



November



SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 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

Wow, where does the time go? October came and went so fast that I'm not sure what to think but I am welcoming November and looking forward to the nice fall weather continuing. Now that cooler weather is upon us, you will be thinking about winter boots and coats and have probably been looking through your storage to see what still fits. Please insure your children are wearing appropriate clothing to school as they will be going outside at recess and lunch. We all know what it is like to be cold or wet so please continue to encourage them to dress for the weather. Children are naturally drawn to playing outside as there are numerous benefits of outdoor play: it allows them to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination, and gain self-confidence. Research shows that it can reduce stress, increase social skills and increase their attention span. Sounds beneficial and worthwhile doesn't it?

As you are aware, Savona Elementary is a part of the Provincial Reporting Pilot. Our report cards or Points of Progress, will only be sent home in January and June. Your Parent/Teacher interview was your first of 5 points of progress. Hopefully you found that connection beneficial. If you are looking for more information about the reporting pilot, just visit the Ministry of Education website or connect with your classroom teachers.

As we settle into a routine here at school, you will see exciting activities are coming up so make sure to check out the dates to remember. The activities and events are posted on our school web page as well as in this newsletter. Keep yourself informed.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.
- John Quincy Adams-

Remembrance Day



Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 am. Each class will present something to the rest of the school followed by

the Last Post and 2 minutes of silence.

Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to attend this year due to COVID-19. Poppy pins are available at the school by donation. If you would like a poppy, please call the office at 250-373-2520 or email Mrs. Lamberton at klamberton@sd73.bc.ca and they can be sent home with your child.

Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will take place on Thursday, November 12th. If your child requires retakes or if they were not able to have their picture taken on picture day, please mark it on your calendar!



Poinsettia's

Our PAC will once again be selling Poinsettia's for the holiday season. There are a variety of different options to choose from. Orders are due back to the office by Friday, November 13th. Please make cheques payable to Savona Elementary PAC. Thank-you for your support!



Dressing for the Weather

We are pleased to see that most students are dressed for the weather when they arrive at school. Students go outside everyday at recess and lunch, and it is important to have appropriate outdoor clothing. Students **must** have both inside (non-marking) and outside footwear. This will ensure our classrooms and hallways remain clean and dry, preventing any accidents due to wet slippery floors.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again this year from November 16th – 20th. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not be opening up the fair for after hours times. If you would like to come in to view the books, we will take appointments on Thursday, November 19th during school hours.



Please call the office to book a time. This year, Scholastic has also added a virtual book fair that will run at the same time as our physical event. More information including a link to the virtual event will be sent home closer to the fair. Sales from the virtual event also support our school. We encourage you to share the link with your friends and family. There will be great reading materials for all ages and it is an awesome opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done early!

Special Thanks

We would like to thank Mrs. MacBurney's Aunt for donating water bottles to the students in the primary class. We would also like to thank our PAC for donating the pumpkins for our students to decorate this Halloween. We have some very talented pumpkin decorators here at our school!



S.O.A.R. and Behaviour Referral Form

At Savona Elementary we continue to utilize the research validated Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support system to promote appropriate behaviour. One part of this system is to have staff present students with S.O.A.R. slips. These are given to students for being Safe, Open Minded, Accountable, and Respectful. They are used to provide positive verbal feedback to students for being good citizens and role models at our school. We talk about all the super interactions the staff have witnessed around our school, and on Friday students who have demonstrated positive behaviours have opportunity to collect a reward and to receive additional recognition in their classroom. Unfortunately, we do have to have Behaviour Referral Forms that are given to students to remind them of school expectations when they have acted in-inappropriately. There are different levels of slips – Minors and Majors. All majors will be sent home to parents for your signature as we want to stay in communication with you. Please review these with your child and touch base with your child's teacher if you have questions. When we all work together in a positive way at home and school - the students benefit greatly. Both S.O.A.R and Behaviour Forms are intended to be used as teaching tools to recognize and improve behaviours at our school.

What an Awesome PAC!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAC for donating the wonderful pancake breakfast for our students after the "Walk to School" event on October 9th. Special thanks as well to Mrs. Halland for cooking and to Mrs. Lamberton for serving us this delicious breakfast.



The next PAC Zoom meeting will be held on November 10th at 7:30pm. Please contact the office if you would like an invitation to the meeting.

Kamloops Track & Field

Register now for
**INDOOR
TRACK &
FIELD**



ALL AGES & ALL LEVELS

Details and registration:
www.kamtrack.ca

PROGRAMS
NOVEMBER THRU MARCH
COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
All training takes place in the TCC Field House



Savona Seniors Fundraiser



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What : Take Out Spaghetti Dinner and all the trimmings

When : Saturday Nov 14th 5-7 PM

Where : Drive up Seniors Centre Parking Lot

Price : 10.00 per person

Tickets available from Barb Gale 373-2700 or Dorothy Rabe 318-5261 or at the door

All Covid 19 protocol will apply

Savona Community Association

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The following events **will not be**
held this year due COVID-19

**HALLOWEEN DANCE
XMAS BAZAAR
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**We look forward to seeing you in
2021**



Important November Dates

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly (staff & students only)

November 10 PAC Zoom meeting @ 7:30pm

November 11 Remembrance Day Holiday

November 12 Picture Retakes

November 13 Poinsettia Orders Due

November 14 Seniors Spaghetti Dinner

November 16 Scholastic Book Fair Starts!

November 20 Scholastic Book Fair Ends