



October 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

As October is upon us, staff and students start thinking about Thanksgiving and all that we are thankful for, especially during these challenging times. Like all of you, I am thankful for my family and friends and the time I am able to be with them. I have become more mindful of what is really important and I see that same mindset in the Savona community as well. Showing kindness and support for each other is what makes us strong and I thank each and everyone of you for your commitment to our school community. Savona Elementary is a great place to be and I am thankful each day, that I can come here and go to work each day.

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things"
Maya Angelou

School Fees and Forms

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their fees and forms to the office. We appreciate you all getting them in so quickly, however we are still missing a few. Please call Mrs. Lamberton in the office at 250-373-2520 for new forms or to make arrangements.



Purdy's Chocolates

Thank-you to those that have been selling Purdy's Chocolates for our school fundraiser! If you are able to sell some chocolates to friends, family or if you are able to take a box to sell at work, please let Mrs. Lamberton know. Additional order forms can be found on our school website under [Our School / Programs → Forms / Applications → Order Forms](#).

Updated Safe Arrival App

Interior Health needs more information about the kinds of illnesses that are happening within schools in our district. In order to help collect this information, the Safe Arrival app has been updated with 3 options; Gastrointestinal Illness, Respiratory Illness, or just Illness (ie: colds). If you are using the Safe Arrival app to report your child's absence, please log out and log back into the app for these changes to take effect.

P.A.C. - Parent Advisory Council

Our PAC group would like to extend an invitation to any and all interested parents: Come on out and join the group! PAC meetings will be held via Zoom this year. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Colville - s_colvil@telus.net with your email address for a Zoom invitation. Also, please let Sue know if you would like to join the Savona Elementary PAC Facebook page. It is a GREAT way to keep current with school events and PAC fundraising efforts.

Updated Health Checklist for Students

An updated Health Checklist has been sent home on a pink sheet with the new health screening questions you must ask your child each day before coming to school. The page outlines what to do if you have answered yes to any of the questions. This new checklist has been posted on our school's website, but if you would like another copy sent home, please let Mrs. Lamberton know.



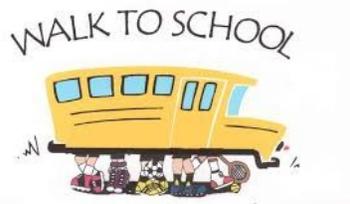
School Picture Day

Please mark Wednesday, October 21st on your calendar for picture day. Individual student pictures will be taken, however, they will not be taking class photos or a whole school shot this year due to physical distancing guidelines. Our staff is working on a creative way to offer a class picture while keeping our students at a safe distance from one another. We look forward to sharing that with you when it is complete.



Walk to School

We will be having our annual Walk to School day on Friday, October 9th. Students who take the bus will meet staff at the pumping station at about 8:15 am. If you drop your child off at school, please meet the group at the pumping station between 8:15am and 8:25 am. The group will start walking to school at 8:30 am. One staff member will remain at school to walk with any students who may have come to school by mistake and they will meet up with the group. Parents are welcome to join us, but must maintain physical distancing and will not be allowed into the school building. A pancake breakfast donated by our wonderful PAC will be served to students when they arrive at school.



Fire Drills and Lock down

In the last three weeks we have had two of our mandatory six yearly fire drills. Our students were AWESOME: they left the building in an orderly fashion, hands at sides, quietly lining up in single file for attendance. We will be having one more fire drill this month during Fire Prevention Week and three more in the Spring. Our first Lock down drill will take place later this month. More information will be sent home before the lock down drill takes place.

Terry Fox Thank You!

A very special thank you to everyone who brought in a "Toonie for Terry" to support our Terry Fox Run on September 25th. Our school raised a total of \$60.00 for cancer research. Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer.



Parent/Teachers Interviews - Early Closure

Oct.15th

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, October 15th beginning at 1:00 pm. The format for interviews will look a little different this year. One parent may come to meet the teacher in person, or you may schedule a time slot for the teacher to call you. Students will not be permitted to join their parent this year to avoid extra traffic in the building. If you will be coming to the school for your interview, you must wear a mask and you will enter through your child's classroom door. A sanitizing station and sign in sheet will be setup inside the classroom door. Mrs. MacBurney will also be scheduling appointments for Wednesday, October 14th between 3 and 5 pm. Mrs. Gillis is available for appointments on the 15th. Please call Mrs. Lamberton in the office to schedule an appointment or phone call time. If October 15th does not work for you, you may email your child's teacher to set up an alternate time.

***Please note on this day our bus will be running two hours early, and the students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Interviews will start at 1:00pm.**

Practicum Student in Mrs. Regan's Class

Ms. Kate Gehring will be joining Mrs. Regan's class as part of her practicum from VIU. She will joining us beginning October 13th and will be here until December 11th. Please help us welcome her to our great school!

Fire Prevention Week – October 4th - 10th



Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

That is the message during Fire Prevention Week this year.

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and home fire injuries in British Columbia. This year, Fire Prevention Week™ aims to educate people about the simple but important things they can do to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire in their kitchens and homes. Here are some tips for keeping your family safe in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, please visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>.

Halloween

We will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Our PAC has generously offered to purchase pumpkins that students will be painting/decorating in the morning followed by teacher led activities in their classrooms. Please have your child bring their costumes to school to change into after lunch. After lunch, we will have a costume parade and a bit of a dance. Primary students will be included. We are unable to share treats in our school at this time, so please do not send in extra goodies for your child's class. Have a safe and happy Halloween!



Important October Dates

- Oct 4-10 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 9 Walk to School & Breakfast
- Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct 13 Kate Gehring joins Mrs. Regan's Class
- Oct 15 Early Dismissal at 12:30 for P/T interviews
- Oct 21 Picture Day
- Oct 22 Lock Down Drill
- Oct 23 Pro-D Day
- Oct 30 Halloween celebration at school & Pumpkin Decorating

