



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



April 2021

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

Throughout the month of April, staff and students will focus on our **SOAR** matrix with particular attention to the letter **R** for **Respectful**. One initiative is that we will be out and about helping the community with the spring clean up as we celebrate Earth day and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out and supported us as we fundraise for our new playground. Bottle drives, Purdys, Westcoast Seeds and generous donations have helped us get closer to our goal. Thank you again for your amazing generosity.

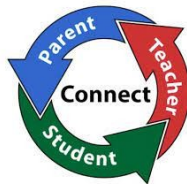
Finally, I want to thank all of you for your flexibility and support during these trying times. Students came to school prepared for their day today and willing to wear a mask. We know that it will be difficult to sustain for a long period of time but we will do our best to keep your children safe and happy at school. I expect with warmer weather upon us, that a lot of learning will be taken outdoors.

I wish you the best possible Easter Break and look forward to the day when we can meet face to face again.

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

Early Closure – Parent/Teacher Connections – April 9th

Students will be dismissed at 11:18 am on Friday, April 9th for Parent/Teacher connections. Teachers will be reaching out to let parents know what that will look like for their classroom. This connection will be the fourth of five point of progress reports under the new reporting system.



***Please note on this day our bus will be running 3 hours early, and the students will be dismissed at 11:18 am. Please make arrangements accordingly.**

Day of Suwentwecw

The Kamloops Thompson School District currently occupies the territories of the Suwentwecw and Nlaka'Pamux people. April 7, 2021 will mark the 8th Annual Day of

Suwentwecw in School District No 73. An initiative that recognizes



and celebrates the Secwepemc People (Secwepemcul'ecw) and other Aboriginal People residing within the Secwepemc Territory. This year's theme is "Learning together in memory, history and story using Aboriginal perspectives." The day will be marked by the hosting of online gatherings within schools and classrooms and teachers will be doing in class activities relating to the theme.

Heritage Fair Stamps

Congratulations to Maggie Harrison whose Heritage Fair Stamp design received an honorable mention. Her excellent artwork will be shared digitally throughout the district. Great job Maggie!



Young Artists Conference

Congratulations to Maggie and Jaxon who have had their artwork selected to represent Savona Elementary at this year's Young Artists Conference. The Conference is normally held at TRU, however this year's experience will be offered virtually due to Covid-19 to keep everyone safe and healthy. Teachers will send information packages home as soon as they become available.



Young Authors' Virtual Conference

The Young Authors' Conference offers creative writing workshops to students in grades 4-12. This year, the conference will feature online writing workshops over two days, April 29 and 30. Teachers will be attending with their entire class as a virtual field trip rather than individual students being selected to attend.

Tick Season

The ticks are back and hanging out in local bushes and tall grasses. Below are some suggestions to follow on how 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>.



Talking to your School

A new page has been added to all of School District 73's websites titled *Talking to Your Schools*. It can be found under the Parents and Students tab. This page outlines the complaint resolution process if you have a concern about something happening at your child's school. The opportunities provided in this process allow for personal engagement and direct communication. This process, rather than posting or venting online, is more likely to lead to a resolution that benefits the well being of your child.

New Children's Recreation Programs at the Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club is excited to offer two new programs for children ages 8-12 at their John Tod Centre starting in April. Girls Group will run every Wednesday from April 14 to June 2 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Kid Food Nation will run every Thursday from April 15 to June 3 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Each of these programs will run for 8 weeks and cost \$125. Registration is required. For more information and/or to register, go to the website or contact Megan Campbell at children@bgckamloops.com.

Pitch-In Canada Week – April 19-26



PITCH-IN Week began in 1967 with a handful of concerned citizens picking up harmful debris along the shore of Vancouver Island. In 2020 over 450,000 people committed to participating in their local neighborhoods from St. John's, Newfoundland to Port Alice, British Columbia, and collectively removed over 4 million pounds of litter! We will be doing our part during this week by picking up litter in our community.

EUREKA! Science Camps


Are you between the ages of 7-13? Do you love STEM? If so, come join the EUREKA! Science Program this summer for a week of fun-filled hands-on science experience! This summer we will be running week-long camps from July 5 to August 27 and would love to see you there. Registration will open on May 3, so be sure to mark your calendars! Please contact us by phone at 250-371-5534 or by email at eureka@tru.ca if you have any questions about camp! <http://www.tru.ca/eureka.html>



Upcoming Events

April 2	Good Friday – No School
April 5	Easter Monday – No School
April 7	Day of Secwentswecw
April 9	Parent/Teacher Connections – Early Dismissal @ 11:18am
April 16	Lockdown Drill
April 23	Lifetouch Class Photos
April 26	District Non-Instructional Day – No School

Kamloops Track and Field Opportunities

A poster for Kamloops Track & Field featuring a photograph of a track and field stadium with a large water spray in the background. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular area.

 **KAMLOOPS
TRACK & FIELD**

REGISTER NOW
WWW.KAMTRACK.CA
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT
AGE 9-13

**OUTDOOR
TRACK & FIELD**

Join Coach Miriam
at Hillside Stadium
April 6 thru July 31
4:30 - 6 pm Tues & Thurs

A poster for Kamloops Track & Field featuring a teal background with white clouds. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular area.

 **KAMLOOPS
TRACK & FIELD**

**TIME TO GET
OUTSIDE & RUN!**

TRACK RASCALS
(AGES 6-8)

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1
WWW.KAMTRACK.CA

5-6 PM WEDNESDAYS
APRIL 21 - JUNE 9

*Happy
& free*