



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



December 2020

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

Christmas break is around the corner, a mere three weeks away. As we approach the end of 2020, it is with pride that we look back at what our students and staff have accomplished in the past 3 months. Student Learning continues to take center stage at Savona Elementary. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, learning together continues to be the priority. Thank you to everyone for supporting our children.

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to Mrs. Walker as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best. It is with a warm heart that we welcome Mrs. Kopper to our school community. We are sure she will love being at Savona Elementary.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to wish our students, parents, staff, and the community of Savona a happy and well deserved holiday. 2020 has offered up some challenges but it is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath, and realize how privileged and lucky we really are and to be part of the Savona Community is a bonus. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Welcome Mrs. Kopper!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Maaik Kopper to our school. She has taken over teaching the Grade 3/4/5 class while Mrs. Walker is on maternity leave. Please feel free to reach out to her at mkopper@exc.sd73.bc.ca if you have any questions or concerns about your child.



Virtual Christmas Concert

We will be doing our Christmas concert a little differently this year. Each class will be creating their own Christmas



performance and we will be sharing them with you virtually through our school website during the last week of school. Mrs. MacBurney & Mrs. Gillis' class will be performing "Little Toy Trains and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," Mrs. Kopper's class will be performing "The Polar Express" and Mrs. Regan's class will be performing "Twas the Night Before Christmas." An email will be sent out when the performances are online and ready for viewing.

Upcoming School Spirit Days

We have already had 2 school spirit days, Hat Day and Flannel Friday and we have 2 more planned this month. Wednesday, December 9th will be Pajama Day. Please have your child wear their favorite pair of warm PJ's to school that day. Our last spirit day will be on Friday, December 18th with the theme TBA. It will be posted on the school website calendar as soon as the theme has been decided.



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY **MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

Our third non-instructional day for this year will be held on Monday, December 7th. All schools in the district will be closed on December 7th.

Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to say a huge Thank-you to all of the parents and community members who made purchases at our book fair and through the virtual book fair link. We met our \$1500 goal and were able to earn over \$450 in resources for our school!



Food & Toonie Drive

This year Mrs. Regan's class will be doing a food drive from December 1st until December 15th in support of the Kamloops Food Bank as part of their unit on global poverty and inequality. We encourage all students to bring in a non-perishable food item to donate. They will also be collecting toonies on December 16th, 17th, and 18th that will be used to purchase a grocery gift card that will be donated locally. Thank-you for your support!



Holiday Train

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CP Holiday Train will not be running this year. CP will still be donating to food banks in communities along its network and will host a virtual concert in lieu of its regular Holiday Train program. The modified program will draw attention to food security issues, while ensuring donations go to all food banks that would ordinarily receive them. Look for more information from CP about the virtual concert that you can enjoy with your family.



Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser



We have received more milk and dark chocolate bars from Purdy's as part of our ongoing fundraising efforts for our school. If you would like to purchase some, or think that you might be able to sell a box at work, please contact the office at 250-373-2520 to make arrangements. You can also send an order form and payment to school with your child. Order forms are available on our school website at <https://savona.sd73.bc.ca/>

Noon Hour Supervision

We are looking for one more parent who would be willing to help us out on occasion with noon hour supervision when a staff member is away. If you are interested, please contact the office at 250-373-2520. Thank-you for your help!



Upcoming Events

December 1–15	Food Drive
December 1-2	Poinsettia orders pick up
December 7	Pro-D – No School
December 9	Pajama Day
December 17	Grade 6 Immunizations
December 18	Spirit Day - TBD & Cookie Decorating
December 18	Last Day of Classes
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break
January 4	First Day Back

