, whereby host families can drop the students off at City Hall for the day and pick them up in the afternoon. Host families are welcome to participate in daily activities, but it is not mandatory. Transportation to daily activities will be supplied.

Although the 2019 itinerary has not yet been finalized, in past years the group has gone zip-lining, rafting on the Adams River, canoeing at McGillivray Lake, horseback riding, swimming and bowling, to name a few.

It is preferable that host families have children of their own, but it is not necessary. Knowledge of the Japanese language is not required, as most of the students have a basic knowledge of English. The students range in age from 12-15 and will be paired up for billeting purposes.

If you are interested in participating or require further information, please contact Jody Lewis at jlewis@kamloops.ca or 250-828-3494.

School Closing and Opening

Last Day of School for Students , Thursday, June 27, 2019

Elementary, Secondary and Rural Schools

Afternoon buses will run two hours earlier than the normal schedule; i.e, after students finish assemblies,

receive report cards, etc., they should be dismissed in order to catch the first bus which will depart from its first pick-up at 12:30 pm.

September School Opening Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Morning Bus Run

Please note on the first day of school, all morning buses will pick up students two hours later than the regular time for pick up.

Afternoon Bus Runs

Elementary and Rural Schools

Afternoon buses will run two hours earlier than regularly scheduled time(i.e, first pick up will be at the school at approximately 12:30pm)

Secondary In-Town Schools

Buses will depart at the regular scheduled time(i.e., first bus run at approx 3:15 pm)

Fun Summer Reading

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Summer reading helps children feel confident and ready

for September!

Parents and children might wish to try these ways to make reading fun:



2019 BC Summer Reading Club

Children are encouraged to join the BC Summer Reading Club at their local Thompson-Nicola Regional Library. This year's theme is Imagine the Possibilities! It runs July 2 to August 18. Children try to read every day and record their reading in a booklet. They receive stickers for books read and enter draws for prizes. Registration begins June 11. For more information, see A Summer Reading Club for Everyone poster.

Bright Red Book Bus



The **Bright Red Book Bus (BRBB)** will be visiting several Kamloops schools and various parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the cool bus and select a book

each time they come. There are many great new titles! They may keep these books or return them another week. Come to hear a story or read with your child. Children can even pick up their TNRD Library Walk on the Wild Side! stickers here. Visit Facebook to learn more and see the schedule:

<https://www.facebook.com/brightredbookbus>

On-line books

On-line books work well when children are on the move, and they can be engaging. Here are some resources that share books for free:

Unite for Literacy is an e-Book library for early readers. These books are about real-life experiences and have photograph illustrations. All books are in English, but they can be listened to in many other languages:

<http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

Wonderopolis has short, interesting articles about all sorts of scientific wonders older children may have. Each wonder has a brief, engaging video to introduce the topic: <http://wonderopolis.org/>

Oxford Owl is an e-book library for ages 3-11. titles come from Oxford's popular Biff, Chip, and Kipper Stories and Project X, and they include an audio option. Registration is required but free.

Happy Summer Reading!



Upcoming Events

June 19-21 McQueen Lake for Gr.4-7
June 24 Grade 7 EXIT Room & Tang Court Buffet
June 25 Fun Day
June 26 Desert Hills & Ashcroft Pool
June 27 Year End Assembly at 10:45 am
June 27 Report Cards sent home
June 27 Final Day for Students
Dismissal at 12:30 pm

