



SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 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! 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 Ms. Trish Regan and Ms. Justine Kerluck to our school. Ms. Regan will be in our gr 5-7 classroom and she is looking forward to connecting with each of her students and their families. Also, please join me in welcoming back Mrs. Jamie MacBurney who is returning from her maternity leave. She will be sharing the K-2 classroom with Ms. Kerluck.

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 looking for fresh faces and have several positions available, so if you are interested in helping out with PAC, please attend the next meeting.

Elections will be held at the first PAC meeting of the year which will be held TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th at 6:00pm in

the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend!



School Staff 2019-2020

Mrs. Krista Halland: Principal, Prep, LART

Ms. Lynn Neufeld: Secretary

Mrs. Jamie MacBurney (M-W) & Justine Kerluck (Th&F): Gr. K/1/2

Mrs. Kerry Walker: Gr. 3/4

Mrs. Trish Regan: Gr. 5/6/7

Mrs. Sue Colville : CEA (temporary)

Mrs. Pat Broad: Custodian, CEA, Lunch Supervisor

Mrs. Nicole Edmondson: CEA (Returning Nov)

Mrs. Jairyng Gillis: Gr.K/1/2 (Maternity leave until Feb)

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Peanut & Tree Nut Allergy Aware School

We have a Kindergarten student that has a severe allergy to peanuts causing an anaphylactic reaction.

The K-2 classroom will be a nut free zone. All students need to be mindful of this allergy and follow these guidelines

- Read all ingredient labels and ensure the food you bring to school is nut free
- Ask questions if you are unsure of “safe foods”
- DO NOT share food
- Wash Hands after snack and meal times



Bell Schedule

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



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 2019/2020 include school supplies 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)

Please fill in for your students and return with fees to the office. If requested, Ms. 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.

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. 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

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.

Purdy's Chocolates

Purdy's Chocolate bars have arrived! We are going to be selling at Wal-Mart on Sept. 15th from 11-2 pm 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 extra field trips, more electronics, and various other opportunities that arise throughout the school year. Last years fundraising bought each classroom a water cooler. With the PAC we were also able to purchase 6 new chrome books in a charging tub.

Come Read With Me

On Friday, September 27th 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!

Volunteers Needed!!!

If you are able to spend some time at our school in a volunteer role, we'd love to hear from you. ONE TO ONE is a unique children's literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring to children in elementary schools during regular school hours. Our trained volunteer tutors work with students who are identified by their teachers as needing a boost in their literacy skills. If you are interested please contact our coordinator Emma at emmabou@gmail.com



Cross Country Running

Our District Cross Country running team springs to action SOON! The first run is scheduled to start on September 18th. 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 26th 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 23 – 27th, 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 Monday, Sept.30th. 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

Sept.3	Back to School 10:30-Noon (Grades 1-7)
Sept.4	First Full Day (Grades 1-7)
Sept.4	First Day of Kindergarten PM ONLY (12:49-2:30 pm)
Sept.5	Kindergarten AM ONLY (8:30-Noon)
Sept.6	First Full Day -Kindergarten
Sept.10	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm - Elections

Sept.15 Chocolate Bars @ Wal-Mart
 Sept.18 Cross Country Begins
 Sept.23 Non-Instructional Day
 Sept.23-27 Terry Fox Week
 Sept.26 Terry Fox Run
 Sept.27 Come Read with Me
 Sept.30 Orange shirt Day

- 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.

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

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.

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).

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**.

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;

