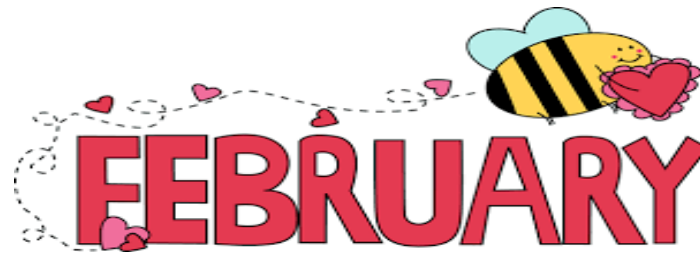




# SAVONA ELEMENTARY



February 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

Yes, February is the shortest month of the year, but it looks to be very busy at Savona Elementary. It is the international month of Friendship and we will honour that through a variety of activities. Students are always eager to earn a SOAR (Safe, Open Minded, Accountable and Respectful) ticket so throughout the month of February, staff will be especially looking for acts of kindness and accountability. Also, during the month of February, School District #73 is participating in the 2021 Anonymous School Learning Survey Project. Parents and Guardians of children in grade 4 and 7 are asked to complete the Internet electronic anonymous survey before the end of April. More information is attached for our parents of grade 4 and 7 students. Your participation in this survey provides immediate results back to our school and district. All Parents, Staff and students in grade 4 and 7 will be asked to complete the survey at school. Thank you to all of you for helping with this project.

Our PAC continues to be hard at work and reaching out to the school community for support as they fundraise for a new playground. Your generosity during their latest bottle drive was amazing. Thank you to each and every one of our PAC members for stepping up and helping out.

*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*



## Cold and Flu Season

We are into cold and flu season and are happy to report that all of our diligent hand washing seems to be making the difference! We frequently remind students on the morning announcements of our COVID-19 Expectations:

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds – a long 20 seconds
- Don't touch your face
- Practice respiratory etiquette meaning cover up when you need to cough or sneeze
- Practice physical distancing at all times and if you can't, wear a mask.

As we are seeing more cases of COVID-19 in schools within SD73, we ask that you continue to go through the daily health screening each morning with your child and keep them home if they are not feeling well. The daily health screening questions can be found on our Savona Elementary school website if you need a new copy.

## Valentine's Day

This year our Valentine's Day celebrations will be held on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. It will also be spirit day at our school and we ask everyone to wear Pink or Red that day. Students are allowed to share paper Valentine's Day cards with their classmates, however, we are not allowed to share any treats so we ask that you please **do not** send candy or other items for the class or attach them to Valentine's Day cards.



## Traveling Library Missing Books



We are currently looking for a few missing books from our traveling library if you wouldn't mind having a look around your homes.

Missing Books are:

- **The Family Book by Todd Parr**
- **Dog Man Unleashed by Dav Pilkey**

## Pink Shirt & Positive Day

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 is Pink Shirt Day all across Canada! Here in Savona, we are asking students to wear a pink shirt on this day as a symbol of commitment. On this day we will all make an effort to practice kindness and acceptance towards both ourselves and others. We are really focusing on accountability and respect – school wide – at this time, with lots of learning around showing respect for others and self and being accountable for our actions. Throughout the month of February, we are challenging all students and staff to focus on only positive and encouraging talk – all day long! Talking to children about positive, pro-social behaviors on a regular basis, and modeling this behavior as adults, has shown to decrease negative student to student interactions at school, in the community, and at home.



Pink Shirt order forms went home with students in January. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, \$1.00 from each sale goes to the Anti-Bullying campaign. New order forms can also be found on our [Savona Elementary School website](#) (Our Schools/Programs → Forms/Applications → Order Forms.) Orders forms are due back to the school by Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information on how you can erase bullying, visit the official E.R.A.S.E. website at <http://www.erasebullying.ca/>



## Kindergarten Registration

It is that time of year again to register your little ones for Kindergarten in the fall of 2021! To be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2021, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2021. There are 4 registration options this year:



- Online Registration
- Partial Online Registration
- In-Person Registration by appointment
- Registration forms and documents delivered by a sibling in the same school

To register your child for Kindergarten you will need your child's original birth certificate, BC Services Card (front and back), proof of address and any legal documents concerning custody.

Online registration begins on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and runs until Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please click the Kindergarten Registration banner on our school website to complete your online registration and for more information. If you would like to register your child in person, please call the office at 250-373-2520 to schedule an appointment. All visitors to the school must wear a mask and sign in on arrival.

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Wednesday February 3, 2021**  
**Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**VIRTUALLY**

Kindergarten Information Night!  
Link in to listen and ask questions to Community Partners and School District 73 about Kindergarten 2021.

Registration link :  
<https://kindergartenroundup2021.eventbrite.ca>

Search: **Kamloops Kindergarten RoundUp** on EVENTBRITE  
Call: **Kamloops CCRR - 250-376-4771**  
Scan: **QR code** with your phone

## Purdy's Chocolate Bars

We still have Purdy's milk and dark chocolate bars available as part of our ongoing school fundraiser.



*Chocolate is always a great Valentine's treat.*

Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing some, or you can send an order form and payment with your child.

## ADHD Webinar Series for Families

**ADHD Webinar Series FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

brought to you in collaboration with the BC Children's Hospital Provincial ADHD Program

[keltymentalhealth.ca/ADHDWebinarSeries2021](http://keltymentalhealth.ca/ADHDWebinarSeries2021)

January 27th - Practical Self-Regulation Tools  
February 3rd - ADHD Basics  
February 10th - ADHD Treatment in Children & Youth  
February 24th - Parenting a Child with ADHD  
March 3rd - ADHD Goes to School

All webinars are 12:00-1:00pm

bc Children's Hospital | Keltymental Health Resource Centre

We've teamed up with the BC Children's Hospital Provincial ADHD Program to bring parents and caregivers a series of free webinars! You'll hear about a variety of topics to support children and youth with ADHD, including webinars on the basics of ADHD, treatment options, tips for parenting a child with ADHD, and supporting your child with ADHD in school. To register, please visit:

[keltymentalhealth.ca/ADHDWebinarSeries2021](http://keltymentalhealth.ca/ADHDWebinarSeries2021)

## Grade 7 Parent Information Night

There will be a Zoom meeting for parents of children in Grade 7 who will be attending SKSS in September. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. More information and a Zoom meeting link will be sent home closer to the date.

## PAC Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone who donated bottles to the PAC Playground fundraiser on January 17<sup>th</sup>! Our PAC has been working very hard to fundraise for new playground equipment at Savona Elementary School.

West Coast Seeds order forms have gone home with students and have been distributed to community members. You can order online, or fill out the order form and return it with your child. Orders are due by Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This is another great opportunity to support our PAC while getting a head start on your gardening this year!



## Safe Arrivals and Departures

We would like to thank everyone who is using School Messenger to report their child's absence or late arrival. Afternoons at our school tend to get very busy so we would like to ask parents to please discuss pickup plans with your children before they leave for school whenever possible. Also, it would be appreciated if you could send a note along with your child informing their teacher of the plans to avoid extra classroom disruptions. Thank-you!

## Upcoming Events

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| February 3     | Pink Shirt order forms due                           |
| February 5     | Non-Instructional Day –<br><b>No School</b>          |
| February 10    | West Coast Seeds orders due                          |
| February 12    | Red/Pink shirt day & Valentine's Day Activities      |
| February 15    | BC Family Day - <b>No School</b>                     |
| February 15-26 | Kindergarten Registration                            |
| February 18    | Zoom for Parents of Grade 7 students                 |
| February 22    | Science Fair Projects due                            |
| February 23    | Visit from SKSS for Grade 7's                        |
| February 24    | <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b> – Promote Respectful Behaviors |