



May 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**

Welcome May! Spring is certainly here and with that comes the warm weather and busy times. Here are just a few highlights.

- The Karate club will be coming into our school this month offering us some fitness activities that will support our physical literacy goals.
- We have a PAC meeting on May 11 at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the office to receive a zoom invite.
- The Grade 3-7 students will have the opportunity to be part of the Canada Wide Science Fair as they will attend a Virtual Stem Science Tour on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The whole school will be going off to McQueen Lake for the day on May 27<sup>th</sup>
- We are looking forward to our new Kindergarten students joining us for Welcome to Kindergarten on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Information will come home closer to the date.

So with that, enjoy the spring weather and time with your family as we navigate through these challenging times.

*“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts” Dalai Lama*

### **Communication with the School**



At Savona Elementary, we use a daily bus monitoring system to ensure that all students are on the bus before it leaves at the end of the school day. In order to keep your children safe, we ask that you please

call the office or let the bus supervisor know if you are planning on picking up your child. We appreciate your help in keeping all students safe!

### **Salmon Release**

We are waiting to hear if we will be able to take our primary students to Skeetchestn, in order to release our Salmon. If we are allowed to do so, are hoping it will be during the last week of May. More information and permission slips will be sent home if the trip is allowed to proceed. We are sad to see our fish go, but grateful for the opportunity to be involved with the preservation and enhancement of a species that is so very important to our life-style and economy here in British Columbia.



### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This year children and their parents will be divided into 2 groups. Group 1 will meet at 9:00 am and Group 2 will meet at 10:45 am. Orientation packages and information have been sent home. Please call the office at 250-373-2520 and let us know if you will be able to attend. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students soon!



### **Yearbooks**

We will be putting together a yearbook for students for the 2020-2021 school year. Each yearbook will be \$2.00 and they will be delivered to students at the end of June. Order forms will be sent home soon and will be due back to the school by Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be ordering a few extra copies that will be sold on a first come basis. We look forward to sharing these wonderful memories with you!





**JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
**WALK TO CURE DIABETES**

**Diabetes Walk**

On Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes here at Savona Elementary in support of our community member Alexa Colville. Our community walk will begin at 1:45pm. We are asking for a “Dime for Diabetes” or more so if you are able to support Alexa and our commitment to JDRF, please send in your generous donation the week of May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. Alexa will be delivering our donation to the JDRF Walk to Cure in Kamloops in June. We thank-you very much in advance for your donation!

“Be part of a collective rally that brings together thousands of people whose lives are touched by type 1 diabetes every day, who are tired of the hardship of this disease, who want to be heard, raise money and change the face of type 1 forever.”

**McQueen Lake Day Trip**

We are excited to be going on a school wide trip to the McQueen Lake Day Centre on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be departing from the school at 8:30 am and will be returning to the school by 2:30 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to take our classrooms on an outdoor learning adventure! More information and permission slips will be coming home soon.



**Warm Weather Reminders**

We are very excited to see some beautiful weather which will allow us to be able to spend more time learning outdoors. We encourage students to protect themselves from the sun by wearing hats outdoors as well as applying sunscreen at home before coming to school. If you are sending sunscreen to school with your child, please ensure it is a lotion. Aerosol sunscreens are not permitted due to scent sensitivities and also because they settle on the floor making it slippery and unsafe.



**PAC Fundraiser – Good Life Meats**

PAC will be holding a Good Life Meats fundraiser just in time for the May long weekend. Order forms will go home with students this week and will be due back to the school by Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Order pickup will be on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. As many of the items are frozen, please make sure that you pick them up promptly from the school. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on supplies for the long weekend while supporting our school!



**PAC Bottle Drive**

Our PAC will be having one final bottle drive this year to raise funds for new playground equipment at Savona Elementary. The exact date of the bottle drive is TBA, but it will take place after the May long weekend and will stretch from Tobiano out to Thompson River Estates. We will relay more information as soon as it is available. Thank-you once again for your continued support of our school!



**Purdys Chocolates Still Available**

We would like to let everyone know that we still have about 100 milk chocolate and 40 dark chocolate bars available at the office for \$2.00 each. Proceeds from the bars are used to fund school items such as more electronics, new gym equipment and various other opportunities that arise throughout the school year. If you are interested in purchasing some of these bars, please contact the office at 250-373-2520 or you can send a note and payment with your child. Thank-you for your support!



## Playground Donations

We would like to extend a very special “THANK-YOU” to the following people and businesses who made monetary donations towards our PAC’s new playground fundraising efforts:

- A.M. Anderson Farm & Woodlot Inc.
- Aspen Planers Ltd.
- Cache Creek Machine Shop 2019 Ltd.
- Dawn’s Service
- Eliason Timber 2018 Ltd.
- Good Life Meats Inc.
- Kayer Contracting Ltd.
- Wilhelmina Lemson
- Miller Wilson Ent.
- Nelson Machinery & Equipment Ltd.
- NW Trailers Etc.
- Henry & Vickie Pejril
- Quesnel Bros. Logging Ltd.
- Savona Early Learning Center
- Savona Station Antiques
- Donn & Margret Sherman
- Skeetchestn Natural Resources Corporation
- Twin River Plumbing



## Upcoming Events

May 9	Mother's Day
May 10	Grade 7 Baby Picture Due
May 11	PAC Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm
May 12	Good Life Meats Orders Due
May 20	Good Life Meats Order Pickup
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Non-Instructional Day – No School</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Victoria Day – No School</b>
May 27	McQueen Lake Day Centre
May 28	Yearbook orders due
May 31	Kindergarten Orientation
May 31-Jun 4	Collection of “Dimes for Diabetes”
June 4	JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes
TBA	PAC Bottle Drive fundraiser