



SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 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

Welcome Back! The summer flew by and now we are in for a school year like none other. We have been given the opportunity to open our doors during challenging times and to reconnect with our families. I truly hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and that it was filled with some fun and relaxation. The staff and myself are looking forward to another good year filled with outstanding learning opportunities and we are happy that you are a part of our amazing learning community. All signs point to a productive school year.

As a staff, we all look forward to the year ahead and working together to help your children reach success. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at [250-373-2520](tel:250-373-2520).

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” Ben Franklin

Visitors to Savona Elementary

If you need to visit the school, you must call the office in advance and make an appointment. A mask must be worn when you enter the building and you are required to wash or sanitize your hands as soon as you enter and before you exit the building. A sanitizing station is setup right inside the front door. Physical distancing must also be practiced. Our front entrance will remain locked so please knock at your appointment time and we will come and let you in.

School Staff 2020-2021

Mrs. Krista Halland: Principal, Prep, LART
Mrs. Krystal Lamberton: Secretary
Mrs. Jamie MacBurney (M-W) & Mrs. Jairyng Gillis (Th&F): Gr. K/1/2
Mrs. Kerry Walker: Gr. 3/4/5
Mrs. Trish Regan: Gr. 6/7
Mrs. Nicole Edmondson: CEA
Mrs. Pat Broad: Custodian, CEA, Lunch Supervisor
Ms. Sherisse Mousseau: Ab Ed

Bell Schedule

8:25 am	Warning bell
8:30 am	School begins
10:15–10:30 am	Recess
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Students eat lunch
12:15 – 12:52 pm	Students outside
12:52 pm	Class readiness bell
12:57 pm	Classes Begin
2:30 pm	Dismissal
2:40 pm	Student Bus arrives



Peanut & Tree Nut Allergy Aware School

We have a Grade 1 student that has a severe allergy to peanuts causing an anaphylactic reaction.

The K-2 classroom will be a nut free zone. All students need to be mindful of this allergy and follow these guidelines

- Read all ingredient labels and ensure the food you bring to school is nut free
- Ask questions if you are unsure of “safe foods”
- DO NOT share food
- Wash Hands after snack and meal times



School Supply Fees

Savona Elementary offers a user fee program for school supplies. For a nominal fee, we supply all pens, pencils, exercise books, crayons etc. Student fees for 2020/2021 are:

Grades K-3 \$30.00

Grades 4-7 \$45.00

Please fill in the form for your students and return with fees to the office. If requested, Mrs. Lambertson would be happy to issue receipts that will be sent home with your student.

Indoor Shoes/Change of Clothes

It is expected that all students will have a pair of non-marking indoor shoes that can be left at school. We encourage primary students to keep a change of clothing in a ziploc bag in their backpack in case of spills or accidents.

Water Bottles

We would like to remind parents that all students must have a water bottle labeled with their name on it that can be brought to and from school daily. We ask that you send the water bottle to school full so that we are able to limit the number of times the bottles need to be refilled and the water stations sanitized. Bottled water is brought in as our drinking water in Savona is often on a boil water notice and unsafe for drinking at that time.

Safe Arrival Program

Please call the safe arrival number at 1-844-350-2647, visit

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or get the app for apple or android to report an absence. If your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time, please let your teacher or the office know. If teachers know of an absence in advance they can organize learning tasks that may otherwise be missed. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Forms and Permissions

With this newsletter, you will find the following forms that require parent/guardian signature. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible:

Student Verification Form (green) - Ensure all information is current, correct, dated and signed

Fruit and Veggie Program (salmon) - Healthy snacks provided free every couple of weeks

Electronic Use Agreement (purple) - Allows student to use district technology resources

Personal Information (blue) - Allows SD#73 to collect, keep, use and share photos, videos, images and/or names on school or district website.

Lower Risk Field Trip Form (green) - Allows for short trips around the community: library, public playground, lake (not swimming), Terry Fox Run

Outside Media (pink) - Allows media (including radio, television, newspapers and other print) that visit the school to take pictures or interview students. See form for more details.

Web access and Cloud Storage (white) - So students may receive a Google Apps for Education account (gedu)

FreshGrade (white) FreshGrade is a “digital portfolio” app that provides a platform for student portfolios to be shared with parents instantly on smartphone, tablet or computer.

*****Please note not all students will receive all forms. Some forms need to be signed every year, other forms only need to be signed once. If we have a signed copy on file, it will not be included in this year's package. You may review all signed forms on file anytime at the office.***

Additional Forms

Additional forms that may be required can be obtained at the office. These might include:

Medical Alert/Medication

Please ensure that you inform the office if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication during school hours. This needs to be updated every year.

Transportation Assistance

This must be submitted to school board yearly to receive funds

Aboriginal Programs and Services only sent home with students who have self-identified as being of Aboriginal ancestry.

PAC - Parent Advisory Council

Research indicates that when parents are involved in their child's learning, student achievement increases. Savona Elementary is fortunate to have a fantastic group of parents committed to the improvement and well being of our school community.



Our PAC is always looking for fresh faces. There will be a meeting for PAC Executives only on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm at Sue Colville's house. Please bring your own lawn chair for a physical-distance style meeting. Dates and plans for future meetings will be decided and relayed to parents. Please watch the school website under Parent Advisory Council for future plans.

Terry Fox Run

Our school Terry Fox run/walk is scheduled for Friday, September 25th at 1:45pm. We will be warming up, and then a short run through the community and back to the school. Any donation for the Terry Fox Foundation during the week of Sept 21 – 25th, would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to better our total of \$100.00 from last year! Together, we can help keep Terry's dream alive and win the battle against cancer.



Emergency Procedures

With the safety of our children and staff in mind, we undertake the practice of both Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills early in the school year. If you or your child feel any anxiety or concern with the drills, and we can help in any way, please contact us at the school.

Purdy's Chocolates

Purdy's Chocolate bars have arrived! Milk and Dark Chocolate bars are available. Proceeds from the bars will be going to various school items such as extra field trips, more electronics, and various other opportunities that arise throughout the school year. Order forms will be sent home in the coming weeks with purchase information.



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is Wednesday, September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.



The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

For more information and to watch Phyllis's and other stories go to <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Found4Kids

[Found4kids](#) provides FREE school clothes to in-need children registered within SD73. For more information call Dianne at 250-554-3654 or email found4kids@gmail.com. You will be informed of updated COVID-19 protocols when booking an appointment.

Optional Accident Insurance

For your convenience, we have provided a link for families to voluntarily purchase optional student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance program, underwritten by [Industrial Alliance and Financial Services Inc.](#) This is one option of several to choose from in the Province.

The accident policy that is issued is for “Family Coverage” and benefits an adult, spouse and any number of dependent children under eligibility definitions stated per the attached coverage details and limits. This is blanket coverage and is not restricted or limited to school activities. This insurance is available for any and all family activities.

The cost of the coverage is \$39.95 monthly (for all family members). The product is annually renewed and can be purchased any time of the year for the monthly fee of \$39.95.

[Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)
[Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance](#)
[Benefits Summary](#)

To arrange optional coverage:
Call toll free: 1.800.266.5667 during these business hours, Monday to Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. PST

Email: [Industrial Alliance Insurance](#) or [Dimitrio Nikolitsas](#)

Learn more at: <https://ia.ca/individuals>

Junior Development Cross Country Running

Curious about JD Cross Country Running? Ages 9 thru 12. Tuesdays will be held at Hillside Stadium learning technique and building endurance. Thursdays we will run destination trails in parks throughout the city. Pick up and drop off with coach at the designated location. Registration is open www.kamtrack.ca



Upcoming Events

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| Sept.10 | Orientation Day (Gr. 1-7) |
| Sept.11 | First Regular Day of classes (Gr. 1-7) |
| Sept.14 | First Day of Kindergarten
AM ONLY (8:30-Noon) |
| Sept.15 | Kindergarten PM ONLY
(1:00-2:30pm) |
| Sept.16 | First Full Day - Kindergarten |
| Sept.22 | PAC Meeting 6:30 - Executives Only |
| Sept.21-25 | Terry Fox Week |
| Sept.25 | Terry Fox Run |
| Sept.28 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Sept.30 | Orange shirt Day |